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## EXTRA BIG BUSINESS FOR MEMPHIS FOR ONE DAY IN SHIPPING CIRCLES

Last Saturday was one of, if not the busiest days in shipping circles that Memphis has known in her history. A special engine was sent here by the railroad company in order that the proper spotting of cars might be made without delay in order to get the yard cleared of its congestion. There were thirty-five cars of cotton together with thirteen cars of other farm products such as maize, kafir and sorghum, made a total of forty-eight cars of farm products shipped out of Memphis Saturday. Superintendent R. G. Fitzpatrick was here personally looking after the interests of the company Saturday and departed by train where he went to meet a delegation of officials of the Burlington Route. Of course this was a big day in number of cars shipped out, and we are continually shipping cars

every day and even at this time closed shipping cars are at a premium and the Denver is borrowing all the available cars possible. There are several acres of land in the eastern part of the city now covered with feed stuff of various kinds waiting for the thresher. In connection with this we have been informed that one of our local lumber yards has purchased the ground where the Crump cotton yard now stands and will put up buildings and sheds and have a switch put in. We are also informed that Mr. W. P. Dial is figuring on putting in a large grain elevator sometime in the immediate future which will also require a switch and with other manufacturing plants using railroad switches it will not be but a few months until the shipping from this point will require the services of a regular switch engine.

### Oil Mills Preparing for Peanut Crushing.

The attention of the cotton oil trade is being more and more directed to peanut production as a basis for the manufacturing of a very superior oil," said B. W. Couch of Fort Worth, president of the Texas Cotton Seed Crushers' Association, "resulting in installing the machinery in a number of mills in preparation for the 1916 crush, and endeavoring to encourage the farmers to grow the crop commercially.

"If the crusher can be assured of getting enough nuts to make the business of making the oil one worth while there is no doubt but that a large number of mills will be adopted to peanut oil production. The trade manufacturers handles cotton oil in car lots, the tank car usually containing 9,000 gallons of oil. On the basis a gallon of oil to the bushel of nuts, it will be seen that it will take the product of 300 acres to make a car of oil, and that whether the crop will be grown to an extent large enough for their purpose is a very reasonable and serious question to justify him in going to the expenses of changing his machinery to crush the nuts.

"The Texas Industrial Congress has informed us that the peanut can be grown over a wider area than cotton and at about 80 per cent of its cost. They estimate an average yield thirty and forty bushels per acre, costing between \$15 and \$16 to produce, and that by selecting the seed and giving attention to cultural methods, sixty bushels per acre, at very little increased cost, may be easily produced. They say that the money value of peanuts, including the nuts and hay should not be less than \$30 to the farmer, which is about twice the cost of production, and that his showing of profits will be much better as he makes heavier yields.

"There is a great area of land in Texas suitable for peanut growing and not suitable for cotton. The two crops can, in my opinion, be grown without materially interfering with each other, especially since the machine-harvested peanut may be handled without getting in the way of cotton picking for those farmers who grow both crops."

### At the Christian Church.

We will have the usual services Sunday and at the usual hours with the usual hearty welcome.

Suppose you who have not been attending would do the "unusual" thing and come to church. We certainly would have an "unusual experience and all would be "unusually" happy. SAMUEL H. AUSTIN.

### Mrs. Edison Fights Low-Necked Gown.

Orange, N. J., Feb. 14.—Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, wife of the inventor, is leading a fight of the Women's Club here to establish the "Orange Standard" of evening dress.

The club women believe modistes go too far these days in slipping off the top and off the bottom of ball gowns.

### For Justice of the Peace.

We are glad to announce in this week's issue of the Democrat the name of R. E. Stafford for re-election to the office of justice of the peace for precinct number one subject to the Democratic primary on July 22. Mr. Stafford has made a worthy and competent justice during his term of office and is too well known to our people to need any introduction. He seeks the office on his merits and will if elected fill same without fear or favor to anyone. Remember him on the day of election.

### Youth of 21 Elected County School Head.

Corpus Christi, Feb. 12.—In a preferential election Saturday in Jim Wells county, J. L. Barnhouse, 21, of Scandilla, who has been teaching school for three years, was elected county superintendent of schools.

There were three candidates, the losers being R. D. Shultz and Mrs. Lena O'Shea, both of Alice. With returns from two small boxes lacking, Barnhouse has a lead of twenty-one votes over Mrs. O'Shea and his election is assured.

### Entertains Officers of Missionary Society and Friends.

On Monday, the 14th, Mrs. S. E. Major entertained the officers of the M. E. Missionary Society, together with a few friends whose birthday anniversaries are on St. Valentine Day.

Valentine decorations were featured. Red cupids and hearts were festooned in a brilliant array. Various other decorations suggestive of the day created a charming scene.

On arriving each guest drew a slip of paper containing individual programs for the morning's entertainment. Needlework was the chief pastime. In the dining room hand painted cupid favors marked the places for each guest. Five candles were lighted in the center of the table in honor of Mesdames J. A. Bradford, D. A. French, C. F. Wilson, Raymond Ballew and S. E. Major. The birthday dinner was a veritable feast, during which the officers presented the hostess with a cut glass bowl.

Mrs. W. D. Morgan making the following presentation speech: "We are glad fifty-five years ago today, the great old stork in company with the shy little cupid visited a home down at Grand Prairie and left a wee valentine, with blue eyes and golden hair, and they called her Mattie. When her mother looked into her face she breathed a prayer that she might live to be blessed, and Sister Major, you have helped to answer that prayer, because you are a blessing to those with whom you associate, and from the officers of the Missionary Society, I present this bowl, as a token of love and our appreciation of your faithfulness, and as the bowl in the sun sends forth its rays, so great is our love for you."

The afternoon was pleasantly spent in writing valentines and mending hearts. One of the officers being unable to be present, a composite valentine poem was written and sent her. All present spent a very happy day. Press Reporter.

### Good Auto Roads to Quail.

The writer and family made a Sunday afternoon trip over the Quail roads and from Quail we went to Hedley and back to Memphis a distance of about fifty miles. The trip was made in about three hours and we found the roads excellent for auto driving. We found the roads in excellent condition almost all the way around. This is one of the most pleasant Sunday afternoon drives that we have found around Memphis besides viewing some of the fine farming country as you will see anywhere. The homes along the route in almost every instance look prosperous which speaks well for any community.

### Mrs. Caldwell Dies.

The remains of a Mrs. Caldwell who died last Sunday on the Hollifield place south of town was brought to town and the funeral preached at the Baptist church Monday after which they were tenderly laid to rest in Fairview cemetery. The family had only been living here about thirty days having come here from Georgia for the benefit of the deceased. The deepest sympathy of the Democrat and this community is extended to the sorrowing relatives who remain to mourn her death.

### Card of Thanks.

To the friends who came to us in our hour of trouble, and contributed all that human kindness could suggest, to help and comfort, we return most heartfelt thanks, and although such devoted friendship cannot remove the sad memories that linger around our vacant chair, it brings into our lives the brightest side of humanity and throws the pure light of an unselfish friendship into darkened homes. May the day be far distant when those friends who gathered around us will need attention, but when the time comes may they receive the same full measure of generous aid and tender sympathy they brought to our home when death was an inmate there.

R. E. Painter and Children.

### Mrs. Allen Willborn Dead.

Jimmie Willborn received the sad news this week of the sudden death at Amarillo of Mrs. Allen Willborn which occurred Monday morning of apoplexy. The many friends of these good people will join in words of deepest sympathy for this sudden and sad death.

Jewelry for the old, middle aged and young. A good quality at the right price at Wherry's the Jeweler. 3312

## JUPITER WILL FLIRT WITH VENUS GODDESS OF BEAUTY, IN WESTERN SKY TONIGHT

A flirtation between Jupiter, the Olympian Jove, and Venus, goddess of beauty, will provide a beautiful celestial love drama in the western heavens tonight for Fort Worth people.

For several nights they have been flirting. Like young man and maiden, they have been drawing closer together each night, and tonight they will seem to kiss—but no, that pleasure will be denied them. They will be less than half a degree apart, however. Then they will begin to recede.

Next to the sun and the moon, these are the two brightest orbs in the heavens, and when they stand together

er tonight they will almost appear as a double star of more than first magnitude. The brilliancy of the spectacle may be imagined when it is said that Venus, when at her brightest is eleven times as bright as Sirius, which in turn is five times as bright as any fixed star seen in our latitude.

Tuesday night there will be a conjunction between the moon and Saturn, the two being seen in close relations even tonight. This marvelous planet can thus be located and its mysterious rings seen with a magnifying glass.—Star Telegram.

### Alexander for County Judge.

We are authorized to announce the name of S. G. Alexander for the office of county judge of Hall county subject to the action of the Democratic primary on July 22.

This is Mr. Alexander's second term and needs no special mention to the people of the county as to his qualifications and fitness for the office. He has filled this responsible position the past two years satisfactorily to our people and with credit to himself which is commendation enough to the voters of the county. He asks for a fair and impartial consideration of his name on election day and promises to do his duty as he sees it under any and all circumstances.

### Moving to New Mexico.

Mr. D. B. Schase of Brice was in Memphis Saturday making arrangements for he and family to move to Puerto, New Mexico. They expect to make the start this coming Saturday. Mr. Schase was born and reared in Texas, and on next Saturday he will have been in Texas sixty years, and that is the reason for his waiting until Saturday to make his start to leave. He wanted to have it said that he lived in Texas sixty years. The many friends of this good family will regret to have them take their departure but wish them well in their new home and hope at some time in the future to again call them Texans and neighbors.

### At the Church of Christ.

Bible school at 10:00 a. m. Preaching 11:00 and 7:30 p. m. Next Lord's day, the writer will begin a series of sermons on the "New Testament Church," to be given at each appointment. Morning subject: "New Testament Church in Type," and evening theme: "When Was the New Testament Church Established?" You have a kind and cordial invitation to attend all our services. O. M. Reynolds, Minister.

### Morgan and Blanton Sells Stock of Goods.

A deal was closed last week whereby N. R. Stroud of Altus, Oklahoma, becomes the owner of the Morgan & Blanton stock of dry goods of this city. Mr. Stroud has been associated with the big firm of Miller Bros., Oklahoma City and Altus for the past fifteen years and comes to this city well recommended as an A1 business man and a thorough dry goods merchant. He will move his estimable family to Memphis just as soon as he is able to get a rent house, which are very much in demand just at present. The store is being overhauled and remodeled and will be in first class order for the opening Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan will remain with the new firm for the present at least. We are glad to welcome these good people among us and predict a good share of business for them.

### Chickens and Eggs.

I have some good Plymouth Rock and White Wyandotte roosters for sale, come early and get choice birds, also I can furnish fresh eggs for setting incubators. Mrs. J. F. Bradley

### Resolutions of Respect.

To the Officers and Members of the Rebekah Lodge No. 346 of the I. O. F.:

We, your committee appointed to resolve resolutions of respect on the death of Sister Lula Lee Painter, do submit the following:

Whereas our Heavenly Father has led from among us one of our dearest and most faithful members whose life exemplified the teachings of Wisdom, Love and Truth, resolved, That we as a Lodge and faithful members personally, realize that one has been removed from midst whom we shall greatly miss; that we shall miss her counsel and cheerful presence, that we are grieved that we pass this way but and what ever good we do, be done now.

Therefore we are called to mourn those who mourn and weep with who weep. A link has been changed from our chain to be added to the golden chain above.

Bring relief, that we truly sympathize of the sorrowing husband and children, and father, mother, sisters, of brothers and many dear ones, and pity them to Him who doeth all and doeth well, believing that he can do good, even from this sad departure. A copy of these resolutions be read upon the minutes and made a part of the records. That a copy be placed in the hands of the husband under seal of thought, and a copy to each of the members papers.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. A. H. Watts, F. A. Hudgins, Mrs. H. A. McCanne, Committee.

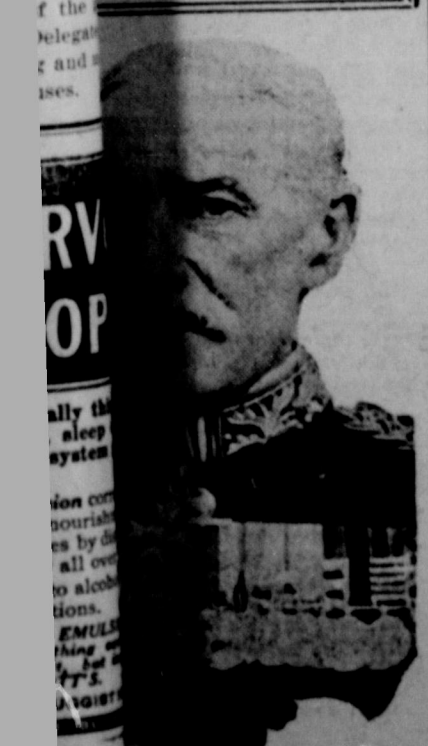
### A Correction.

We are glad to correct an error appeared in last week's Democrat to the amount to be paid from scavenger. The article should show \$1.05 per quarter instead of \$105 per month.

### The Democrat.

General SMITH-DORRIEN.

Commander of British Forces in East Africa.



### Good Lady Dead.

On last Friday morning between the hours of eleven and twelve o'clock, the death angel entered the home of R. E. Painter and took therefrom the dearly beloved wife and mother. It is seldom we are called upon to record such a sudden death. She was seemingly with us today, active in life's round of duty and love, but gone tomorrow.

Funeral services were held at the home Saturday morning conducted by Revs. Rouse, Swalm and Rowman, after which the remains were carried to Fairmount cemetery where they were tenderly laid to rest by loving hands. Deceased was thirty-six years of age, was a consistent member of the Methodist church. She leaves a husband and four small children besides other relatives to mourn her sad and untimely death. L. M. Williams and wife of Canyon, father and mother of deceased was here at the funeral. Mr. Painter informs us that he and children will return to Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Williams the latter part of this week where they will remain for the present. The Democrat joins the many friends of this excellent family in deepest words of sympathy for their sad loss.

### Returned From Edwards County.

Elder O. M. Reynolds, who accompanied the corpse of Grandma Laxon to Rock Springs, Edwards county, for interment returned home Saturday morning.

He says that perfect connections were made to Rock Springs and the body of deceased was laid to rest on Monday, February 8.

He was loud in praise of the respect and courtesy shown him and the tenderness displayed by the members of the Church of Christ and other friends of Grandma Laxon.

Brother Reynolds returned via San Antonio, Austin and Gainesville, his former home, and met many friends while there.

### In Police Court.

Mayor Fore's city court was grinding Tuesday afternoon at which time the case of R. T. Sisk was brought up for trial. Mr. Sisk was charged with moving a wooden building from within the fire limits to within the fire limits. The building is now being used for a hamburger stand on the east side. It is on wheels and the case is fought by defendant on the grounds that it is not a building. It was tried before a jury of six good men and resulted in a hung jury standing two for acquittal and four for conviction.

The Knights Templar of this city was a very busy bunch Monday afternoon and night. There were six candidates to be initiated into the mysteries of this order. Work was taken up in the afternoon and about seven o'clock the entire assembly went to the White Rose Cafe where they enjoyed a sumptuous turkey dinner served in a most pleasing way. After which they repaired to the hall where the work was continued. A pleasant and enjoyable time was had by all attending.

Dial is now ready to buy your maize.



**Ferguson Will Make Robertson Law Issue.**

Austin, Texas, Feb. 15.—Governor Ferguson said today, in reply to questions, that he will make the Robertson law an issue in the next campaign. "But mark you," he emphasized, "do not say that I am for the repeal of the Robertson compulsory investment law. That is misleading. I favor a modification of that law or rather the enactment of a statute which will be better than the Robertson law."

Continuing, the Governor said: "I shall advocate the passage of the Gibson bill or something very nearly like it. I will make that part of my platform and ask the people to support me in its advocacy. I do not consider the Gibson bill as repealing the Robertson law, but a vast improvement over it; in fact, have it do what the Robertson law original intended to do, but can not do in its present form. I shall certainly favor such change in the Robertson law and will go to the people with my plans."

**This May Interest You.**

If you suffer with pains in your back or side, stiff and sore muscles, swellings under the eyes or sleep disturbing bladder ailments, you should know that Foley Kidney Pills have benefited thousands in like condition. At Fickas Drug Co. 32-4t

**Mystic Weaver Club Meets.**

Mrs. John Gamble was hostess to the Mystic Weaver Club Wednesday afternoon at her home on Ninth St. where the members spent a delightful hour in crochet and needle work.

Roll call was answered with "Great Women of Our Country." During the social hour things of interest were discussed and it was decided that each guest give the hostess a piece of fancy work at all meetings in 1916.

At the close of the afternoon a ten course luncheon was served, consisting of a salad and ice course.

Nine members and three guests were present.

**What Children Need Now.**

In spite of the best care mothers can give them this weather brings sickness to many children. Mrs. T. Neureuer, Eau Claire, Wis., writes: "Foley's Honey and Tar cured my boy of a severe attack of croup after other remedies had failed. It is a wonderful remedy for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough." It stops the grippe coughs. At Fickas Drug Co. 32-4t

**Interne the Chickens.**

Hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, associations, firm or corporation to permit, suffer or allow any chicken or chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese or other fowls, owned, kept or possessed by them or under their control, to wander in or upon or invade the premises of any other person, association of persons, firm or corporation, within the corporate limits of the City of Fort Worth, unless the owner or person in charge of said premises shall consent thereto.—Sec. 27, Chapter VIII, Revised Ordinances of the City of Fort Worth.

That means, in non-legal language, that it is against the law to let chickens run loose and if this information is worth anything to city gardeners, whose efforts to beautify premises and, consequently, their city, have been defeated by chickens, take it for what it is worth.

There should be no necessity of causing neighborhood wars by the inaking of this law.

In the first place, chicken raisers who do not have gardens of their own should have consideration enough for their neighbor's green food supply or their neighbors' flowers to keep the chickens at home. If a chicken raiser also has a vegetable or flower garden all the more reason for keeping a watch on the fowls.

Chicken raising is a pleasure, with all its exacting cares, and it is a profitable industry to most people, even on the small scale of the city "ranch," but it is unnecessary and highly desirable that chickens do not fill their coops with dainty flower seed or even the more substantial vegetable seed.

Now is the time when flower gardeners are beginning to sow and now is the time to begin keeping a closer watch on the chickens. If chicken raisers are not disposed to obey law, neighboring gardeners should call the police department's attention to Sec. 27, Chapter VIII, Revised Ordinances of the City of Fort Worth, and take chances on not destroying their neighbors' friendship.—Star Telegram.

**Cut This Out—It is Worth Money.**

Don't miss this. Cut out this slip, enclose with 5c to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for la grippe coughs, colds and croup, Foley Kidney Pills, and Foley Cathartic Tablets. At Fickas Drug Co. 32-4t

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**SECONDHAND GLASS.**

interesting Methods of a Business That is Quite Extensive.

The salvage glass industry is of such importance and extent that many dealers in secondhand glass specialize in one branch or another. Some, for instance, handle only plate glass that comes to them by reason of the demolition of old buildings, raised to make place for new structures. Salvage glass of this sort brings prices not far below those of new glass.

A considerable quantity of the salvage glass dealer's stock emanates from the plate glass insurance companies. The methods of these companies in taking over glass vary. One concern may keep no stock on hand, simply buying whatever is required to replace a broken pane, disposing of the broken glass, if enough remains to be sold, to the salvage dealer. Sometimes a company will have a warehouse of its own, to which it will remove broken glass that may still be in condition to use. Frequently it will happen that only one corner has been broken from a large pane and that this may be cut down to fit a smaller window.

Most plate glass is insured, but there is much that is not. In the case of an uninsured plate that is broken the owner must, of course, go to a dealer for a new pane. He will sell the broken plate to the salvage dealer. It follows therefore that from insurance companies, from building wreckers and from owners of uninsured glass the salvage glass dealers accumulate great quantities of secondhand plate glass. Much of this is in such a condition that it may be reset anywhere. Should the injury consist, for instance, of simply a deep scratch in the center it is easy to make that plate salable. The secondhand dealer cuts out a strip containing the scratch and thus have left two smaller plates, quite suitable for smaller windows.

When injured plate glass is too much scratched to be available for windows it is sometimes made into ground or frosted glass for office partitions or doors. Salvage plate glass too small for use in windows is employed for the glass doors of refrigerators, and larger pieces are utilized in the making of glass table tops. Small fragments go to the making of hand mirrors, although only clear pieces may be so employed. Other pieces, too small for other purposes, enter into the manufacture of glass signs.

Eventually, when the last piece of merchantable glass has been cut from the damaged piece, there remain the scraps and fragments accumulated in the cutting. Even these have their uses, although they do not bring much. They are melted and used in the manufacture of bottles.—Washington Star.

**Men Who Fear Opportunity.**

In the American Magazine Hugh S. Fullerton says:

"Thousands of us who are making fairly comfortable livings for families pass plain turning points, refusing to turn or to attack the opening, through sheer timidity. There is no class so timid as the man with a family, who refuses to change because he fears he will risk the small sum he has accumulated to educate the children and provide for the family in case of his death. Ninety-nine out of a hundred men in this class keep straight ahead when they see a turning point clearly."

**Not Easy to Explain.**

"That boy of mine is always asking questions."

"Oh, well, perhaps he wants to learn something."

"Maybe so, but his inquisitiveness is rather distressing to me at times."

"Yes?"

"He insists on being told what his mother means when she calls me a 'Jelly fish,' a 'matrimonial misfit' and a 'human tank.'—Birmingham Age-Herald.

**Keep in Harness Until You Drop.**

A prominent Canadian financier in his sixty-fifth year went to England to take a physical examination by a great physician. "You're as sound as a nut," said the doctor. "There's no reason why you shouldn't live to be a hundred—if only you don't stop working."—Woman's Home Companion.

**Getting His Orders.**

"So you're summoned as a witness, hey? Now you be keeful."

"Keeful about what?"

"I see a judge rebuked a man fer not coming into court with clean hands. Look out fer that, and also be keeful to wipe your feet."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**Empty but Flattering Title.**

Friend of the Family—William, can it be possible that I heard you say "Hello, governor" to your father? William—Yes; it pleases your dad. You see, he never really has any say in anything at home, mother's the real executive.—Boston Transcript.

**A Revenge Never Enjoyed.**

After a stormy attack on Lord Granville on one occasion Lord Randolph Churchill had a stormy passage across the channel and was nearly dead with sickness. "How Granville would like to see me now," he gasped.—London Standard.

**A Very Old One.**

"Sue and her new husband have started on their bridal trip in a veritable ecstasy."

"Is that one of the new makes?"—Baltimore American.

Happiness consists in activity. It is a running stream and not a stagnant pool.—Good.

**Geography.**

Geography is the sum total of all the places in the map that we don't know about. Geography is made up of boundary lines, river lines, dots and dashes like a telegraph system and shaded places which represent the high spots. It is also colored to suit the taste and in such a manner that it takes a bacteriologist to make you know the difference between the sea and the dry land. Historical geography is ordinary geography with whatever you don't know about history added to it. Historical geography consists of migrations, cedings and other flora and fauna to suit. To make a historical geography get a few races and distribute them according to your fancy over a pink area in various shades to show how they spread out. As a matter of fact, they did nothing of the sort. But that makes the historical geography all the more interesting. In the hands of schoolteachers geographies are frequently believed in for years by confiding pupils.—Life.

**Ballads as Newspapers.**

The ballad, or that form of it which is associated with the broadside, was one predecessor of the newspaper as a commentator on events. It was written for the people and sold to the people. Printed on poor paper and passed from hand to hand, copies of early ballads were seldom preserved. Fortunately several men of the seventeenth century began to make collections of ballads, and the copies of broadsides printed before 1700 that are now in existence are supposed to number about 10,000. Soon after 1700 the printed form of the ballad was changed, the "black letter" disappearing, but the ballad continued as a chronicler of happenings and a commentator on political, military and other public events until the middle of the nineteenth century and in the United States as well as England. The "topical" song of today perpetuates the satirical function of the ballad.—Springfield Republican.

**Belgian Kongo.**

Belgian Kongo, founded thirty years ago, is still in the early stage of development. So far practically no manufacturing industries have yet been established, and, aside from the important copper mines in the Katanga district, the only large industrial enterprises are the railways and river transportation services. It may be said that all business activities in the colony are devoted to the collection of tropical products—rubber, ivory, gum copal, palm oil and kernels, cacao, etc.—and the railway and river services are in reality only accessories to these activities, having been established primarily to aid in the transportation of these products to the seaports. The gathering of rubber in Kongo has never recovered its former activity, and in all probability will never again be so rich a source of income to the colony as it was previous to 1912.

**Ship Money.**

Charles I. was badly in need of money, and his attorney general in the course of his antiquarian researches discovered that in the dim ages of the past the crown had issued writs to the cities and towns on the coast requiring them to provide vessels for the royal needs, and he suggested that this ancient right might be brought into use again. Instead of the actual vessels a money contribution might be exacted instead. Thus the king would be able to tax a larger part of the realm while theoretically observing the laws. Writs for ship money were accordingly issued, but the patriot John Hampden declared that they were illegal and raised such a protest against them that they were practically nullified.

**Weed Pests.**

Of the 200 species of ferns native to this country a few have become more or less serious weed pests. The most troublesome are the hay scouted fern and the brake. According to a bulletin of the department of agriculture, cutting off the tops close to the soil surface twice a year for two years will kill out nearly all ferns. The best times to do the cutting are just previous to spring, or about the middle of June, and the middle of August.

**Life in Bermuda.**

A feature of life in Bermuda which always impresses the stranger is the apparent prosperity of the natives, white and colored alike. Distressing poverty is unknown, and even the poorest families can boast of a stone house and a garden.—Argonaut.

**The Twins.**

We have heard of several cases wherein twins have borne a remarkable likeness to each other. But the most curious was the case of twin sisters who had to be told everything together because it was impossible to tell them apart.

**Corrected.**

"My husband tells me that he was out late last night with your husband." "That isn't so. I want you to understand that my husband was out with your husband."—Detroit Free Press.

**Put Out.**

"Why do writers always talk of angry flames?" "Because, if you notice, flames are usually put out."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

**Calendar Time.**

Mr. Bacon—What are you doing with that old, faded calendar? Mrs. Bacon—Oh, I just like to look into the dim and distant past.—Yonkers Statesman.

A trick is at the best but a mean thing.—La Sage.

**PREMIUM LIST OF BIG STOCK SHOW AWARDS \$18,000**

EVERY CLASS OF LIVE STOCK IN SOUTHWEST IS GIVEN AMPLE CONSIDERATION.

**MANY "SIDE" EVENTS**

Saddle Horse Classes Are Given Special Notice and Baby Beef Classes Arouse Much Interest.

Approximately \$18,000 in prizes are offered in the various classes of the National Feeders and Breeders show, which will be held at Fort Worth March 13-18. Every class of livestock produced in the Southwest is given ample consideration in the comprehensive premium list that has just been spread broadcast among big stockmen and small producers alike and it is anticipated that the greatest and finest exhibit ever witnessed in the twenty years of the show's existence will be on hand when opening day arrives.

Because of the repeated solicitation of prominent breeders of Texas and Oklahoma, the management of the show changed the dates back to spring. It has been argued that the exhibitors were able to get their offering in much better condition for spring showing than for fall. In acceding to the wishes of the breeders, the stock show earned a co-operation that will go far towards making the coming event the best in history.

Comparatively few changes have been made in the premium list, inasmuch as the management has been studying livestock conditions in this state for years and had never hesitated to take any step to amplify the list when it was warranted. Several additions, however, have been made. Among the most important of these is an increase in the classes for saddle animals. During the past year and a half, foreign powers have been making extensive purchases of Texas saddle horses and have greatly depleted the supply of good stuff. The breeders have found that there is an excellent future for the saddle horse business in this state and are going into the business on a more extensive scale. The stock show is always willing to push a good thing along and it amplified its classes so as to give further encouragement.

The baby beef classes will again prove of greatest interest and early indications are that the greatest number of entries in history will be rolled up in this department. From all over the state have come inquiries about this department and information to the effect that the youngsters are getting their product into condition to send to the show. The fight for the state baby beef championship for county exhibits is expected to be one of the keenest that will be staged in the great arena of the Coliseum building.

Outside of the stock show proper, there will be many events that will thrill and attract. Most interesting of these will be the Big Round-Up, which will be this year's night entertainment. This will be under the direction of Miller Bros., of 101 Ranch Show fame, and will be a varied and interesting performance.

A splendid carnival will pitch its tents on the Coliseum grounds, a magnificent industrial display will be held in the vast halls on either side of the Coliseum, a poultry show, the finest in the Southwest, will come in for a large share of consideration and many and varied special attractions will be staged during the great livestock exposition.

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# THE PLAY IN CHINA

It is a Curious Mixture of Noise, Costume and Strut.

DOWN FROM START TO FINISH.

It Begins When the Curtain Rises and Continues Until the Last Scene Ends the Agony—The Property Man a Mighty Important Personage.

I was all tired and knocked out when I reached China, so I thought myself, "I'll just go to a Chinese theater and spend a quiet evening. I won't understand anything, so I can doze off when I want to and come out as refreshed as a sprig of celery."

"What time does the play begin?" I asked as the guide led the way to the gallery, for in a Chinese theater the farther away you are the more aristocratic. No Chinese of caste would be caught in orchestra A.

"It have begin," he answered.

"How could that be?" I demanded, for it was still a few minutes of 8.

"It begin yesterday. It run two piece days. It No. 1 play."

And so I found out. The better the play the longer it lasts. A Chinaman doesn't think he is getting his money's worth unless the play lasts a couple of days. Some of them continue a week. They consider a play that lasts only a night a certain raiser and tag it on to a real play just to try it out.

The Chinese believe in noise. A theater isn't a theater to them unless it has a ladies' annex to a boiler factory just off stage. The hammering begins when the curtain goes up and continues until it falls. I soon found out that I erred seriously in coming to a Chinese theater to sleep. A person might drop off for a few minutes in a car shop, but he could never get near the knitting up of the raveled sleeve in a Chinese theater.

Chinese acting consists of the actors coming on again in another outfit of clothes. They come on, whirl a baton a couple of times and exclaim. While they are off another delegation of actors arrive with another collection of clothes. They whirl their clubs a few times and file out Indian style as another lodge arrives. There is no more expression on the face of a Chinese actor than on a punching bag.

When they want to show that the infrepid hero with a handful of men is trying to take a fortification against a vastly overwhelming enemy the property man hurries around in front of the hero with a black cloth stretched over a frame. This is the fortification, even though you can see his fingers gripping the breastworks. The dauntless hero marches across the stage, stops before the impregnable barrier, casts his eagle eye over it, draws his long sword and rips it asunder with one fell blow, the property man holding the swaying corner, while the hero marches through to victory. His intrepid hero stops to explain to his subordinates how he was able to accomplish the feat, while the property man drags the ramparts into the wings and begins pinning them up for the attack in the next act.

In a Chinese play there are no girls, their parts being taken by boys, speaking in a high, quavering voice as if something were too tight. When an actor wants to show that he is old he ties on a beard that comes to his waist. The beard works off to one corner and hangs grimly by one string, but the audience doesn't worry about that. They know that he is an old man because he has a beard.

I was constantly alert to figure out what kind of show it was. When I first got there and saw the constant change of costume I thought that it must be a musical comedy, but after studying it more closely I saw that it was a farce. When they began to kill people I came to the conclusion that it was an opera. Later, when the hero found his wife in another man's arms, I decided that it was a problem play.

The most important person in a Chinese show is the property man. Alongside him the lead sinks into insignificance. He has charge of the show. The show opens when he says and closes when he wants to go out to a tea house. He keeps his properties where they are handy—down stage by the proscenium arch—right out where the audience can lean over and almost touch them. To know what is coming next all the audience has to do is to look over and see what the property man is getting ready.

Hour after hour the play continued without an intermission. Midnight came, and the actors seemed to be just getting into the spirit of the play. When I remembered that the play had been running for two days I felt sure that the next five minutes would see the last costume, but the show still continued.

I clung desperately on, determined to be in at the finish when the last hot, feverish kiss was pressed on the upturned lips, but it didn't end that way. It ended when the leading man came walking out with a cheese cutter and twelve men in breathless succession, the maimed and wounded hero crawling to the wings to die, thus giving the leading man the entire stage until the envious property man came up and spitefully pulled the curtains to.—Homer Croly in *Ladies' Home Journal*.

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# Thackeray's Satire.

Thackeray created quite erroneous impressions of himself by often indulging in irony in the presence of people who were incapable of understanding it. One curious instance which he gave was this: Thackeray had been dining at the Garrick and was talking in the smoking room after dinner with various club acquaintances. One of them happening to have left his cigar case at home, Thackeray, though disliking the man, who was a notorious tuft hunter, good naturedly offered him one of his cigars. The man accepted the cigar, but, not finding it to his liking, had the bad taste to say to Thackeray, "I say, Thackeray, you won't mind my saying I don't think much of this cigar?" Thackeray, no doubt irritated at the man's ungraciousness and bearing in mind his tuft hunting predilections, quietly responded, "You ought to, my good fellow, for it was given me by a lord." Instead, however, of detecting the irony, the dolt immediately attributed the remark to snobbishness on Thackeray's part and to the end of his days went about declaring that Thackeray had boasted that he had been given a cigar by a lord.

# Show Your Gratitude.

Gratitude is one of the prettiest posies in the bouquet of human virtues. Cultivate it and it will bloom always. Gratitude costs nothing, but repays much, and yet it is a gem of character that is rare indeed.

Never forget the friend who threw you the life line. To do that is treason of the rankest kind. Keep green in your heart the memory of every obligation and lose no opportunity to repay it. Show your gratitude for a kind act done you by doing a kind act for some one else.

A grateful "Thank you!" for a seat in a street car reimburses the man who hangs to a strap. Silently accept the seat as a matter of course and you have started that man on the slide to selfishness.

Kick out of your selfish shell and express your gratitude on the least provocation. If you never give gratitude never expect it. In proportion to your gratitude so will you be graded by your fellow men.—Boston Post.

# "Uncle Sam."

The application of the term "Uncle Sam" to the United States had its beginning in Troy, N. Y., during the war of 1812. A commission contractor of Troy named Elbert Anderson had a shop in which the stocks were always examined and passed by a government inspector called Samuel Wilson, who was generally known as "Uncle Sam."

When the boxes were passed they were always marked with the initials of the contractor and the nation, "E.A.-U.S." One day the man who was doing the marketing was asked what the initials stood for and replied jokingly that they were the initials of the contractor and of "Uncle Sam." The joke spread among the men, got into print and long before the end of the war had become known all over the country. Mr. Wilson, the original "Uncle Sam," died in Troy in 1854.—New York Times.

# Match Sticks.

Certain kinds of matches are shaved with the grain from sawed blocks. Others are cut both ways by saws. In still further varieties the blocks are boiled to make them cut easily. By some machines a boiled or steamed log is revolved on its own axis, and a shaving the thickness of a match is cut round and round. This shaving is at the same time cut into lengths and split into match sticks. It may be said that there is hardly a limit to the varieties of methods employed. Round matches are made by forcing them through dies.—Harper's.

# The Capacity to Sleep.

Very enviable is the capacity to sleep in any position, which has been attributed to Chinese soldiers. In his "Chinese Characteristics" Dr. Arthur H. Smith, the American missionary, says: "It would be easy to raise in China an army of a million men—nay, of 10,000,000—tested by competitive examination as to their capacity to go to sleep across three wheelbarrows, with head downward, like a spider, their mouths wide open and a fly inside."—London Opinion.

# He Had Been There.

"I beg you to observe," said the talented pianist, displaying his technique to some of his admirers, "how exceedingly light is my touch."

"I don't have to observe," muttered a saddened citizen on the edge of the group. "I know by experience."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

# Not Much Difference.

Brown—Now, my wife always consults me about everything she buys for herself—dresses, hats, shoes, gloves—everything. Robinson—So does mine—that is, she always asks me for the money. Comes to the same thing in the end.

# Rather Rough.

"Here's hard luck."

"What's that?"

"Finbudub's wife wants him to pay the income tax on the alimony he gives her."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

# Just Like a Man.

Mr. Baggie—Confound that tailor! These trousers are a mile too long. Mrs. Baggie—How much shall I turn them up? Mr. Baggie—About half an inch.—London Answers.

# Of Course Not.

"I wonder why the oldest person in the world was a man?"

"Why, because no woman would ever have acknowledged it."—Florida Times-Union.

Read The Democrat.

# EVERYTHING NOW

## READY TO START

## BIG STOCK SHOW

GREATEST ARRAY OF FINE LIVESTOCK AND HORSES IS ASSURED FOR EVENT.

### OPENS ON MARCH 13

Diversity of Entertainment is Provided for Crowds That Are Expected—Mystery For the Scribes.

Preparations are practically complete for the twentieth annual National Feeders and Breeders show, which will be held at Fort Worth, March 13-18. During the past few weeks, entries in great number have been received from all over Texas and adjoining states for the events of the day show and the management is confident that the greatest exhibition in the history of the event will be staged. Reports from all over Texas indicate also that vast hosts of people are preparing to visit Fort Worth during its great annual gala event.

There is no doubt now but that a finer and larger array of stock will be on hand in the vast exhibit hall in the rear of the Coliseum building. The breeders of the Southwest have been co-operating with the management of the show more heartily than ever before. The Big Round-Up, a western pageant under the direction of Miller Bros., of Bliss, Okla., promises to be an entertainment thrilling and attractive and one that will draw larger crowds than ever attended the night events of the show in the past. It supplants in a large measure the night Horse Show.

Local and foreign merchants have been busy for several days preparing their splendid exhibits in the industrial halls on either side of the Coliseum building and it is expected that this display will be the best ever held, both in number and quality of exhibits. Vast displays of silos and farm implements will be made on the show grounds.

Arrangements are complete for the round of amusements that serve as a sauce to the exhibition of livestock and the competition of fine horses. The big carnival company, signed weeks ago, will be ready to greet the crowds Saturday morning, March 11. Entries have been received for the sporting carnival, which will be held in the arena of the Coliseum, and this now bids fair to draw thousands of devotees of basket ball and kindred games. A number of pleasing events will be held in the Coliseum during lulls between the judging of the fine stock.

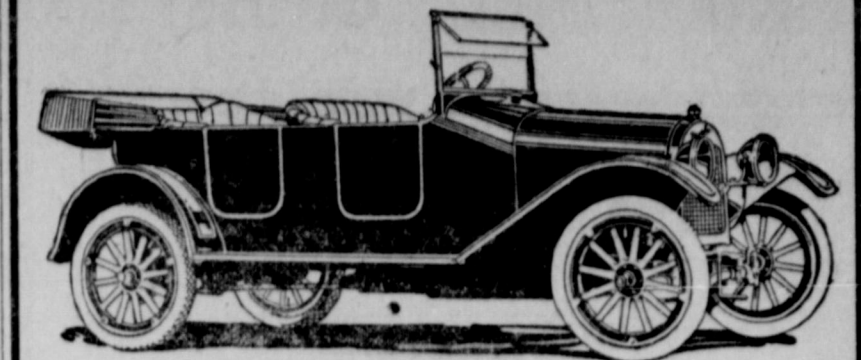
The Fort Worth committee of newspaper men announce that their plans for the Press Day entertainment of March 13 are now complete but they will not divulge them now, preferring to surprise their brothers of the craft.

The native division of the stock show will overflow, according to all of the information received by the management. However, ample provisions will be made to handle all entries by opening day. There is no doubt but that visitors to the show will see a much larger number of cattle from clean territory than in the past. This is due to the big tick eradication campaign that has been conducted in Texas during the past year and a half.

With the largest entry list of history, the Fort Worth Poultry and Pigeon association is prepared to open its fourth annual exhibition at the same time of the stock show. This exhibition is held in the poultry hall, adjoining the Coliseum, and it is anticipated that 5,000 birds will be on hand by the opening day.

Content in the realization that it has done all that can be done, the management now confidently looks forward to the greatest attendance that the stock show has ever known.

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# American Woman and Native Librarian Escape Death at Hands of Cannibals.

New York, Feb. 13.—Saved from death at the hands of Librarian natives, said to be reverting to cannibalism, Marie Suchow, of Newton, Kansas, and Diana McNeil, a native Librarian, arrived today in New York with a harrowing story of hardships. They said when they left Rev. Walter Williams, his wife and Mrs. Frieda Roberts, cut off from flight in central West Africa, were missing.

The women said they were warned by friendly natives that the tribes were about to slay all whites for a huge feast. They fled into the brush and after two weeks of life in the open were rescued when the American scout cruiser Chester landed troops at Greenville, who chased the natives into the interior. The tribes, they said, had been engaged in civil warfare, killing many and burning villages in their daily battles. Failure of the British government to go through with proposed support of an uprising against German authority led the chiefs to order that all English-speaking persons be killed.

Miss Suchow and her companion were taken to Mouravia by the Chester. They returned here from Spain on the liner Antonio Lopez.

# The McNeil woman, a giant negro, educated from infancy in the United States, said the cannibals preferred the flesh of white persons and were fond of a delicate broth brewed from the hands and feet of their white victims.

Couldn't Let Hair Grow Forever, So He Broke 'Bryan' Oath.

Springfield, Mo., Feb. 13.—William Jennings Bryan Wise, 20, paid first visit to a barber shop yesterday and had his raven tresses, two and one-half feet in length, cut off.

The boy was born while Bryan was conducting his free silver campaign in 1896 and his father, Lee Wise, a staunch democrat, vowed that his son's hair should not be cut off until Bryan was elected president. As the boy grew up his mother and father pleaded with him not to break his father's vow and the boy, despite jeers and gibes heeded them until yesterday, when an uncle persuaded him to visit the barber.

Following this Mayor Kerr issued a proclamation declaring that any one who called Wise "Sissy" should be tied to a post and given a whipping.

Read The Democrat.

# OUR PUBLIC FORUM

E. G. Senter

ON ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.



Ex-Senator E. G. Senter of Dallas, who has perhaps given more careful study to the administration of Justice than any other citizen, when asked if reforms (which every thoughtful citizen must recognize as essential to preservation of government) could be brought about by the legal profession, of which he is a distinguished member, said in part:

"Seven years ago I told the lawyers in the State Senate, who blocked all efforts to improve court procedure, that they were hastening the coming of a time when the people would take this subject into their own hands. The plain English of it is that at heart they do not want any material change in the practice and the sooner the people find this out the quicker tangible results will be obtained. The real truth is that a large element among the lawyers consider that the privilege of delay is the most important feature of the law, and present conditions are perpetuated because they permit delay. It is unfortunate that the lawyers take so little interest in the conditions which exist in the courts. Whatever interest they do take is wasted in mere complaints which do not seek and do not tend to produce results.

There is but one way to accomplish anything in bringing about the reform of court procedure and that is for the people of this state to tell the lawyers to get out of the way and let them take a try at it—to make plain to every candidate for the Legislature that if he does not assist in getting results upon this subject, he may expect to be beaten hereafter for every office to which he may aspire and particularly to hold to a rigid responsibility every member of the judiciary committees of the house and senate. The man who declares himself unable to suggest an improvement upon present conditions is unfit to be a member of the legislature and no excuse should be accepted which seeks to absolve any member of the legislature from this responsibility. The people could not do a better work next year than to defeat several gentlemen who will be candidates, who proclaimed their sympathy with this cause when it was presented to the legislature and who quietly got out their clubs and sandbagged every proposal which meant anything. When the politicians of this state learn that it means political outlawry to stand in the way of reform there will be no need for meetings of the bar association to get results. Every member of the legislature will get busy just as soon as it meets, and it requires no prophet to foresee that many of those who have been most active in the past in preventing court reform will be just as active in the future in assisting to procure reform.

It is up to the people to take control of this movement, if they want results. Lawyers can and should assist, but if they take charge of it nothing more will be accomplished in the next quarter of a century than has been accomplished by them in the past twenty-five years. The people have waited long enough upon them. The lawyers should take back their robes, and give the people a chance.

# BIG RANCHES WILL SEND RIDERS AND ROPERS FOR SHOW

BIG ROUND-UP AT FORT WORTH, MARCH 13-18, PROMISES TO BE GREAT EVENT.

### PRIZES ARE OFFERED

Miller Bros. in Charge of Night Event at Big Stock Show. Society Features Also Arranged.

Broncho busters and ropers from most of the big ranches from Canada to Southwest Texas are expected at the National Feeders and Breeders show at Fort Worth, March 13-18, to take part in the big events that will feature the Big Round-Up, the night attraction of the big spring livestock exposition.

Goat ropers from the plains country also will come in number, as ample prizes also are offered in those classes. A high-class wild west show will be offered under the direction of Miller Bros., of Bliss, Okla., owners of the 101 Ranch show. Society will play a big part in the entertainment, many horse and auto features already being arranged for, somewhat in line with the Horse Show that has been the night attraction in the past. A great variety of other amusements also will be furnished at night, as the Miller Bros. have been busy for several weeks lining up attractions.

The usual excellent rates have been secured for the stock show and the railroads are working in co-operation with the management. It is believed that the largest stock show crowds in history will be handled by Texas railroads this spring.

The stock show is preparing a great treat for the people of Texas and the Southwest, whether they be lovers of fine stock or not. The magnificent premium lists for the day and night shows, which provided so liberally for every branch of the livestock industry, have had their effect and entry lists have been pouring in in numbers to the offices of the show. There is every indication that a finer array of fine livestock and fine horses will be on hand for the events than ever before in history.

Hereford, Shorthorn, Angus and Jersey exhibitors probably will make the largest showing in the cattle division of the stock show, although other classes of cattle will be on hand in goodly number. Three big auction sales will be held during the show and the exhibitors will have any number of fine bulls on hand. Buyers are expected to be numerous and anxious to make purchases.

A great variety of side amusement features will be provided for the spring show. Among these will be an excellent carnival, with many attractions. A variety of pleasing and diverting events are to be staged in the Coliseum between the judging of different classes of livestock. A sporting carnival is expected to draw thousands of enthusiasts, who perhaps would be interested in no other feature.

Around 5,000 fine birds are expected to be on hand for the fourth annual exhibition of the Fort Worth Poultry and Pigeon association. This event is generally recognized as the finest of its kind in the Southwest and about 4,000 birds were here at the last show. A comprehensive premium list has been issued and many entries already have



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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Democrat is authorized to make the following announcements subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries, July 22, 1916, unless otherwise stated:

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#### For County Attorney

SAM J. HAMILTON—Re-election.

#### For Sheriff and Tax Collector

W. L. WHEAT  
J. E. KING

#### For Circuit and County Clerk

MISS FRANCES ROBERTS

#### For County Judge

S. G. ALEXANDER

A bliding storm is said to be sweeping the Atlantic ocean and causing much damage to shipping traffic.

The Jury at Hillsboro returned a verdict in one hour and forty-five minutes of "not guilty" on a charge of murder against Mrs. Florence Khekpatrick, last week. Life is getting awfully cheap.

It is believed now that Wilson will appoint General Gotthals as secretary of war to fill the place of Secretary Garrison who resigned last week. Gotthals is a good man and has the business ability and would likely make a first class man in this important position.

England is figuring strongly on an extension of the starvation plans started some time ago and has cut off more of the food said to now be reaching their enemies through the North sea. She will keep on until she starts something.

Fort Worth detectives after a thorough investigation says that St. Clair who was accused of killing his wife and another lady and attempting to kill his daughter, was not guilty. The guilty parties will probably never be apprehended and thus the hangman's noose will be cheated out of another "hanging bee."

There ought to be a great rush for marriage license among the unmarried men of England in the next few weeks. The country has ordered all single men of military age to colors. If a man is not enthusiastic for his country he will make a bee line for his sweetheart and immediately engage himself and have the knot tied hard and fast.

A man jumped from the running board of an automobile while in motion and was thrown to the pavement and his skull fractured dying a short while afterwards. From the great number of accidents being reported each week from just such carelessness, it does look like the people would be more particular in the future.

Congressman Martin Dies from the second congressional district announces that he will be in Fort Worth in a short while to press his advocacy of his belief that preparedness is not the right way to do some things. He is under as strong fire from his own district and things are warming up to such an extent that he could not stand it and is moving out to other fields. It looks as though he was jumping out of the frying pan into the fire, judging from the starve vote being cast at Fort Worth and vicinity.

As long as worthless wages are allowed by the cities to loaf around the streets without any visible means of support, just so long will the people of the larger cities and ultimately the smaller cities be taking chances of having spurious coins and counterfeit money passed on the unsuspecting public. Pick them up and put them to work on the streets and get some benefit out of them and they will soon migrate to other climes.

The all absorbing question before the people and the President of the United States today is the question of preparedness. Almost every county in Texas at this time is taking a straw vote as to how many favor President Wilson's policy of preparedness. Without an exception every county is for preparedness by a large majority. Our preparedness need not necessarily be for war, but for peace. By being prepared to defend our rights and policies we therefore are prepared to say what we will do and stand ready and willing to make good in case some other nations should see fit to dispute our rights. President Wilson has steered the old ship of state to a successful state of affairs for our nation so far and it is his expressed intention to remain neutral with other nations as long as it is possible, but in the meantime lets be prepared for fear some cannibal country comes along and tries to gobble us up.

Although two men have been arrested on charges of passing them, counterfeit dollars continue to appear at Wichita Falls, and Federal officers have failed thus far to locate the source. Wichita Falls banks found many of the worthless coins when they checked up their silver late Saturday, and indications are that many more are in circulation. So far none has appeared in Fort Worth, but banks have been asked to watch for them. Ed Rawles of Wichita Falls, charged jointly with Luney Dykes, was brought to Fort Worth from Wichita Falls Monday morning by U. S. Marshal McDonald. He waived preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner Mitchell and his bond was fixed at \$600. Dykes, who is in jail, will be given a preliminary hearing Friday. Rawles and Dykes were together when they are alleged to have passed counterfeit dollars at two places in Wichita Falls. Dykes told Federal officers they got the money from another man who found it under a crosstie on the railroad. Rawles told officers Monday they got it from a man who found it under a board in the rear of a Wichita Falls saloon.—Star Telegram.

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## CANADA DOUBLES GUARD ALONG THE BORDER

To Repel Teutonic Invasion From United States; Machine Guns Face Bridge.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Feb. 13—This peaceful Mecca of honeymooners felt that it was closer to the war Saturday night than at any time since the outbreak of hostilities in Europe.

Across the great gorge of the river and beyond the roaring falls on whose house, extar guards are on duty. Machine guns are trained upon approaches from the international bridge. Niagara Falls, Ontario, on the Canadian side, is virtually under martial law. Military orders were issued during the day, warning citizens not to assemble or loiter in the streets and all strangers are closely questioned, or shadowed by government agents.

Following the circulation of wild rumors of plans for a German invasion and the explosion in the Castner Electrolytic-Alkali plant, on this side, hurried measures were taken to prevent any possible hostile movement on Dominion properties.

Additional troops and fifteen machine guns were dispatched to the border from St. Catharines, Thorold and Toronto. Guards at the power houses, munitions plants, railroad yards and bridges were doubled. The precautionary measures spread to the Canadian press bureau, and orders were issued against Canadian troops publishing anything regarding troop movements.

Frank Britton, a motorcycle manufacturer of Niagara Falls, N. Y., crossed to the Canadian side Saturday afternoon on business and was immediately taken into custody by guards who started with him for military headquarters. Britton bears striking German features, but finally was able to convince his identity and was released.

Late Saturday afternoon about 200 skilled and unskilled workmen of the Dominion Chain Company at Niagara Falls, Ontario, went out on a strike. In some quarters the walkout was declared to be traceable to alleged Teutonic activities. The firm has been shipping its entire product to the allies since the outbreak of the war.

10,000 Ready to Move.  
Reports reached here late Saturday that 10,000 Canadian troops bivouacked at the exposition grounds in Toronto, have received orders to be ready to leave at a moment's notice. Sufficient trains are also in readiness to rush them to the border. It is only about a two hour trip. The remainder of the garrison at St. Catharines, an hour's ride from the border, is ready to move immediately.

Owing to the rigid regulations imposed by the Canadian censor, papers along the border with Canadian circulation are printing only brief details of reports from across the river, for fear of an order prohibiting their entry into the Dominion. Canadian

papers were ordered Saturday to print nothing regarding troop movements and American papers on the border were informed that if such stories were published, their papers would be confiscated in Canada.

### Factories Busy Night and Day.

Since the outbreak of the war, Niagara Falls has become a big munitions manufacturing center. All factories are working day and night. The principal output is chemicals, such as liquid chlorine, used by the belligerents in gas bombs, and nitrates, used in the manufacturing center. All factories strangers are here and startling rumors are in constant circulation.

General Manager Max Mauran, of the Castner plant, refused to admit Saturday night that he believed last night's explosion due to a plot of Teutonic sympathizers. He expressed the belief that the trouble was entirely local, and in no way connected with the war and declared it probably was more likely due to the labor situation.

### Parnell News.

Most people are winding up their bottle pulling during the sunny days of last week and this. Quite a number have already finished, and others will finish up this week if the pretty weather continues.

M. L. Graham and family have moved back to our community from Estelline. We are glad to welcome him to Parnell again.

Mr. Cherry and family moved from Parnell to Turkey Monday which place they will make their future home.

Mrs. J. W. Boyd visited relatives in Estelline Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a number from our community had business in Estelline Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Williams of Vernon spent the week visiting at the home of S. C. Poteet and family.

R. H. Lockhart of Tyler visited at Parnell Friday and Saturday of last week.

Our community was entertained Friday night at the school building by a school rally. A good crowd was present and all seemed to enjoy the program very much. The program consisted of school talks by the principal and several of the patrons, together with special songs, class songs, recitations by a number of the smaller pupils, declamations and readings by the larger boys and girls. Mr. G. C. Daniels of Hulver also gave us an interesting talk on the "co-operation of Teachers and Parents" which was well received. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Willis entertained us with two or three special songs which were a treat to the audience. This rally marked the closing of the first half of the school term. We sincerely hope that each patron will endeavor to keep his children in school during the remainder of the term and that the attendance will be much better during the last part of the term than it was during the first part.

It was announced at Turkey and in the Estelline News last week that the

next meeting of the South Side Parents', Trustees', Teachers' Association would convene at Hulver on the First Saturday in March, but it has been decided later, to hold the March meeting of the association here at Parnell. We trust that all concerned will take notice of the change and make your arrangements to come to Parnell on this date. We shall try to get the program arranged in time to have it published in some of the county papers next week. We hope to have a large crowd present, for we are expecting a number of excellent speakers to entertain you.

### Baptist Ladies Entertain.

One of the nicest social affairs of the season was on Monday evening of this week when the ladies of Circle A of the Baptist church entertained a large number of friends at the elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Speer with a dollar social.

Each member of the circle presented a dollar to the secretary treasurer with a poem of how the dollar was earned.

Valentine decorations were featured in the reception and dining rooms. An interesting program of readings, vocal and instrumental music was rendered. This was followed by a social hour during which a salad course was served; pink carnations were given as favors.

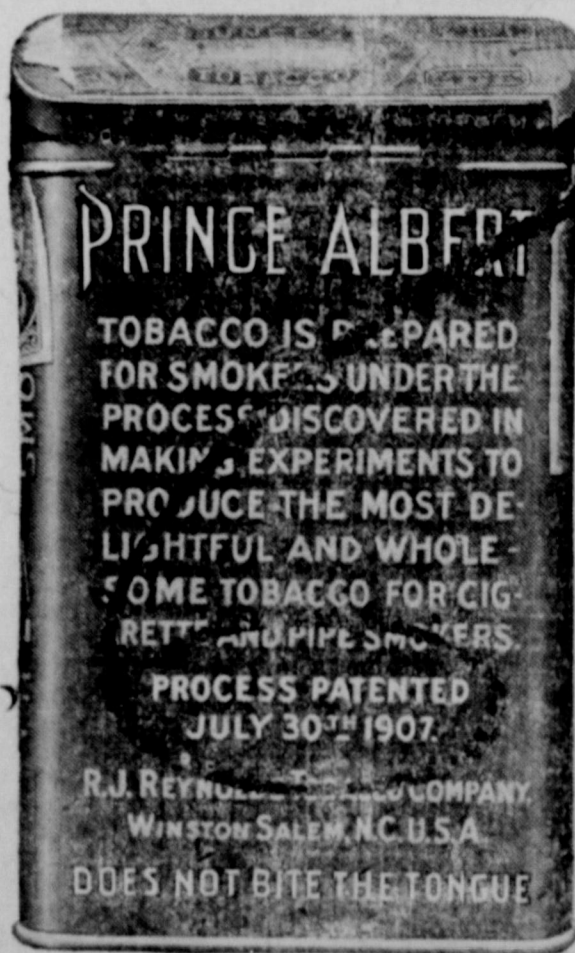
About 75 guests were present and the sum of twenty-five dollars was realized.

The following was the prize poem which was awarded Mrs. Sam Harrison:

Sister I'll tell you it was funny  
What I had to do to make my money  
After exhausting every plan  
Despairingly, I called on Sam,  
Sambo: What could I do to make a dollar?  
He took off his tie and loosened his collar

Yumh: He said that is as easily done  
As anything could be under the sun.  
For a week get up before day light  
And make the fires hot and bright  
And let me sleep in my cozy nest  
While you are cooking your level best  
'Twas a bitter dose for me to swallow  
But Sisters I had to earn my dollar  
So I grated my teeth and didn't speak  
And made those fires for a solid week

Those who did not see the Ghost at the Dixie Theatre last Tuesday night missed a real treat. This film version of Ibsen's immortal story was one of the best pictures ever exhibited in Memphis. From what the writer has been able to learn there are many more good features and serials booked for the near future. Mr. Wood, the present manager of the Dixie is busy from early morning until late at night to give local theatre goers a real show. If effort and ability counts for anything he should be successful. In regards to the Vaudeville booked at the Dixie Theatre for the last half of this week the writer happens to know that most of the statements published by the management of the Dixie are absolute facts.



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**Personal and Local Mention**

**Phone 15** Help make this column a feature of the City of Memphis. Let your wants and desires be known by using the telephone.

Wheat is in the market for headed grains. 20-1f

Lindley of route one out of w was a business visitor in Tuesday.

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Grundy of Hedley was shaking with friends in our city Tuesday.

the best Tailoring Work bring K. Tailor or phone 38. 29-1fc

Greene of Wellington was a visitor in Memphis last Friday.

In town leave your whiskers to a Barber Shop. 33-31f

tt and H. Mulkey of Clarendon business visitors in Memphis

arrived, a car load of garden W. L. Wheat. 33-1fc

Bell is having a neat rent built near his home in north

Wheat is in the market for headed grains. 20-1f

Stout informs us that he is completing his home in West which will be one of the in our city when finished.

square molds. Better price. light Grocery Co. 33-1f

any friends of Mr. R. W. will regret to learn that his corpus Christi did not improve very much.

ing new. Absolutely free see Grocery Co. 33-1f

Greene departed Saturday St. Louis where he goes to spring and summer stock of the Greene Dry Goods Co.

Kodaks and Kodak supplies all kinds at Wherry's the Wood. 33-1f

ena Moody of Paducah has real shown position as trimmer in the establishment of Mrs. W. T.

Elegant Suits for \$11.50 and better ones for a little more money. Herod's Tailor Shop. 33-2tc

John Bird and wife were in the city Monday and Monday night shaking hands with friends. They had been to St. Louis market and on reaching Amarillo decided to run down and see home folks for a few hours.

Smith Grocery Company wants your eggs and butter. We will pay you cash. 33-1f

A deal was closed a few days ago whereby S. S. Montgomery and Jot Montgomery became owners of four sections of land adjoining their present ranch property near Hedley formerly owned by J. C. Barnett.

ONE YOUNG DURHAM Milch cow fresh with calf. Apply to I. N. Thornton, Newlin, Texas. 30-4tp.

Mrs. W. T. Howard and her trimmer, Miss Moody, are in the market this week, buying the spring stock for Mrs. Howard's millinery store. They are expected home the latter part of the week.

Dial has everything in the feed line. Horse feed, cow feed, hog feed and chicken feed.

A. W. Perry, of Newlin, was in to see us Monday and had his subscription placed up a couple of notices. Mr. Perry happened to the misfortune of having his leg broken Christmas but has sufficiently recovered to be about with the aid of a crutch.

COAL! COAL! COAL! Yes, we have any grade you want. At prices to compete with any of them. Wooldridge Lumber Co. 28-1fc.

O. E. Dulaney, a former Memphis boy who has been working Clarendon for the past few months was in Memphis Monday and Tuesday and stated to our reporter that he was going to put in a garage of his own in some good town down the road, possibly Childress.

J. A. McDonald and wife of Cove, Ark., came last Friday for a visit with the family of their son, H. A. McDonald out on route one. This is the first time H. A. has seen his parents in twenty years and the meeting was indeed a happy one.

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NATIONAL BANK MEMPHIS, TEXAS

Peter Ballard of Newlin was a business visitor in Memphis Monday.

Grandma Smith is convalescing after a severe siege with la grippe.

Mr. T. T. Harrison came down from Hedley today for a visit with friends.

Good three-room frame house on four lots, a bargain. See N. E. Burk, Memphis, Texas. 34-1fc

The Electric Shoe Shop is prepared to put out shop-made boots on short notice. 34-1f

J. L. Reed and wife departed Saturday night for Kingsville, Texas, where we understand they will make their future home.

You will find what you want and at prices to suit your pocket book at the Racket Store. 33-1f

Master David Hudgins fell off a barn one day last week and hurt himself very painfully, but is up and about again this week.

Womack wants to see you at the Racket Store. He has some good news for you. 33-1f

Come to the Christian Endeavor Social Friday night, February 18th, at the Parsonage of the Christian Church.

Wanted—1,000 men with whiskers at Mack's Barber Shop. East side of Square. 33-31f

Mrs. Lula Dorn and Miss Emma Reynolds, of Childress, are visiting their brother, Elder O. M. Reynolds and family this week.

Don't forget R. E. Martin the new Druggist. He will appreciate your trade. 32-2t

W. H. Von Tiercks, traveling representative of the Mergenthaler Linotype Company, was in Memphis Friday looking over the machines in the printing offices of this city.

We invite one and all to call and inspect our new Drug Store. R. E. Martin. 32-2t

R. H. Alexander and M. W. Headrick came down from Clarendon Monday morning and spent a few minutes in our city. They were on their way to Estelline on business.

JUST RECEIVED—This week a car load of seed, rye, oats and wheat. W. L. Wheat. 10-1f.

Elder O. M. Reynolds filled his regular appointment at Lelia Lake Sunday. He says there was a splendid service on this occasion. Jas. Rogers accompanied him.

"Light Crust", the flour with a Character. For sale by Dowell & Howard. Phone 147. 33-1f

Two furnished rooms for rent, telephone 77 or apply to Mrs. J. J. Walker. 34-1tc

John Lock came in Tuesday from Oklahoma where he has been for several weeks. He and family will leave in a few days for his ranch near El Paso on the Rio Grande.

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If you grow peas, beans peanuts and other legumes in a garden or field on rich or poor land by all means use Farmogerm for best results. It is cheap and certain. Literature free. Ellagene Farm, Aldine, Texas. 34-3mc

Shaves 15c, Hair Cut 25c, at Mack's Barber Shop. East Side Square. 33-31f

If you cannot get seeds you wish write us and we may be able to supply you at reasonable rates. Tell us your seed wants as well as Farmogerm. Ellagene Farm, Aldine, Texas 34-3mc.

If your chickens are diseased, call on W. L. Wheat for Pratt's Roup Cholera, and White Diarrhoea Remedy. 52-1f

The European war is causing a fertilizer famine in America on account of the shortage of potash. "The fertilizer manufacturers are up in the air; the farmer is in the hole" Better use Farmogerm and save money and make more. Circulars free. Ellagene Farm, Aldine, Texas. 34-3mc

The COAL bins at the Wooldridge Lumber Co. are heaping over with the best and cheapest coal in the city. Try an order and be convinced. 28-1fc

An infant baby of only a few hours of Mr. and Mrs. T. U. Conley died Monday night and was buried Tuesday morning in Fairview cemetery. Their many friends will join the Democrat in deepest heartfelt sympathy for the loss of this dear little babe.

Hollis Boren of Lakeview, came in today from Ballenger where he had been to celebrate the birth of his first child. It was a fine bouncing girl and we extend congratulations. Mother and baby doing nicely.

It does not matter whether you plant a garden or field on rich or poor land it pays to use Farmogerm with or without fertilizer. Try it and see for yourself. Particulars free. Ellagene Farm, Aldine, Texas. 34-3mc

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We now urge all our subscribers to renew their subscription to the Democrat and get four magazines one year for only 25 cents extra. WRITE OR PHONE.

Eld. I. H. Humphreys and wife came in Wednesday from Commerce for a visit with friends. Bro. Humphreys looks much emaciated and run down in health from his recent breakdown in health and hopes to improve while here.

E. H. Peninger, a successful young farmer of the Lakeview community was a business visitor in Memphis Monday and was a pleasant caller at the Democrat office.

John H. Young, J. H. Fry, E. L. Hill and W. F. Hendrick were in Memphis Monday night attending the banquet given by the Knights Templar order at the White Rose Cafe. They are members from the Turkey community and report a most enjoyable time.

Lonnie Edmondson received word Monday morning from his mother stating that she stood the trip to Baltimore fine but at that time had not taken any of the treatments. Her many friends in Memphis and Hall county will rejoice with the relatives to hear the word that she was completely cured of her trouble.

Mr. S. S. Montgomery informs us that he was called from his early morning sleep by a telephone call from Jot Montgomery at his ranch Monday morning stating that they had had a new arrival at their place that night and informed Mr. Montgomery that they had named it "S. S. the Third." We understand that relatives in this city have been busy sending congratulations. Come on to town Jot and tell us all about it.

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H. M. White of Estelline was in Memphis Monday and called at the Democrat office and in conversation with the editor says that Estelline has a good chance of getting electric light service in their town if the plans now on foot by the Texas Southern Electric Company materialize. We would be very glad to see all our neighbors with nice street lights and in their homes, and we believe that this will be a realization before many months roll round.

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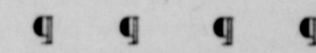
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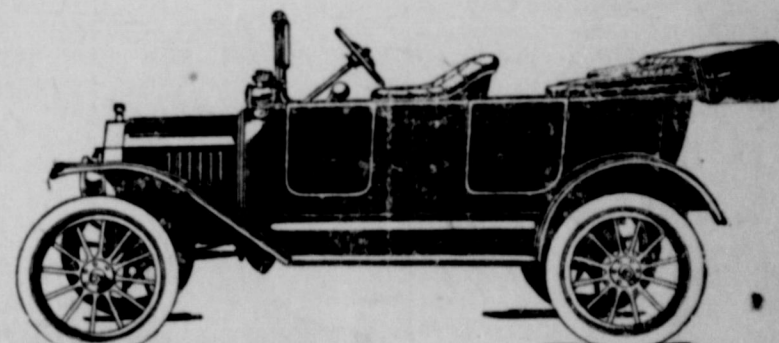


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C. H. Dye, Sr., insurance agent, Seventh and Dover Streets, Memphis, says: "I suffered with inflammatory rheumatism and was so bad that I could just get about. My back was also weak and ached and the kidney secretions were too frequent in passage, causing me to get up often at night. I had read a lot about Doan's Kidney Pills and got some at Tomlinson's Drug Store. They helped me from the first and I continued with them until I was all right and about my work. I have had but little trouble in this way since."

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W. H. Goodlight has two very sick children at his home. We trust they will soon be up and about.



# The Home Circle Column

PLEASANT EVENING REVERIES

A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as They Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide

Crude Thoughts From The Editorial Pen

### Worry and Work.

Toll is healthful. Even excessive labor can be long endured. But worry is a corrosive that speedily eats out the nerves and tissues of life. He who frets about his work burns life's candle at both ends. It is the friction rather than the revolution of the wheels that wears the machinery. He who knows how to do his level best and leave the result with God, has learned one of the chief secrets of life. But he who is always worrying about how things are coming out is most foolish. Some people constantly complain and protest. They imagine that their lot is so much harder than that of their neighbor. They are always regretting that they did not do things some other way. Such persons will have nerves set on edge, will have chronic indigestion, a gloomy disposition and a diseased brain. Sunshine and health are close friends. Do the best you can and stew not. Work hard. Work very hard. There is much to do. There is much that no one can do as well as you. But do not bear two burdens, both work and worry. All the fretting in the world will not change matters. It will only render you unhappy and unfit you for the largest service. Mix all your burden-bearing with smiles and songs.

My dear readers, it is not true, we too seldom speak of our heart's gladness, but dwell on its misery? Keep account of the people you meet and see how little they say that is pleasant and happy and that is dreary and sad. They will tell of bodily aches, pains and infirmities. They will complain bitterly of the heat if it is warm, or of the chill if it is cold. They will speak of the discouragement in their business, the hardships in their occupation, the troubles in their various duties, and all the manifold miseries, real or imagined, that have fallen to their lot. But they will have little to say of their prosperity, their health, their three good meals a day, their encouragements, favors, friendships and manifold blessings.

### Sensible Advice.

You would laugh at the child who should try to pick up a heavy sledge hammer to kill a mosquito. But many grown-up children quite as foolishly use their strength. They waste strength. They fret, worry, whirl about, get into a passion, have not time to eat or to sleep properly—indeed, often sit up so late and get so tired that they can't sleep. These persons, whether old or young, need to learn the following simple rules: 1. Never fret yourself nor anybody else. 2. Never indulge in fits of passion, nor the blues. 3. Never do things in a confused hurry. 4. Eat regularly, cheerfully, moderately, but don't eat what is indigestible. 5. Don't cut short your sleep. Get eight hours of it in clean, well-ventilated rooms. 6. Give your stomach and brain, as well as your hands, all the rest they need. 7. Be self-controlled, calm, hopeful. Keep a good conscience and cheerfully trust God.

### Companionship Healthful.

There is an old German saying that "Only God or a brute can dwell in solitude." Men and women need

congenial companionship, both for the sake of health and happiness. Just as your lungs, after using up all the oxygen in close room, need to be filled with fresh, out-door air, so your mind needs contact with other minds to get new ideas. There is such a thing as mental as well as physical hunger. Herders on the sheep ranches of the West frequently become mad from the isolation they are forced to endure. Women on lonely farms and in small villages grow morbid and mildly insane, and people do not guess that the cause is want of companionship.

It is for this reason that a woman's work at home is always more trying than that of her husband, who goes to his office, sees new faces and has the friction that is produced by meeting other people. Even the farmer has more intercourse with his neighbor at market, or at the village grocery, than his wife, who may not see anyone outside of her own family for weeks. It is a great mistake of young people to isolate themselves. Even if their tastes lead them to a quite life they should make it a point to cultivate a few agreeable friends.

Education commences at the mother's knee and every word that is spoken within the hearing of the little children tends towards formation of character. A child is better unborn than untaught. The true purpose of education is to cherish and unfold the seed of immortality already sown within us; to develop to their fullest extent the capacities of every kind with which God who made us has endowed us.

Real happiness often looks out of the window of a humble home than through the opera glass in the gilded box of a theatre.

The life of the world is strenuous, and the door of the home should shut out the storm and stress, but it should not shut out new and wholesome and inspiring influences. It should stand wide in hospitable welcome to friends. The home life that is narrow and selfish is dull and enervating.

### SIR BEERBOHM TREE.

Celebrated English Actor, Who is Now in This Country.



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## SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson VIII.—First Quarter, For Feb. 20, 1916.

### THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Acts iv, 32, to v, 5. Memory Verses, 34, 35—Golden Text, 1 Pet. i, 22—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

The topic of today's lesson is "The Christian Brotherhood at Jerusalem," but as half of the portion assigned tells of the failure of that brotherhood in the case of Ananias, and we have no further study in chapter v, the remainder of the chapter being very important, it would seem wise to devote most of our time to the further testimony of Peter and its results.

The one heart and soul of the believers and the common fund from which all were helped was certainly a beautiful brotherhood, but the deceit of Ananias and the murmuring of the Grecians rather spoiled the harmony. The self life which remains in the believer and the deceit and wickedness of every human heart makes it next to impossible for even the smallest company of Christians to be of one mind very long about anything. If all could be fully yielded and have no will but His, no self pleasing and no pride or ambition it might be possible. Because of human frailty I cannot use the "with one accord" in our prayer service, but invariably omit it.

While Barnabas, the son of consolation, sold his land and laid the proceeds at the apostle's feet, it would seem that his sister Mary, the mother of John Mark, kept her home and had the believers meet there for fellowship and prayer (Acts xii, 12; Col. iv, 10). We must not follow others in what they do, but each for himself say, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

Ananias and Sapphira did not need to sell their property because others did it, and when sold they did not need to bring all the proceeds. Their sin was in their professing to give all, but keeping back a part, and thus lying to the Holy Spirit. God is the God of Truth, the Spirit is the Spirit of Truth, and Jesus Christ is the Truth. They desire truth in the inward parts (Ps. li, 6), and ought else is a grief to them. If all deceivers and liars were dealt with as these were, what a lot of funerals there would be and what a thinning out of church members!

It surely becomes us all to pray the prayer of Ps. cxxxix, 23, 24, and to aim at nothing less than an honest, whole hearted surrender to Him who has bought us with such a great price. In verses 12-16 of our lesson chapter (chapter v) we see the risen Christ showing Himself alive by signs and wonders and healings through these human channels, and multitudes of men and women believed and were added to the Lord (verse 14). It does not count for anything to be added to a list of church members unless truly added to the Lord. He said, "Every plant which my Heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted up" (Matt. xv, 13).

The power of God so stirred the adversary that his followers were filled with indignation and laid hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison (verses 17, 18). The Lord in Heaven was watching over His own and sent a messenger from heaven to open the prison doors, bring the prisoners out and send them to speak in the temple the words of life. When the morning came there were no apostles in the prison, but they were found in the temple teaching the people, and the high priest and council and senate being assembled, the officers found them and brought them and set them before the council. Now, for the second time, Peter has the privilege of honoring Jesus Christ before this august assembly. The high priest asked how it was that when forbidden to teach in the name of Jesus Christ they had persisted in doing so and had filled the city of Jerusalem with their doctrine. That was a good testimony to the zeal of the apostles in their devotion to the Lord, for it would be difficult today to find a city filled with their doctrine. It sounds strange to hear him say that the apostles intended to bring the blood of Jesus upon them (verse 28) when they themselves had said to Pilate, "His blood be upon us, and upon our children" (Matt. xxvii, 25).

Peter was very clear and decided in accusing them of killing Jesus Christ, and now for the fourth time he repeats it (Acts ii, 23; iii, 14, 15; iv, 10; v, 30, 31) and more often asserts the fact of His resurrection. As to obedience, there is only One to obey—"We ought to obey God rather than men." As in the case of Daniel's friends, there was no room for argument, but simply a matter of right or wrong, and the wrong they would not do. Peter did not hesitate to declare that the risen and exalted Prince and Saviour would give even to them repentance and forgiveness of sins if they desired it and said that the Holy Spirit stood with them in this testimony (verses 31, 32).

Peter's testimony so angered them that they were ready to kill the apostles, but the counsel of Gamaliel saved the situation, and after beating the apostles and repeating the command not to speak in the name of Jesus they let them go. They went forth rejoicing to be counted worthy to suffer shame for His sake, and daily in the temple and from house to house they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ (41, 42). This is the fearlessness and devotion we all need.

## THE GAY STATESMAN.

A Tribute to the Versatile Genius of Alexander Hamilton.

Because no man can live exclusively to himself either for good or evil, with every mention of Burr's name the figure of Hamilton rises, an avenging ghost. Even before that precocious young native of the West Indies walked into our military history at Princeton, a lad only nineteen, lost in thought, a cocked hat pulled down over his eyes while his hand rested upon a cannon that he patted absentmindedly as if it were a favorite horse, he had done valiant work for American liberty with his pen. From the time he touched our shores to the July morning more than thirty years later when Burr's bullet laid him low he was a force to be reckoned with.

And his was one of those natures, keenly alive on many sides, whose astonishing maturity of intellect did not snuff out the rest of life. He became "my boy" to Washington very early in his service, worked willingly at headquarters day in and day out with a sober application equal to Washington's own, yet contrived to snatch from such never ending drudgery youth's dear and fleeting joys. He brought gaiety even to Washington's mess table, courted black eyed Elizabeth Schuyler under the muzzles of British guns and in the years of their married life together managed with all his prodigious labors to bend social graces as well as the solid qualities of his mind to enriching their days and nights.

Besides being a great statesman, he was "an enjoying gentleman," to use the quaint old phrase. Tallyrand, corrupt and appreciative, looked upon him with amazement. "I avail divine Europe," he said, which, from a European of that day, about an American was near the highest praise. Hamilton's management of the treasury, without breath of scandal or self seeking, filled the Frenchman with even greater astonishment. "I have beheld one of the wonders of the world," he exclaimed—"a man who has made a nation rich laboring all night to provide his family with bread."—Helen Nicolay in Century.

### THIS PLANT IS A THIEF.

Dodder Steals All the Digested Food of Its Clover Neighbors.

Possibly he's too lazy to feed himself, or it may be that he came from a family of criminals and can't overcome his heredity. At any rate, he's a robber, a thief and a plunderer. None of these names is too severe, and if you doubt it ask the farmer, who knows him for the damage he does every year to the clover and alfalfa crops. The plant is the dodder.

Perhaps we can forgive the dodder for not preparing his own food, for he has nothing to prepare it with. Nearly all plants have chlorophyll, the substance which makes plants green and digests the food which they take from the ground and the air. The dodder has no chlorophyll.

So it has to turn robber to live. After the seed springs from the ground the dodder vine reaches out until it touches some other plant, clover, for example. It attaches itself to the clover stem by its tiny rootlets and begins to eat the food which the clover has taken and digested.

After awhile the root withers and dies, and the vine keeps reaching out for more victims, binding them together with its tiny threads. You probably have seen the small, pale, bell shaped flowers climbing over a field of clover.

Once dodder gets a hold in a clover field the farmer's only escape is to cut clover and dodder alike and burn the crop. And the farmer believes this death none too horrible for the little robber vine.—Philadelphia North American.

### The White of an Egg.

The white of an egg is made up of little cells filled with albumen. By beating the white these cells are ruptured and oxygen from the air is inhaled, which gives the white and light appearance to beaten eggs. The white of a stale egg will not inclose as much oxygen, will not be as light and as easily digested as that of the fresh egg and, of course, less valuable. The importance of beating the egg in cold, pure air is readily seen.

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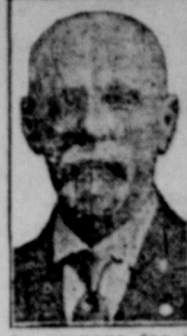
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It is one of the luxuries of an American to be permitted to discuss government and it is necessary if the United States is to hold its among the powers of the earth, for in our government the destinies of the nation must be decided by the citizen, the citizen, the efficient citizen, as well as efficient soldiers, better to settle problems the fireside, than on the ballot box, and abroad the fireside, than on the field. It is as important that we understand the true meaning of Independence and Constitution of the States as that we know how to point a gun or ship. To prepare for War requires an act of citizenship which requires only the act of the individual, the imperative duty of every citizen to study government.

The Declaration of Independence declares that all men are created equal with inalienable rights of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, and the Federal Constitution affirms that our government is formed for the benefit of ourselves and our posterity, but when and when is freedom of one person, class, sect or section another? Liberty and Tyranny are the same substance. They are both poles of freedom. No man can be oppressed except by the ties of another and no man can have civilized liberty without the ties of others.

Thomas Jefferson told King George that liberty was a divine right that the people were its custodians; that government was instituted for the people divine rights; that all men were created equal and that rulers must get their rights from the people—not the people rulers. Jefferson then proceeded to form a government by the people give to its citizens a larger amount of liberty than any other nation. But governments are limited in liberties they can grant to citizen or class. A pirate has more liberty and an outlaw more than it is possible for a government to grant its subjects.

Jefferson believed in giving God Almighty a free hand in making but when the liberty of any person or persons clashed with that of the majority then the majority must rule. He was willing to trust all with liberty, but unwilling to trust it to any part of them. The Constitution insures liberty to the people as a whole, but nowhere does it person, class or section liberty to subordinate the welfare of the people to their selfish interest. It is always "the people" who are to have liberty and never any part of them. Our government was formed and to be free from hyphenated liberties and to subdivide liberty is to American and offensive to Republican institutions. It is only the puts "Citizenship first," Federal, State and Community, to the end that is capable of enjoying the liberty of Jefferson and the American Washington.

### FROM THE PANHANDLE TO THE OZARKS IN A FORD.

Interesting Story Written by Memphis Young Lady While With Father and Mother on Trip.

The following description of a trip to the Ozark mountains in a Ford car will be of much interest to the people of Memphis as it was written by one of our most popular young ladies. The name of the writer will not be divulged until the story is completed. We will leave our readers to guess who is the writer until the story is completed. Following is the article:

"In the pleasant month of June, preparations were made for our family taking a trip to the Ozarks in the Ford. The necessary sewing, cooking, buying, making and fixing of all kinds took quite a bit of our time, so we found that we were not able to get off until about the first of July. We made ready a camping outfit, fishing tackle and everything we could think of necessary for a pleasant trip and packed and loaded in order to start early Monday morning, July 6. Papa's business detained him until eleven o'clock Monday, at which time he came to the house for us, mama, Marvin and myself. Bess having preceded us on the train with grandma. All being ready and anxious, we were soon off, Mrs. Johnsey having taken a snap shot of us, car, load and all ready to leave home. Having said good bye to all we were soon out of town and on our way to Hollis, Oklahoma, a little town fifty miles from Memphis that we expected to reach in few hours. About fifteen or twenty miles away we met several cars together and luckily stopped the last one only to find that they were neighbors to papa's sister who lives in Denison. Their name was Lacey and said they knew Mrs. Skinner and family, our relatives. They were on their way to Clarendon to spend the summer and had left the Friday before. We ate our first lunch about twenty-five miles from home at two o'clock. From there we had some pretty rough roads, being in the canyons and rocks. We were detained about fifteen or twenty minutes on account of a sliding, uphill place where papa used his shovel and improved it, but the Ford pulled in all right. We crossed a fork of Red river a few miles from Texas-Oklahoma line, which we reached about three o'clock.

So far we had seen some very pretty country and crops, tho' we passed thru' a ten mile mesquite pasture that looked very poor. In and about Oklahoma the feed crops were fine but cotton did not equal Hall county cotton. The roads were also good for some distance, the country being dry, yet neither dusty nor muddy. On nearing the pretty little town of Hollis we saw some of the prettiest alfalfa fields that I ever witnessed. Acres and acres were flowing with the delicate green and purple feed, for it was in full bloom and the fragrance was delicious.

We reached Hollis at four o'clock having gone fifty-two miles and only used two and one-half gallons of gasoline. We got gasoline and fresh water there, but while waiting at the garage we found a car of folks who were also traveling. On inquiring papa learned the man was a Mr. Daniels, Mr. Blanton's nephew and that he was on his way to Tulsa, Oklahoma, his

home, in a Ford. He worked done on his car, but a few minutes to have them which we enjoyed as we were to be alone when we After getting directions for Mangum we started again, li's car in the lead, and make Mangum by night, some of the choice grain of state thru that country. country seemed yellow and many of the crops were vested. We also passed a pretty little town.

Our company got quite us once while we were stop fresh water at a public well side pasture. For a time we had lost them but around a pretty hillside we selves hearing a bridge real pretty little stream stood our companions, waiting for our arrival. the name of the creek was of Red river. There we snap of our cars on the be Marvin's first picture shot home. We reached Mangum little city and quite a seven o'clock. Just outside we all stopped and got water from a home we water was so good and we were fortunate in cool water all along. At in the town our attention up to a balloon that was ed. We being interested and followed it till it fell some time came nearly of Mr. Daniel's car. We before leaving town and dusty drive out of town to be quite dry in thru the lite being the next thought we would make but found a school house about five miles from town all with one accord agreed there. A nice well of cold an open yard were very in place to spend our first specially after having in one hundred miles since that morning, making six hours. After eating sat up and talked and got with each other. Mr. Daniels had with them two about twelve and fourteen who were Mrs. Daniel's sides their own little so about five or six. We and made arrangements day's travel, and decide rise early and get off breakfast so we could be was cool and get in travel. Afterward we plan many times, and when we got hungry.

(To Be Continued Next)

Huge Gasser Near Corpus Corpus Christi, Texas. The huge gasser of the Ing Company at White has been burning for days, was snuffed out neither smoke, fire, gas since been projected crater, which has a width Experts believe the in, though there is no tion from the rim of the well produced 60,000,000 of gas daily.

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## SPORT LOVERS TO BE GIVEN INNING AT THE BIG SHOW

**BASKET BALL CARNIVAL WILL BE MADE FEATURE AT FORT WORTH, MARCH 13-18.**

## BIG AUCTION SALES TO BRING EXHIBITS

**Every Class of People Will Find Pleasure in Visit to National Feeders and Breeders Show.**

A great sporting carnival, which will include a basket ball tournament between many high-class teams, will be one of the side amusement features of the big National Feeders and Breeders show, to be held at Fort Worth, March 13-18.

In an effort to provide a greater variety of amusement than in previous years, the management of the show struck upon the sporting feature and has secured the co-operation of the newspapers and dozens of Fort Worth people with whom athletics is a hobby. This carnival will be staged in the big arena of the Coliseum and it is expected to draw hundreds—perhaps thousands—of people who have never yet attended a stock show and might perhaps have little interest in the central feature—the exhibits of fine livestock.

The sporting carnival is but one of the many amusement features that the show is providing for the delectation of the crowds during the big spring event. A splendid carnival company has been secured and will have numerous attractions on the Coliseum grounds. A wide variety of special attractions will be staged in the arena of the Coliseum between the judging in the different livestock events. There will be something doing every minute during the day and night shows.

In providing side features of amusement, however, the management of the show has not neglected for a minute the stock show and its sister exhibition, the Horse Show. Around \$18,000 in prizes has been provided for the day show alone. Every class and type of livestock in which the breeders of the Southwest are interested has been granted in the premium list, which was distributed several weeks ago to the producers of this section of the country. Entries already are arriving and there is every indication that the exhibit space will be more crowded than ever before in history. The date of the show was changed back to spring at the earnest solicitation of a host of the most prominent breeders and the show, therefore, will receive their heartiest co-operation.

Three big auction sales for Hereford, Shorthorn and Jersey cattle will prove of exceptional interest to the visitors interested in fine cattle. A larger array of cattle for sale is sure to be on hand and buyers are expected to flock here during the show from every section of the Southwest.

It is already assured that the Big Round-Up, a splendid wild west exhibition, under the direction of Miller Bros., of 101 Ranch Show fame, will attract larger crowds to the show by night than have been enjoyed in the past.

For the lovers of fine poultry, a more attractive offering than ever before will be provided at the fourth annual exhibition of the Fort Worth Poultry and Pigeon show, recognized as the greatest exhibit of the kind in the Southwest, which will be held in connection with the stock show. Indications are that at least 5,000 blooded birds will be on hand for the exhibition.

## ARMY OF PROGRESS WILL PITCH TENTS ON SHOW GROUNDS

**BABY BEEF AND PIG CLUB MEMBERS WILL COME TO FORT WORTH, MARCH 13-18.**

## TO BRING EXHIBITS

**Competition of Youngsters Will Be Among the Keenest of Great Stock Show—Many Special Events.**

A militant army of progress, imbued with the enthusiasm of higher ideals, will pitch its tents on the grounds near the Coliseum at Fort Worth during the twentieth annual National Feeders and Breeders show, March 13-18.

No bearded men, armed with the latest rapid fire rifles and hand grenades, prepared to wreak death and destruction upon an enemy, will be found in this army. On the contrary, it will consist of bright-faced boys armed only with a desire to better the interests of their state and nation through the upbuild of the livestock industry.

Yes, the baby beef and pig club members are coming to Fort Worth in number for the big stock show and they will camp in the shadow of the Coliseum. Practically every one of these youngsters will have exhibits of baby beef or pigs in the stock show and they are just as good boosters for the event as men who have followed its fortunes for twenty years.

The baby beef and pig club movement is little more than three years old but there are hundreds of clubs and thousands of members in this state today. The movement has spread to other states and proved popular. It is generally considered one of the most helpful innovations that the livestock industry has ever known because it is rearing a race of scientific and progressive stockmen in the Southwest. Soon after its inception, the National Feeders and Breeders show recognized the value of the movement and offered liberal premiums in the various classes in which the youngsters could give competition.

However, the baby beef show, large as it is in importance to the state and the exposition as well, will be but one of a host of features that will go far towards making the coming spring event the greatest that has ever been held at Fort Worth, the cowman's capital. Exceptionally liberal awards will be made in all the classes of the stock show and the night Horse Show. The latter event promises to be the most brilliant yet held. Practically all of the old-time exhibitors of fine horses will be on hand once more and many new ones will bring their animals here to compete for the magnificent prizes.

One of the comparatively new features of the stock show will be a great exhibit of Jersey cattle. The Jersey exhibitors have decided to make an exceptionally good showing this year and, inasmuch as Texas has been in the forefront of Jersey production within the past few years, the exhibit is sure to be one of the finest held in the United States for a number of years. An auction sale of Jersey cattle will be held one day during the show.

Any number of special features will be worked up for the show. The management desires to make the event alluring for those who haven't the slightest interest in livestock. Carnival attractions will be more elaborate than in the past and the Coliseum arena will be the scene of a host of thrilling and attractive special features.

The fourth annual exhibition of the Fort Worth Poultry and Pigeon association, which will be held in connection with the stock show, promises to be better than in previous years. A display of about 5,000 blooded birds, the best in the Southwest, is promised.

## BIG ROUND-UP TO BE NIGHT EVENT FOR STOCK SHOW

**WILD WEST ENTERTAINMENT WILL SUPPLANT MANY FEATURES OF HORSE SHOW.**

## NUMEROUS FEATURES

**Miller Bros. Will Direct Entertainment, Which Will Be of Varied Nature That Will Suit All Classes.**

Furnishing all of the thrills of a Wild West Show, tempered by an exhibition of fine horses, in keen competition, that will attract the usual society crowds, the Big Round-Up, the night entertainment of the National Feeders and Breeders show at Fort Worth, March 13-18, promises to be the most interesting event of the kind ever held in that city.

Miller Bros., owners of the 101 Ranch show, will direct the Big Round-Up, and they have promised dozens of unique and diverting features. Broncho busting and goat roping, two kinds of entertainment that always please and thrill, will be down on the program and experts from all of the big ranches from Canada to Southwest Texas will compete for the ample prizes that are offered.

The world's champion high-jumping horse, ridden by a woman sixty-five years of age, will be one of the special features. There will also be a troupe of trained ostriches, a sextet of educated mules and Miller Bros. famous high school horses. A herd of Buffalo also will be brought down for the night entertainment.

Miller Bros. now are actively engaged in lining up talent for the event that will supplant the regular Horse Show at Fort Worth. In changing the form of the entertainment, the management of the stock show felt that it should offer a show for everybody and expects that the Big Round-Up will draw a larger attendance throughout stock show week than has ever been enjoyed before.

But the Big Round-Up will be only one of the major features of a livestock exhibition that has never been equalled in this section of the country. A prize list of \$18,000 has been offered for the great day show, which draws exhibits of the finest livestock in the Southwest. With the best breeders acting in perfect harmony with the management of the show, there is every prospect that the great exhibit halls in the rear of the Coliseum will hold a greater number and finer array of blooded livestock than ever before in history.

However, the show this spring will be more of an exposition than in the past. In other words, while a display of fine livestock will remain the central feature, there will be many other things to entertain. The management of the show has closed a contract for a big carnival company, which will place a large number of attractions on the Coliseum grounds. It also is negotiating for a splendid array of special free features to be held in the Coliseum arena to divert between the judging of the different classes of stock.

The fourth annual exhibition of the Fort Worth Poultry and Pigeon association will be held in the big poultry hall adjoining the Coliseum building. At least 5,000 of the finest birds in the Southwest are expected to be on hand to compete for the most generous offering of premiums yet made. The Fort Worth exhibition is always the largest in this section of the city and it will be larger than ever this spring.

## A WEATHER MYTH

The Idea That the Old Fashioned Winter Was a Fury.

## FAMOUS FROSTS WERE RARE.

**Records Show That Remarkable Snowstorms and Long Seasons of Hard Freezing Were Not All the Rule. Testimony of Pepys and Evelyn.**

Perhaps the greatest of weather myths is the legend of the "old fashioned winter"—that prolonged season of ice and snow which is supposed to have held the land in its grip every year. So firmly has this idea been held for many years that it came as a shock when meteorologists first began to delve into the records of the past and prove its inaccuracy.

There can be no doubt that Charles Dickens, Washington Irving, artists who depicted winter scenes, and, in a later era, the Christmas number and the Christmas card are mainly responsible for the belief that up to about half a century ago the British winters were always extremely severe.

Such records as we possess prove the fallacy of the idea. No records of the weather were kept up to about fifty or sixty years ago, so that we have to rely on the statements of private diaries and old family records, and therefore it takes a lot of research to obtain any data at all.

In olden times no one troubled to make note of average weather, for writing was an art possessed only by few, and writing materials were hard to obtain; hence it is that mention is made only of something unusual, some abnormally mild winter or heavy fall of snow or prolonged frosts.

And when all is said there are comparatively few of the latter, although they were likely to be recorded, while the milder ones would be passed over. A few years ago there were published in France some notes concerning very mild winters in early times. Gregory of Tours tells us that 584 was exceptionally mild, as were the winters of 808, 834, 844 and 1007, when influenza was rife.

Another mild season occurred in 1229, when the birds are said to have hatched their young by February, while the weather journal of the Rev. William Merle, which is in the Bodleian library at Oxford, shows us that during the middle of the fourteenth century the weather was very much as it is now and that mild winters were not uncommon.

There were one or two mild winters during the next hundred years, the most notable one being that of 1495, when barley and corn were in the ear at the end of January. Writings of the sixteenth century have similar testimony to offer, the one or two exceptions only going to prove the rule because they aroused so much comment.

Pepys and Evelyn come to our aid from the middle to the end of the seventeenth century and prove conclusively that the old fashioned winter is a myth. The diaries of these famous writers have been analyzed, and as a result it is found that falls of snow are mentioned only thirteen times over nearly sixty years, while exceptionally heavy storms are referred to only three times.

In the same period there were but six prolonged frosts, and apparently only the famous one of 1683-4 and another a few years later were so severe as the modern ones of 1890-1 and 1895. In January, 1661, Pepys comments on the mild winter, and in December of the following year he notes that he awoke to find the roofs covered with snow, which he had not seen for three years.

Evelyn has the same story to tell—a few hard winters and many mild ones. Such years were 1686-7, Dec. 29, "Little appearance of winter as yet," and 1692-3, Feb. 4, "Hitherto an exceedingly mild winter—an extraordinarily dry and warm season, without frost and like a new spring, such as has not been known for many years."

Here and there we come across references to the weather which are just like the letters written to modern newspapers informing readers that "roses and primroses were in bloom in my garden on Christmas day." Gilbert White's record of the weather between 1768 and 1798 helps to end the myth, for the same number of years at the present day would show pretty much the same sort of weather, as thirteen of the Decembers were mild and wet.

There were mild winters in the beginning of the nineteenth century, as well as one or two severe ones, so that we may rest assured that the "old fashioned winter" was just like the new fashioned ones.—Ernest C. Pulbrook in London Family Herald.

**Stuck to His Rule.**  
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Boys' Agricultural Club Encampment School at Fort Worth, Texas, March 15, to 18, 1916.

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A. & M. College in co-operation with the National Feeders Show at Fort Worth. The camp will be installed by the Exposition on or near the Exposition grounds and will consist of comfortable quarters. All members of the Boys' Agricultural Clubs or

organization organized by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the A. & M. College of Texas are eligible to attend as delegates. All delegates will sleep and take their meals in camp. No charges will be made to delegates for meals and lodging. The

camp will be guarded day and night by competent and trustworthy guards.

The encampment will be under the supervision of H. H. Williamson, who will be assisted by Messrs. C. C. French, G. W. Eudaly, H. E. Winters and a committee from the Fort Worth Boy Scout organization. Mr. C. M. Eaves of the Extension Department will have charge of the instructional program.

Delegates will be divided into squads of ten to twelve each, and each squad will be under the direct supervision of a capable leader. All of the care possible will be exercised to insure the safety and comfort of all delegates.

Each delegate will be expected to bring for his personal use a suitable number of quilts or blankets for cover and at least two towels and a bar of soap.

The only expenses that are necessary for a delegate to incur in attending this Encampment will be his railroad fare and meals while enroute. There will be no expense for meals and lodging while at the Encampment. The round trip railroad fare will not likely be more than one and one-third regular straight rate. All club members desiring to attend this Encampment should inform their county agent at once in order that they may be designated as a delegate. Club members residing in counties that have no county agricultural agents should inform H. H. Williamson at College Station, Texas. Consult your railroad agent about train connections and inform us as to the train that you will arrive at Fort Worth on and the road on which you will arrive in order that you may be met promptly by the reception committee. All delegates should plan their trip in order that they will arrive at the Encampment grounds not later than 9:00 a. m. March 15.

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### WILSON ASSENTS TO USE OF NAME FOR CANDIDACY


Declaration is Made That He Is Entirely Unwilling to Enter Into a Contest for Presidential Nomination.

Washington, Feb. 14.—President Wilson today consented formally for the first time to the use of his name as a presidential candidate in the coming campaign. At the same time he declared he was "entirely unwilling to enter into any contest" for renomination.

This definition of the President's attitude in line with the plans of his political assistants is expected to bring into the open the campaign being made in his favor throughout the country.

Wilson's declaration was made in a letter to the Ohio secretary of state who had written that candidates for delegates from that state to the national convention must signify their choice for President by Feb. 25 and that no presidential candidates could be named in that connection without their consent. In several other states where no such requirements are imposed Wilson's name already has been placed on primary ballots and his friends generally have taken it for granted that he would be a candidate if convinced that there was any considerable demand for it.

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