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Heart of North Plains Wheat Belt Covered With Snow

SANTA FE HOME AND FARM DEMONSTRATION TRAIN WILL BE IN SPEARMAN FEB. 24

FARM AND RANCH CONDITIONS PERFECT

Following the half-inch or more of rainfall with which the Spearman country was blessed on February 5 and 6, came another half-inch of rain and several inches of snow just a week later. The entire country was covered with snow from Sunday afternoon until Wednesday, and indications are that more is to follow soon. The official rain gauge in charge of Fred W. Brandt at Spearman shows that we have had 2.8 inches of precipitation since February 1. As a snow storm is rather hard to record, the possibility is that much more than that given should have been recorded. The snow is reported lighter toward Guymon and Dalhart than at Spearman, but it was heavier in north Hutchinson county. Wheat farmers in the Spearman country, "Heart of the North Plains Wheat Belt," are jubilant over the great season, and prospects for another bumper wheat crop. Business men, and especially those who handle wheat harvesting machinery, are losing no time in making preparations to supply the demand of the farmers in this line. Business in all lines shows a decided improvement. The great rains and snows insure the 1928 wheat crop, almost.

Later—Snow is falling as the Reporter goes to press.

RENEWING MEMBERSHIP IN WEST TEXAS C. OF C.

J. E. Biggs of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, spent a day in Spearman this week in the interest of that big organization. Mr. Biggs was looking after the business of renewing membership in the W. T. C. of C. and reports a mighty satisfactory reception at Spearman. This town and community responded 100 per cent strong for membership, which is positive evidence that the people here wish to do their part in every way in the development of the great southwest. Mr. Biggs states that he wishes to thank the citizens here for the hearty cooperation and support accorded him while in the city.

Graduates of Spearman High School Organize "Alumni Association"

On Wednesday evening, February 8, a number of the graduates of Spearman High school met at the school building for the purpose of organizing an Alumni Association. After a round-table discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried that permanent officers be elected from among those present. The following officers were elected:

Barney Sparks President
Mildred Ward Vice President
Opal Cline Secretary-Treasurer
Ruth Prutsman Publicity

After much discussion it was decided that a committee be appointed to send out membership cards to all old grads. of Spearman HI. When these cards are properly signed and returned to the secretary, the signer becomes a member of the Alumni Association. This membership committee is composed of Mildred Ward, Alta Hays and Lerene Morton. The president appointed a committee to draw up a constitution and by-laws, to be submitted to the organization at the next regular meeting. Members of this committee are Paul Thompson, Walter Fulbright, Lillie Hazelwood, Thad McMurry and Mae Raney. The next meeting of the A. A. will be held on Friday night, February 24, at 8:00 o'clock, in the study hall of the high school building. All old grads. are requested to be there and take a part in the proceedings. The constitution and by-laws will be read, criticized and adopted; activity and financial committees will be appointed, and other important matters will be attended to. This is a social organization, with membership restricted to graduates of Spearman High school. In order to make a success of the organization, each member must willingly shoulder his part of the responsibility.—Contributed.

DEATH OF JAMES REED

The entire community was shocked on last Sunday morning, February 11, when it was learned that James Reed was dead. He died Sunday morning at 11:45, at his home 16 miles southeast of Spearman. Mr. Reed had been complaining some for the past month, but apparently had almost entirely recovered. His sudden and unexpected death came as a great shock to the family and host of friends. Funeral services were held at the Union church in Spearman, conducted by Rev. O. M. Addison, on Sunday afternoon, followed by interment in Hansford cemetery. Despite the inclement weather and almost impassable roads, a goodly crowd of friends accompanied the remains to the cemetery. His death was caused from a throat trouble.

James Reed was born on March 2, 1855, in DeKalb county, Alabama. He came to Cook county, Texas, in 1875. On July 4, 1886, he was married to Miss Isadora Dellinger, of Forestburg, Montague county, Texas. To this union were born two sons, Dennis and Claude. The latter passed away on October 5, 1917, and is buried at old Hansford. Dennis is at home with his mother. Mr. Reed was a consistent member of the Baptist church for more than fifty years, and was one of the most highly respected citizens of the north plains country. The family located in this country in April, 1905, and have resided on their fine farm 16 miles southeast of Spearman since that time. This fine, kindly old gentleman will be greatly missed in this immediate section and his friends throughout the entire north plains country will learn of his death with genuine sorrow and regret.

PLEASE SIGN 'EM

The Reporter frequently receives a communication from someone which we would like very much to print but can not do so for the reason that the writer failed to sign their name to it. We want the signature merely as evidence of good faith; not necessarily for publication. But please sign your letters to the Reporter. An anonymous letter is n.g.

INTERNAL REVENUE MAN

For the convenience of those who are required by law to file Federal Income Tax Returns, a Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue will be at First National bank, Spearman, Texas, on March 8 and 9, 1928, to assist taxpayers in preparing their returns. No charge will be made for this service. The matter of filing income tax returns should be given immediate attention, in order to avoid penalty and interest.

Returns for the calendar year 1927 should be filed not later than March 15, 1928, with the Collector of Internal Revenue for the district in which the taxpayer resides or has his principal place of business.

Form 1040A should be used if the income is derived chiefly from salaries and wages and does not exceed \$5,000. Form 1040 should be used for net incomes of more than \$5,000, or net incomes regardless of amount if derived from a profession or business, including farming, or from rents or sale of property.

GEO. C. HOPKINS,
Collector of Internal Revenue.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICIALS ARE BUSY

President Jot Horton and his board of directors of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce are a real busy bunch these days. This organization sees some wonderful development for Spearman and the Spearman country in the immediate future and is not overlooking anything that will help this development along. Every citizen of the town and community should help out with this work. The chamber of commerce is working for the best interests of all, and everyone should help.

JOHNNIE LACKEY SELLS BUSINESS TO C. F. CAMPBELL

A deal was completed the first of the week by which C. F. Campbell of Texhoma becomes the owner of the J. F. Lackey Clothing Company business in Spearman. The new owner also takes over the cleaning and pressing business operated by Mr. Lackey, and Mr. Brandt will remain in charge of the same. The stock of clothing, shoes and gent's furnishings was invoiced on Monday and Tuesday, and Mr. Campbell took charge of the business. He has an announcement in this week's issue of the Reporter. Mr. Campbell informs the Reporter that he will move his family here from Texhoma about March 1, and will become a full-fledged citizen of Spearman. He has been a resident of Texhoma for years, was at one time postmaster at there, and is a high-class Christian gentleman. Mrs. Fred Hoskins and Miss Vera Campbell, of the Fidelity Bank of Commerce, are his daughters. Mr. Lackey has not decided fully, just what he will do, but will devote considerable time to his farming interests out southwest of town.

HE DOESN'T WANT A CHANGE IN THE TRAIN SCHEDULE

Spearman, Texas
February 11, 1928

The Reporter,
Spearman, Texas,
DEAR SIR:

Why not protest against the future change in the train schedule? Do you realize that citizens going to Shattuck and from there to Amarillo will have to spend one night at Shattuck, or if they were coming from Amarillo to Spearman they would have to spend one night at Shattuck before continuing their journey? Is this fair to our citizens when perhaps you can protest and prevent this change. Other than doing this unfairness to our citizens it will cause Spearman to lose three or four families connected with this train. These families, I understand, own their own homes and have children in school. According to reports this change will go into effect not later than March 4, 1928.

A CITIZEN.

CHEVROLET PRODUCTION GREATEST ON RECORD

Production at the Chevrolet Motor Company factories throughout the United States is running at the greatest clip on record according to Bill McClellan local Chevrolet dealer who recently returned from Oklahoma City, where he attended the annual Texas-Oklahoma dealer meeting. More than 500 dealers and banker associates attended the meeting which took the form of the most comprehensive sales presentation ever staged in the automobile industry. All addresses were illustrated in the form of playlets, depicting the proper procedure to be followed in the successful operation of a retail automobile business.

The meeting was held under the direction of D. E. Ralston, assistant general sales manager, who declared in the course of the day that Chevrolet production for the first three months of the year would exceed 330,000 units if the present schedule is carried through.

Assisting Mr. Ralston in the conduct of the meeting were: Felix Doran, Jr., regional sales manager from Dallas; W. F. Doyle, Oklahoma City zone sales manager, and the following officials from the Central office in Detroit: D. G. Frazer, service promotion manager; W. G. Lewellen, assistant sales promotion manager; Gustaf Ek, assistant Commercial Car manager; D. U. Bathrick of the used car division and J. E. Rogers of the dealer accounting and management division.

Following the afternoon meeting the dealers and bankers were guests of the Chevrolet Motor Company at an elaborate banquet in the Huckins Hotel.

The meeting was the 11th, of a series of 43 similar sessions that are being held this winter and spring from coast to coast.

Read the Reporter.

BOXING EVENT AT AMARILLO ON FEBRUARY 20TH

Amarillo, Texas, Feb. 15.—On a card of boxing which will bring together the very pick of the lighter-weight boxers of the Southwest, the Tri-State Fair Association on February 20 is inaugurating a program of sport events & benefits for that institution, which proving popular, will mean that sport followers of the Panhandle may in the near future get to see the best that the mat and the ring affords the nation.

This spring carnival of sports is being staged for the benefit of the Panhandle as a whole, and upon its support and that of the city of Amarillo, depends whether even greater shows than that of February 20 can be staged.

Also an example of what is in store for the future, it is now planned to bring the winner of the Lewis-Stecher wrestling match at St. Louis to Amarillo at a later date. The winner of this match will be the recognized heavyweight champion.

One the boxing card of February 20, the Fair has arranged two main bouts, with preliminaries to make a total of 30 rounds. The main bouts will go ten rounds. For this occasion there has been selected Wildcat Monte, lightweight champion of the Southwest to meet Eddie Murdock. Bobby Vincent was selected to meet Monte, but Murdock has since defeated Vincent and only the best are being selected.

The other main event will find Kid Granite, the Oklahoma "Rock Man," meeting Bud Chambers of Wichita, Kansas. Chambers is heralded as the best lightweight in the middle west, who once fought Ace Hudkins to a draw and beat Evers Hammer. Country Boy Lane was at first selected to meet Granite, but Lane later met defeat, hence the substitution.

The exhibition will be staged at the city auditorium, a six and four round even of fast lighter boys filling out this tip-top card.

Popular prices of \$2 ringside, \$1.50 lower floor, and \$1 balcony will prevail. Reservations should be made with J. E. Biggs, assistant manager of the Board of City Development.

MCCLELLAN GRAIN COMPANY REPORT SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL

The R. L. McClellan Grain Company report a very successful two-day session of the Big Free Power Farming Meeting held here on Friday and Saturday of last week. Large crowds attended both days, and were greatly interested in the moving picture displays of farm machinery and farm products, and the talks by the machinery experts sent here by the J. I. Case people. The idea of the two-day meeting was purely an educational one, and it was indeed gratifying to Mr. McClellan that so many farmers seemed to appreciate his efforts in trying to supply them with the very best in farming machinery and to furnish them with the latest information and methods being used in power farming. All who attended the meetings seemed to be greatly pleased with the programs.

WHITE FACE COWS BRING \$125 PER HEAD

Walter Wilmeth recently sold to Ross Chisum of the Lieb country, 35 head of White Face cows at \$125 per head. Only a few years back, we could have reversed this price paid and number sold. That is, we could have said that Walter sold 125 White Face cows at \$35 per head. But the cattle business has staged a come-back, and it is well that it did.

TALKING ABOUT FRED

Fred Hood, of Spearman, district manager of the Panhandle Lumber Company, spent Monday and Tuesday at the local yard. Mr. Hood is a congenial and public-spirited business man and the city of Spearman may well feel proud of his citizenship. The Panhandle Lumber Company is ably represented in the person of Fred W. Hood, who is a friend to all who form his acquaintance.—Miami Chief.

NON-RESIDENT LAND OWNERS HOLDING UP DEVELOPMENT

Many inquiries for farm land are coming to the Reporter shop these days. We always refer those making inquiry to our real estate men. In conversation with local real estate dealers, we learn that farm land is hard to find right now. That is, there is no land to rent. This does not seem possible, but it is a fact. In a county, 30 miles square, 95 per cent of the land of which is tillable, there is no land to rent. Our real estate dealers claim that non-resident land owners are in a large measure, responsible for this condition. Many of them have owned land in this county for years, but they can not realize what is taking place here. They even, in some cases, ask about a grass lease. The day of the grass lease is gone, never to return. These are the days of wheat, oats, barley and row crops. Just now the demand is for land for oats, barley and a row crop. Non-resident land owners should put improvements on their land consisting of fencing, well, windmill and in some cases a residence and barn. By making these improvements the land will bring in more income in one year than it will in the next twenty years if it remains idle. This fine land is too good to lie idle; too expensive to bring to its owner only the small pittance paid for grass lease. Everyone wants to see the country developed. It can not be developed as long as the land lies idle. Land that will produce from 15 to 45 bushels of wheat per acre should not be idle. The non-resident should not hinder the work of the men who are here on the ground, spending their time and money in developing the country, by absolutely refusing to allow his land to be put in cultivation.

Hansford county will make wonderful strides forward during the next year. This forward movement should not be hindered by men who will be benefited by it.

LYNX WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

The Lynx boy's basketball team of Spearman High school, won the championship of this district, and left today at noon for the big district meet at Canyon, which will be held Friday and Saturday.

Hansford County Singing Convention to Meet Here on Sunday, March 4

McnABB LAND COMPANY INCREASES SALES FORCE

Walter Jackson, prominent real estate man of Spearman for the past two years, has recently joined the sales force of the McNabb Land Company. Mr. Jackson is recognized as one of the best real estate men in this section, and will add considerable pep and push to the already strong force of salesmen identified with the McNabb Land Company. W. S. McNabb, manager of the Spearman branch of the McNabb Land Company, says that he expects 1928 to be a banner year for the north plains country, and he is making arrangements to that end. "The recent good rains and snows almost insure us another big wheat crop, and conditions in general are very encouraging, and point to a big year in real estate circles," says Mr. McNabb.

OPENING DAY AT RUSSELL'S STORE A GREAT SUCCESS

Opening Day at the new Russell Dry goods and grocery store in Spearman was an interesting event to the friends and patrons of this popular institution. Crowds thronged the new store all day and Mr. Russell was well pleased with the results. The entire stock is now moved from the old place of business, south of the Panhandle Lumber Company, to the fine new building on Main Street, and with the new stock of dry goods, clothing, ladies' ready-to-wear, etc., makes a splendid stock. Russell's store is now one of the show places of the town.

Read the Reporter.

EXPECT BIG CROWDS HERE ON THAT DAY

Itinerary of the 1928 Texas Farm and Home Demonstration Special, which will be operated by the Santa Fe Railway Company and the A. & M. College of Texas co-operating, shows that the special will be at Spearman on Friday, February 24, from 9:00 a. m. until after noon.

The special will be an eight-car train and four of the cars will carry specially prepared agricultural and livestock exhibits. Specialists of the college will deliver lectures on the latest and most approved methods of farming and livestock raising, the talks to include dairying, poultry raising, hog raising, fertilizing, soils, livestock feeding and breeding, boys and girls farm club work, home demonstration work and other topics. Meetings at the various stops will last from two to three hours. An electrically controlled voice amplifier will be used at the open air meetings.

Of an agricultural educational nature, the program will stress diversification and the exhibits and lectures have been designed to bring to the attention of Farmers the results of late experiments in agricultural development. Following the lectures visitors will be invited to go through the train. Passenger coaches will be used for meetings in inclement weather. The speaking program has been arranged so as to interest women and children as well as men and questions concerning farm problems will be invited.

The special will be run by the Santa Fe and the speakers & exhibits will be furnished by the A. & M. College of Texas. President T. O. Walton of the college and Oscar B. Martin, new director of the Extension Service, expect to accompany the special, on part of the tour. J. F. Jarrell, manager of agricultural development of the Santa Fe, will be in general charge of the train which will include baggage car, horse car, flat car, two exhibit coaches, storm coaches and two business cars. The flat car will be used for lecture and demonstration purposes.

L. F. Dinan, agricultural agent of the railway, will handle the program and details for the local meetings.

Hansford County Singing Convention to Meet Here on Sunday, March 4

W. W. Grooms of the northwest part of the County was in town last Saturday. Mr. Grooms is President of the Hansford County Singing Convention which will hold its next meeting in Spearman on Sunday March 4. He is expecting a large turnout from all portions of the county and is looking forward to a great day if weather conditions are at all favorable. Mr. Grooms says he wants it generally understood that at a prior meeting of this convention it was unanimously agreed to discontinue the custom of serving "dinner on the ground," for the main reason that it inflicts too much of a burden on the good women of the community and takes too much time from the convention. It is suggested by him that those desiring to do so just bring a small lunch which can be eaten quickly and then get back to the main business of the day—which is singing.

To the Reporter:

We would like, through the courtesy of your good paper, to extend to everybody, wheresoever they may be located, a cordial invitation to attend the Hansford County Singing Convention to be held in Spearman on Sunday March 4, 1928. Let everybody arrange ahead of time to attend this convention and do not let anything interfere with your coming. Come in the morning. Be here by ten o'clock for the beginning of the program. Do not take time to prepare an elaborate dinner, as we will serve sandwiches and coffee for lunch and that will keep the bunch in singing condition, and singing will be our main business. Come.

A. F. BARKLEY,
Local Chairman.



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A FEBRUARY GARDEN

February is an especially satisfying period for the amateur gardener. It is the season when he begins to plan for the next summer's plot in the backyard. A half dozen catalogs, a comfortable chair, a warm room and a credulous imagination constitute the equipment needed for growing a splendid garden—in winter.

The results of one's efforts are much more nearly perfect now than will be possible next summer. One needs merely to look at the vegetables, fruits and flowers portrayed in the catalogs and let fancy have free play. The advantages now over endeavors later lies in that one does not have to spade refractory soil, does not have to contend with frosts' effect on tender plants; there are no blights on gardens in imagination, floods do not drown or dry weather wither, bugs do not consume nor do the forays of neighbors' chickens exasperate. It is the only perfect season for a garden.

Only at this season can one hope to reach the perfection in products which the catalogs portray. One's hopes steadily vanish as one progresses from the anticipation to the realization, therefore let anticipation have free play now. Realization will be enough of a disappointment at best. "Aim high" is an old maxim. Surely the seed catalog designers do not offend in not placing the goal high enough. Their standard often outlofts the lofty.

As spring comes and one takes up the practical phase of the problem of a garden the prospect will appear less promising. It is easier to plan hard labor than to perform it. There is no excellence without great labor, the old-time copybooks told us, and that is the reason February, or thereabout, is the best time for growing a garden. It doesn't require much labor. Next summer it will be different. Do it now.

LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE

Some people think that it would be fun to look ahead and see what the future holds. But it is doubtful if any average person could stand the strain.—American Magazine.



W. A. SUTTON

Breeder of Registered Big Bone

DUROCS

A GOOD sire is half the herd;

A few good fall boars for sale now. Spring Pigs for Sale about May 1.

One Mile North of Spearman Equity

SEWING MACHINE, COMES BACK TO PLACE IN NICEST HOMES

The old sewing machine, always the Cinderella of household furnishings, has come back into the best of homes in such a guise that it ranks in beauty with any other furniture.

Discovery that prosperous women who years ago gave up home sewing are resuming their interest is made by the household editor of Farm & Fireside and she attributes the renewed popularity of the art to the increased beauty of sewing machines.

"The old fashioned machine," she says, "was an awkward looking thing, out of harmony with everything else in the average room. Now the attractive cabinet in the corner, or the handsome mahogany table standing boldly against the wall and bearing flowers and books is just as likely to be a sewing machine. The new electric models come in such forms that they are utterly disguised and they are even more useful than their homely predecessors."

With modern improvements that have been made in the machines, home sewing has become a much easier task, the article continues, and this fact, together with the trend toward simplicity in present day clothes makes possible a new dress much more frequently than in the old days. Letters received from women everywhere show that home sewing is gaining great headway, the household department of the magazine finds.

THE PERFECT CITY

Any city which hopes to become a beautiful, well-ordered, free, organic municipality must accept new standards and find ways and means of applying them to itself. Certain it is that any limitations placed upon a progressive municipality should be broad enough to make it possible to undertake such steps, in the interest of future development, as are necessary to put into constructive operation the new standards which are generally accepted.

In the final analysis, it must be clear that a city which makes wise use of its opportunities imposes no real burden upon anyone.

Spearman is not a perfect city. There is no perfect city. But when the perfect city is evolved there is no reason why Spearman should not be that city. Perfection is not merely a matter of population. To the contrary, the perfect city may be the smallest, but it must be the best place in which to live, the most satisfactory place in which to work and transact business and the most attractive place for visitors. It must be the city which stands out pre-eminently as the city of friendliness and neighborliness—the city that loves to give attention to the little things that make visitors and sojourners desire to return into its fold on every possible occasion. It must be that city with the love of service developed to as high a degree as any city anywhere may hope for and expect.

Cities have the ambition to ascend to great heights when they have built their foundation with an understanding of the main essentials which go into the development of municipal prestige and good will. Without these attributes some cities may become richer and larger, but they do not and can not become better.

SEND CHILDREN TO BED EARLY

Children, aged 4 years, need 12 hours sleep a day; aged 5 to 7, 11 to 12 hours; 8 to 11, 10 to 11 hours; and 12 to 14, 9 to 10 hours. Children grow mainly while sleeping or resting. Do you want yours to grow up stunted? Tired children learn badly and often drift to the bottom of the class, do you want yours to grow up stupid? When children go to bed late their sleep is often disturbed by dreams and they do not get complete rest, do you want yours to sleep badly and become nervous? Sufficient sleep draws a child upward and onward in school and in home life. Insufficient sleep drags it backward and downward; which way do you want your child to go? Tired children are often only tired children; test the truth of this. That a neighbor's child is sent to bed late is not a good reason for sending your child to bed late; two wrongs do not make a right. Going to bed late is a bad habit, which may be difficult to cure; preserve till you succeed in curing it.

BILL JONES AND HIS SIGNATURE

Do you remember in that lovable play "Lightnin'" where Bill Jones comes in with his pension-check from the Government, how with his air of importance, he said: "See all them names on there—Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of War and so on? Well this check ain't no good

unless I sign my name to it." Well! Bill gives us "Something To Think About."

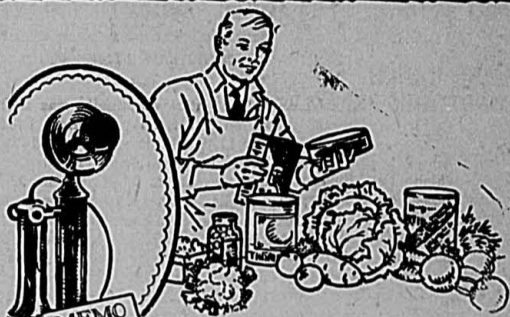
Bill was right. It took his name as an endorsement to make that scrap of paper valuable.

I often think that all of us fail to realize the full value of our signatures. Those of you who have notes coming due at regular intervals, probably know a little about how valuable your signature is, for without it, those notes would only be

"scraps of paper."

A new year is here, and with it perhaps has come some obligations, so this article urges you to guard your signature with care for it is indeed very valuable—to the other man, when you sign it, unless it happens to be on a piece of paper like the one that came to Bill.

It is getting harder all the time to say which beverages and blondes are synthetic.



"Fresh Eatables"

Mark It On the Memorandum Pad To be sure of getting delicious food at the minimum cost phone 27. You'll get prompt deliver every time.

Now that we have that long looked-for rain and snow, keep your feet out of the mud and water with a pair of **Goodrich Overshoes or Zippers** we have a full line in stock.

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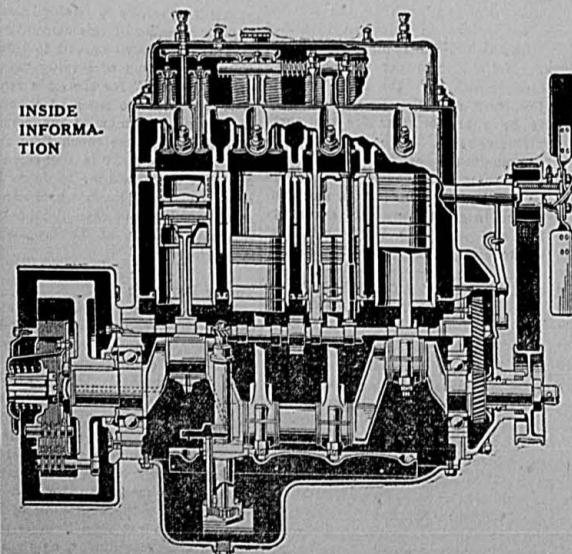


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Spearman Hardware

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AMERICAN DEMAND FOR RUBBER OPENS AFRICAN EMPIRE

Progress of Plan to Create Our Own Source of Supply in Liberia Foreshadows Freedom from Foreign Control

The business of building a new empire in Africa is well advanced. American energy and American methods are converting one corner of that primitive world into something like a miniature America. Before long the far land of Liberia will have modern schools, power plants, motor roads, chain stores and other familiar institutions of American life. Already our movies afford the natives a glimpse of us at home. Engineers, agricultural specialists, medical men and more of many crafts make up this army of empire builders. All of this is possible because, for the first time in the march of the centuries, organized progress has come to a land that endures almost as it was in the beginning.

Even the name of Liberia falls strangely upon the ear in this hurrying world of ours. But the man with a smattering of his geography still in mind will recall that the country lies a degree or two above the equator, almost at the western tip of Africa. If his history is as clear as his geography he will remember that Liberia was the first and continues to be the greatest of the negro republics. Colonized a hundred years ago by some of our freed slaves, it was soon to become the scene of the black man's original experiment in self government.

That he has justified many hopes is proved by the position of Liberia today, a country stirred by the touch of Western progress. Its resources are a guarantee of future development. Politically it is well established. When the League of Nations convenes Liberia has a seat at the round table. Relations with our own country have been especially close; in fact Liberia looks to America as its best friend. But in spite of old ties and natural friendship, we never took an active part in Liberian development until the last year or two.

Thus the little republic founded under such stress has gone along its way, doing as best it might. Beginning with nothing, a great deal has been accomplished. Descendants of the colonizers have brought a measure of civilization to the 2,000,000 natives. But the task was a huge one indeed and progress limited to the means at hand. Doubtless the history of Liberia, of all western Africa, would have continued its slow evolution if the needs of modern America had not turned interest that way.

Indirectly the automobile was destined to alter the course of history. With the automobile came the world need for rubber. Although this precious substance was first found in the Amazon valley, control and development long since passed to the Middle East, where British and Dutch planters now raise practically the whole supply. In an effort to "corner" this supply the British government passed a restriction measure that has cost the American automobilist untold millions since 1922.

Apparently there was no means of relief; certainly no early relief. It takes five years for a rubber tree to become productive and such trees can be cultivated only within a few degrees of the equator. Seemingly the American consumer could do nothing but pay the bill. Yet there was something that might be done. Harvey S. Firestone, president of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, sat down in his private office at Akron, Ohio, and wondered how he should undertake the job.

Mr. Firestone was one of the pioneers in tire manufacture. He probably knows as much about the subject as any other man. And he reasoned that the increasing need for rubber meant complete surrender to foreign growers unless a new source could be found. But how to find it? The answer involved a world search of more than two years, which ended in Liberia. Climate, soil, government, people—everything invited to the biggest industrial enterprise known to western Africa. It really is much more than that—the conversion of the primitive.

In this way the empire builders turned eastward, instead of westward, as the course of empire has been said to travel. They were a force of young men, carrying surveyors' chains; of young doctors, bearing their instruments; of experts in soils, digging everywhere; of trained "rubber men" and every trade needed to hew the empire from its pristine fastness. Surely American business never knew a richer romance. Not since the winning of the west have we engaged in such an enterprise. Where the west was won by many men, a generation of men engaged in a national effort, the new empire is to be the creation of a single organization.

Once convinced Liberia met American needs Mr. Firestone launched the undertaking with a vigor that has accomplished much in a short time. The

beginning was not made without ominous predictions. Voices overseas and at home pronounced the climate "impossible," the labor supply un dependable, the plan visionary. Yet the facts were plain enough. Climate, soil, government, people, were friendly. Only that long five years lay between the first planting and the first rubber. Then the Firestone plantations would be a whole month nearer to New York than the Middle East rubber ports. An American-owned, American-raised supply would replace one arbitrarily controlled, subject to foreign dictation at any time.

It is now almost two years since the rubber pioneers went into Africa. They took over 2,000 acres of trees planted some years before, a plantation that has yielded well. This small acreage merely proved the possibilities of the Liberian concession, granting 1,000,000 acres anywhere in the republic's boundaries. The real task was to locate suitable plantations and get them started toward cultivation.

The statement conveys no hint of the difficulties. We must think of a country without railroads, highways or river craft big enough to serve any worth while purpose. A few miles from the coast lies the jungle; the jungle that was in the beginning of time, a place of mystery, vast depths, unknown things. It even encroaches down to the coast, awaiting the white man, ready to mock him.

Into this jungle went the "rubber men." They ventured two years ago, but the span of their effort is hardly longer than a year. And a monumental year it has been, filled with achievement, golden in promise. So far they have established two plantations. One of them includes 50,000 acres about forty miles from the Liberian capital of Monrovia, a city named for our own President, James Monroe. This plantation on the Du River has flourishing American town as its center.

The visitor might think himself in any typical western camp of the "boom" days. But it is rather better than a "boom" camp. A central power plant supplies light and current and operates a refrigeration and pumping system for the community. The

American staff has a recreation field and comfortable quarters, living in the counterpart of American bungalows transplanted to Africa. A hospital serves American and native workers; hygiene goes hand in hand with industry. Here it is that the American staff comes in the evening to read last month's papers and talk about home. But their new home is not so very different from those left behind in America. It is not hard to foresee gravel streets and traffic policemen for this town by the Du. Already a system of chain stores operated in connection with the larger enterprise supplies every need that one may have in a far land. Things like American soap, tooth paste, matches that really strike, with hundreds of other incidentals necessary to the art of living, can be bought over the counter on the Du as easily as on Main Street. In the past Liberia's cost of living has been somewhat high. English and Dutch traders have set the prices just about as they pleased and always with a liberal profit to themselves. The new stores will soon make it possible to buy almost any ordinary article at American prices. This intervention has been of wide benefit to the Liberian population.

Laying out a rubber plantation involves more human effort than any simple description could convey. First the land must be cleared of its great old trees and undergrowth. Then comes the burning and the stumping—just as a farmer clears new ground. Next the ground must be leveled and prepared for planting. After overcoming these varied difficulties the American forces have planted 15,000 acres within the year, a record for any organization in any country.

Five years from this writing the rubber seedlings will be sizable trees, and the rubber fluid (latex) will soon be converted into tires for the American automobilist, right from his own farm, so to speak. Next year it is hoped to raise the record several notches higher. But how many years will be required to plant 1,000,000 acres is a matter that nobody guesses about. The point of importance was planting the first 15,000—a long step toward the greater goal.

About 150 miles from the Du plantation is the second big field of opera-

tion, at Cape Palmas, twenty-five miles inland on the Cavalla River. Although the average cleared and the organization engaged is somewhat smaller this operation practically duplicates the other. Additional plantation will be established and each time there must be stores, power plants, hospitals and all the other essentials of life—created in the wilderness.

With both of the new plantations on rivers, but considerably removed from one another, it became necessary to join their activities by water transportation. The first of the Firestone fleet is the Duvalla, a hundred-foot schooner to ply along the coast. Others will follow as needed and the day seems not far distant when a trans-Atlantic service must be opened. Progress has arrived in Liberia; the past gives way rapidly to the present.

The staff of Americans carrying on this empire building has direction of 15,000 natives, a number certain to be largely increased as the work has hardly begun. Every article used in development up to this time has been transported thousands of miles. Scarcely a tool could be bought in the country. Each nail and screw had to be brought from home. In the work of hygiene these problems are multiplied and intensified. Everyone knows that tropical countries have a large quota of diseases. Liberia is more fortunate than many, though beset by common ailments. A Firestone endowment fund granted to Harvard University has made it possible for D. A. W. Sellards of the Tropical School of Medicine to study the Liberian problem. Instruction in hygiene, fever control, adequate hospitals are in prospect.

For some time American missionaries have contributed largely to education, as their funds and workers made it possible. But a comprehensive plan was needed, beginning with the youngest youngster and advancing to the adult. Representative educators and organizations are co-operating to that end. Meanwhile the Firestone interests have sent an experienced vocational instructor to Liberia for the purpose of establishing such education. The present year should see the first of the trade schools founded.

All observers agree that the Liberian native is reliable in character and quick to learn the white man's ways. The possibilities of uplifting the native population are considered exceptionally favorable. Each step lays its own special burden on the pioneers. Text books have been prepared for elementary instruction, covering the principles of physiology, arithmetic, geology and a suggestion of history. This instruction must be fitted to the native mind. Suppose we should tell a native child that Jack Frost came in the night and blew his breath on the window pane. That would be a meaningless bit of pleasantries as the Liberian youngster never heard of Jack Frost or saw his breath frosted on the glass or even a window pane itself.

One by one these difficulties are being overcome. Hardly any other enterprise of this scope ever advanced

so far with such good fortune. We may instantly recall the first failure at the Panama Canal, followed by the struggle of later years later years to complete "the big ditch." Or we may think of the first tunnel under the Alps. We have yet fresh in mind our difficulties in the Philippines, in Porto Rico. Never before has an American industry undertaken foreign pioneering on anything like this scale. It is empire building in the first person singular.

This latter day pioneering goes forward in the way of a big business enterprise. It is just another department of the industry. One of these days radio communication will be opened between Liberian plantations and the Akron factory. Then the head of the business may well say to his operator, "Just get Mr. Jones for me if he is in his office down on the Du." If Mr. Jones himself cannot be transported by any sort of magic we know, yet his words, his thoughts, his personality, can be whisked across those thousands of miles by the magic of the speaking wave.

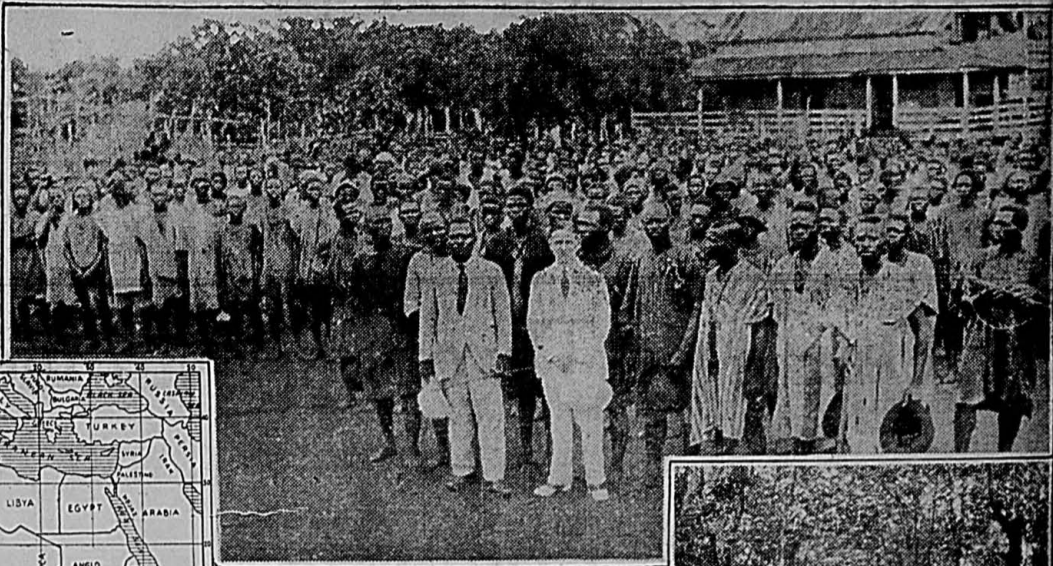
It is interesting to note that the Liberian government has embarked upon a series of improvements, along with those of private enterprise. The pioneers, having laid miles of good roads and planning many more, are encouraged to find the government working upon a system of its own. Then we may expect the busy motor car to flit along African roads in the way that we see it on our own. This public and private co-operation extends to education and public works of many kinds. The leaves are at work, Liberia is on the move.

Here, then, behold the miracle that rubber wrought. If it had not been for the automobile there would have been no need of tires. Without tires there could have been no vast store of wealth in Eastern rubber. Then we should have had in British restriction act and no occasion to open the latest empire. But since each of these things had to be in the course of progress it has brought much good, of light of the new day to a far land.

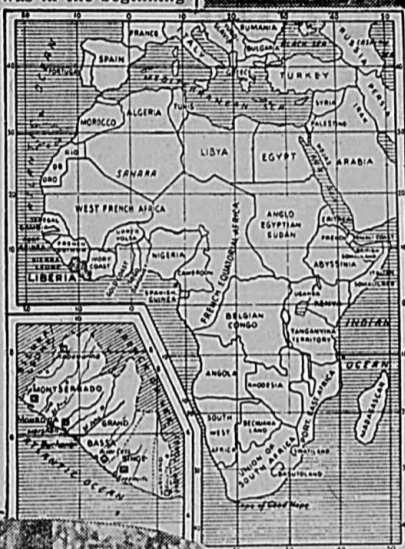
During the week Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., who has personal direction of the Liberian development, sailed for Monrovia on a tour of inspection. Mr. Firestone expects to return in about two months, ready to carry on and broaden the undertaking.

While in Liberia, Mr. Firestone will travel by the company's own ship, visiting the several plantations and other sites considered favorable for planting. It is hoped to improve upon the record of 1927 in the year to come. Rubber trees already set out in the first stage of operation are reported as making rapid progress, which encourages the belief that production from the trees will easily begin within the 5-year period. The area cleared in 1927 was about 20,000 acres and the 5,000 acres yet to be planted will soon come under cultivation. Other extensive areas are to be cleared during the coming season and planting pushed forward with all possible speed.

Mr. Firestone will not only inspect and organize the field force, but expects to give special attention to the task of supplying this force through



Above—500 natives who heard about the Firestone development and walked from the interior for 10 days to obtain work on a Firestone Plantation. They have just been examined and vaccinated by doctors and are ready to go to work.



Left—Liberia's place in Africa and (in the smaller map) the Firestone concessions, which are indicated by the black areas.



Mature rubber trees on Firestone Plantations in Liberia.



Inspecting opening up of groove in rubber tree to facilitate flow of Latex.

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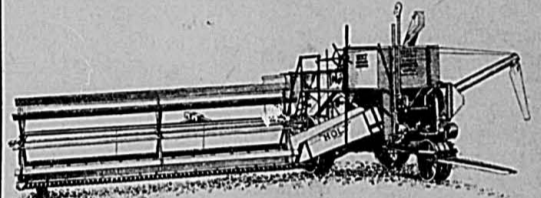
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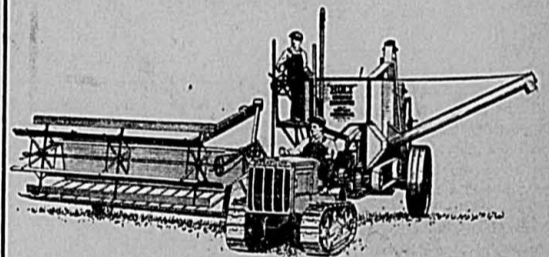
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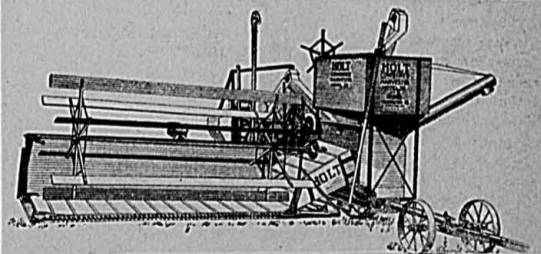


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to an aeroplane. So long as its motor, community co-operation, is functioning properly, so long as each working part is operating in harmony with other parts, the community will continue to mount to higher and better things. But when something goes wrong with that motor, when some part refuses to operate in tune with the others, when it burns up its essential fuel, community loyalty, then begins the long but sure descent to the old level.

Read the Reporter ads.

Watch an aeroplane some days as it soars gracefully into the heights. Smaller and smaller it grows and fainter and fainter becomes the roar of its whirlwind motor. But something goes wrong. The motor begins to sputter and miss. And backward toward the earth the graceful plane descends. The pilot has been forced down by something out of adjustment in that intricate motor.

We may compare our community

FATHER AND SON

The touching telegram from the elder Hickman to his feindish son has been commented upon by a number of papers in a sarcastic tone that appeals to the editor. None of us can spare much sympathy for the man who deserted his family for another woman, and now feels so distressed because the boy he left has turned out to be a vicious moron.

Neither can we spare much sympathy for the rich man who forgets about his family in the singled minded pursuit of wealth. Is the job of accumulating dollars more important than the duty of developing character?

When Theodore Roosevelt was guiding the affairs of this great nation, he found plenty of time to devote to his family. When he was off in Africa, or making his triumphal tour through Europe he was a pretty busy man, but he still found time to write long and amazingly interesting letters to his sons.

He recognized that the greatest duty confronting any man lies in influencing the development of his children's characters.

It does not take the boss long to declare war when he sees his employees "soldering."

Never apologize for calling by saying, "I was just passing and thought I would drop in." Better tell the prospect you have come quite a bit out of your way to see him.

SHE TOOK THE BAIT

"See what a wonderful bargain I got by buying out of town," said one of the editor's acquaintances recently.

It was a bargain, no question about it—a standard piece of merchandise considerably below the regular list price.

"Did you buy anything else on that shopping trip?" we asked. "Well, a number of things," came the answer. "Oh, no, they weren't such good bargains as this, but good values nevertheless."

The bargain she got was one of the typical "loss leaders" that big stores and mail order houses sell at cut rates, charging the loss off to sales promotion. They usually make up on something else.

We don't quarrel with their methods of doing business. But still the editor would rather buy everything at a legitimate profit from one of our merchants than to buy where he may have to make up the loss incurred upon the leader sold to some other shopper. The loss leader may be good bait, but we are not biting right now.

Don't overlook the clerk of today, from his ranks come the merchants of tomorrow.

When you "talk" a man into buying something, someone else is pretty sure to come along and "talk" him into being dissatisfied with it.

No employee has ever become so valuable to an organization but that there is a better man to take his place. P.S.—It might be a good idea for you to read that one over again.

NOTICE IN PROBATE

The State of Texas, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Hansford County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the County of Hansford, State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once a week for the period of ten days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof:

NOTICE

The State of Texas, To all persons interested in the welfare of said minors, to-wit: Russell Wayne Davis, age 10, and Glenn Allen Davis, age 9.

Bertha Davis has filed in the County Court of Hansford County, an application for non-resident guardianship of the said estate of Russell Wayne Davis and Glenn Allen Davis, minors, which will be heard at the next term of said Court in March A. D. 1928, at the Court House thereof, in the town of Hansford at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, if they see proper.

Herein fail not, under penalty of the law, and of this writ make due return. Given under my hand and seal of office, in the town of Hansford the 30th day of January A. D. 1928.

Attest: J. E. WOMBLE, Clerk County Court, 912 Hansford County.

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The State of Texas, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Hansford County—Greeting:

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NOTICE

The State of Texas, To all persons interested in the welfare of Jessie May Reed, and Con Wm. Reed, minors:

That W. S. McNabb, has filed in the County Court of Hansford County, an application for the appointment of Guardianship of the estate of Jessie May Reed and Con Wm. Reed, minors, which will be heard at the Court House thereof, in the town of Hansford at which time all persons interested in said minors, may appear and contest said application, if they see proper.

Here fail not, under penalty of the law, and of this Writ make due return.

Given under my hand and seal of office, in the town of Hansford the 5th day of February, A. D. 1928. Attest: J. E. WOMBLE, Clerk County Court, 912 Hansford County.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Hansford County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon George Long, Minnie Long, G. B. McKlaney, Effie McKinney, Everett Wilson and John Bolton, sometimes called Frank Bolton, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a

newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 31st Judicial District, but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 31st Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the 31st District Court of Hansford County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Hansford, on the 3rd Monday in March A. D. 1928, the same being the 19th day of March A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 14th day of January A. D. 1928 in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 468, wherein The White House Lumber Company, a Corporation, is Plaintiff, and George Long, Minnie Long, G. B. McKinney, Effie McKinney, Everett Wilson and John Bolton, sometimes called Frank Bolton are Defendants and said petition alleging being a suit wherein plaintiff sues the defendant on 13 promissory notes in the sum of \$50.00 each all dated July 13th, 1926, all bearing interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum from date until paid each providing for the payment of attorneys fees of ten per cent in event of suit thereon, the first note sued on becoming due on December 15th, 1926 and one note becoming due on the 15th of each succeeding month thereafter until December 15th, 1927 when the last note fell due; said notes being executed jointly and severally by each and all of said defendants except the said Bolton, said notes secured by a deed of trust on Lot number 11 in block 1 of the Original Town of Spearman, Hansford County, Texas and recorded in Book 12 of Deed of Trust records of Hansford County, Texas at page 524; that all of said notes with the interest on same are due and unpaid; plaintiff's petition prays for judgment for the said notes with interest thereon from date at 10 per cent per annum; costs of suit; foreclosure of the said deed of trust; attorneys fees of 10 per cent of the amount found to be due as provided in said notes and deed of trust for application of \$90.00 rent money from said property to said debt and further relief general and special in law and in equity that it may be entitled to.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed same.

Witness, J. E. Womble, Clerk of the 31st District Court of Hansford County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Hansford, Texas this the 20th day of January, A. D. 1928.

(Seal) J. E. WOMBLE, Clerk 31st District Court, Hansford County, 914.

NOTICE IN PROBATE

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NOTICE

The State of Texas, To all persons interested in the estate of Alfred Newell Spencer, a minor.

W. S. McNabb, has filed in the County Court of Hansford County, an application for the guardianship of the estate of Alfred Newell Spencer, a minor, of the age of 16 years, which will be heard at the next term of said county court, sitting in

probate, commencing on the 5th day of March, 1928, at the Court House thereof in the town of Hansford at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, if they see proper. Here fail not, under penalty of the law, and of this writ make due return. Attest: J. E. WOMBLE, Clerk County Court, Hansford County, 912

Take my tip and stay off of the continuous job hunter with a pocketful of "To whom it may concern" letters. As Rube Goldberg would say, "they don't mean anything."



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For County Judge

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For County Judge

W. R. GOODWIN

For Commissioner Precinct No. 4

C. T. RODGERS

R. W. HUFFSTUTTER

J. R. KIRK

Herbert Hoover, present secretary of commerce, formally announced his candidacy for the presidency the first of the week, by giving Ohio republicans permission to use his name in the selection of delegates to the republican national convention. Other republican candidates for president are Senator Willis of Ohio, Senator Curtis of Kansas, Watson of Indiana and Lowden of Illinois. Our guess is that Secretary Hoover will be nominated and elected.

There are more real opportunities today than there are real men. P.S. Do you get that?

It is again time for the Santa Fe to begin thinking about moving a tremendously large wheat crop from the plains country.

The rains and snows have interfered considerably with the work of putting in Spearman's sewer system, but Superintendent Moore is pushing the work whenever and wherever possible.

Pampa will again try to win the county seat of Gray county from LeFors in an election to be held on March 9. This is Pampa's third trial and the fourth county seat election for Gray county. McLean tried for the county seat in 1908. Pampa is developing into a wonderful little city and will likely win the county seat on March 9.

Hansford county produced three million bushels of wheat in 1926. The acreage for 1928 is three times as large as that of 1926. The prospects for a bumper crop are much better now than at this time in 1926. The first moisture did not come until March in '26, while we have a splendid season in the ground in February, '28. What will the harvest be?

Spearman's paved streets have been worth the money and more during the recent rains and snows. It is possible to get about town in perfect comfort, for the first time since the town was established. And the sidewalks in the residence section have also been a wonderful help. The only possible objection is: more pavement and more sidewalks are needed.

J. C. Denison, well known to old-timers of this section, is a candidate for commissioner of the Guymon precinct, Texas county. In making his announcement Uncle Jim says: "I previously served you as commissioner and did my best to serve you honestly and fairly. No one can show to the contrary. I expect a good many votes because I was honest. Also expect to lose a good many for the same reason."

Every newspaper man in west and north Texas, northwest Oklahoma and eastern New Mexico should attend the meeting of the Panhandle Press Association to be held at Childress on April 20 and 21. Among the well known newspaper men and edu-

cators who will appear on the program are: Dean Walter Williams of the University of Missouri, Joe J. Taylor (State Press), of the Dallas News, J. H. Allison of the Wichita Falls Daily Times, and Paul J. Thompson of the University of Texas. An interesting program has been arranged and Childress will just fairly spread herself in the matter of entertainment.

The coming of the Santa Fe Farm and Home Demonstration train to Spearman on Friday, February 24, will be another big event in the life of our town and community. Remember five years ago, when the Santa Fe "Cow, Sow and Hen" train came to town? It was just like circus day, in so far as the crowd was concerned. Everyone had a great day; a pleasant and profitable day. The Farm and Home Demonstration Train will be more interesting than was the Cow, Sow and Hen train. Be on hand Friday, the 24th, see the exhibits and hear what the speakers have to say. It is fortunate that the train will be here during the day time, that the farmer folks may come in, attend the big doing and return home before nightfall.

SPEARMAN'S BUSINESS DISTRICT

The present generation has seen the business district of Spearman and the individual business establishments of that district spread out and blossom forth like the foliage of spring. The transformation in the general appearance "downtown" has been marked while that of many stores has been quite remarkable.

There is only one explanation for this improvement and that is general prosperity, not here and there a successful merchant but a thriving and progressive business district. The merchants of Spearman are prospering and they are passing along their property to their customers and their community in better stores, modern and artistic show windows, more convenient and accessible interior arrangements for the display of their stocks and better and larger stocks.

But there must be an explanation for this prosperity and that explanation can only be more business. More people are buying at home and more people from adjacent towns and rural sections are coming to Spearman to buy. Business prosperity here has been built upon a foundation of adamant rock without inflation or speculation. The business district and its individual units have grown and improved only as rapidly as business has grown and improved.

And here again explanations must be forthcoming. Why this "bigger business"? Business has always come to those who deserve it. The merchants of Spearman have deserved to win the smile of "better business" because they have supplied the stores, the stocks, the quality and the prices to attract it.

MAKE MORE MONEY WITH POULTRY

Bigger profits from poultry. Send for FREE BOOK. Tells about latest methods developed by years of experience. Also tells about new markets for poultry products, future outlook for business, and includes Incubator and Brooder catalog. WRITE TODAY; NO OBLIGATION

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Eggs for hatching from English White Leghorn Tom Barron strain. These eggs are from stock that are high egg producers. \$4.00 per hundred.

10tf. W. A. SUTTON,
One mile north of Spearman Equity.

FOR SALE

One John Deere two-row lister and one John Deere one-row lister for sale. Also some nice seed barley for sale.

10t1p. L. W. MATHEWS,
at Spearman Motor Co.

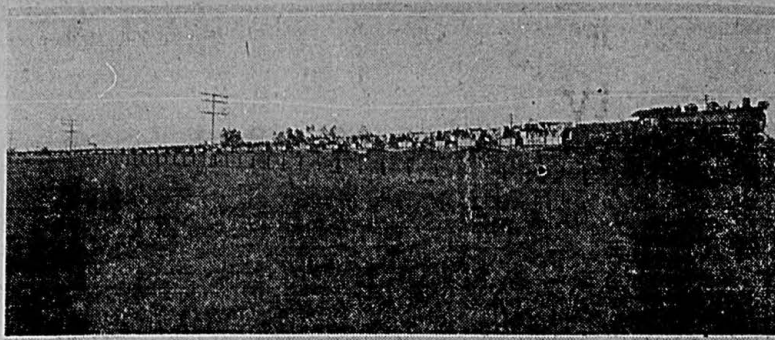
FOR SALE

Two desirable building lots in Spearman; four blocks from square. Priced to sell at \$50 each. Size, 140 x 50 each, joining, east front. Will make clear title day sale. Stop that rent. See

10t1. V. L. NICHOLS,
The Singer Man.

WILL BUY HOGS

The Spearman Hog Company will buy hogs on Friday, February 24, and will ship on Saturday following. Bring in what you have.
SPEARMAN HOG COMPANY.



A trainload of new 1928 model "Holt" Combined Harvesters has just arrived from the factory of the Western Harvester Company at Stockton, California. They are the very latest models with all the improvements that have been added by the engineers of a great factory who were the original builders of combined harvesters and who have been in it for 42 years. All three sizes—Models 34, 36 and the new 10-foot Model 38, specially built to meet the demands of the small and medium size farm are included.

See these new machines immediately and get your order in early. They will be shown on the dealers' floor through Texas, and Oklahoma, the dealer for this territory being the McClellan Chevrolet Company. The Panhandle country is fortunate in getting the first consignment, later shipments for Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and areas farther north are being assembled to follow shortly.

Wm. E. McClellan, manager of the McClellan Chevrolet Company here, states that this company received a

shipment of Holt Combines from the factory shipment shown above, the first of the week. These wonderful machines will be on display at the Chevrolet plant here the latter part of this week or the first of next. Mr. McClellan is shaping up for a big exhibition of Holt's on Home and Farm Demonstration Day, February 24. He has just recently received a large shipment of Chevrolet cars, and is ready to make quick delivery on any model. This will also help out with his display for Friday, February 24.

TRACTOR FOR SALE

One used 15-30 McCormick-Deering tractor. In first class shape and priced right. Have 140 acres of sod plowing for buyer. 10tf.

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A choice half-section of raw land located a few miles northwest of Gruver. Price five thousand dollars CASH, if sold within the next thirty days.

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Spearman, Texas.

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Eggs, \$1.50 per setting of 15; \$5.00 per 100. Baby chicks as ordered. Book your orders early. See 9t4p. I. R. TOMPKINS,
Box 611, Spearman Texas.

BONES

Will be buying dry bones for Shearers Produce until March 1st, 50 cents per 100 pounds. 8t4. C. H. GING,
Scott Bros. Elevator, Spearman.

MILLING

Fresh corn meal, cow feed, whole wheat flour and breakfast food—always on hand. At Gilliam old stand, Elevator Row, Spearman. 9t4p. J. C. HANCOCK.

"Sure I'd like to be active in community work but I can't work with the fellows that are running things." That's the knocker's alibi.

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I buy cream for the Mistletoe

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New Togs For Spring



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If you have not seen our line of Ladies' Dresses, Coats and Hats, it will be worth your while to see our lines before you make your Spring Purchases.

We will try to keep a good supply of fresh vegetables on hand at all times. Will keep them as much of the time as is possible. Phone us your grocery orders. We make prompt deliveries.

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in bask effect, guaranteed fast colors. It will be well to see these before you buy

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Spearman, Texas

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The bank book is every man's protection against the uncertainties of the future. The business man, the professional man, the farmer, and the wage earner—all are wise to have a surplus in the bank which is available for use on a moment's notice.

First National Bank

"SECURITY—RELIABILITY—COURTESY"

LOCALS

Full line of latest magazines, Hastings Drug.

Miss Vera Campbell visited Saturday and Sunday in Texhoma.

Full line of latest magazines, Hastings Drug.

Sunday edition Denver Post, Hastings Drug.

Mrs. John D. Duncan is a new addition to the sales force at Russell's store.

Buy a 75c box of Nylotis face powder for 25c at the Postoffice Confectionery.

City Secretary Allen King attended to business in Stianett Wednesday.

Warner Davis was in from the Grand Plains community last weekend, visiting in his home here.

Lester Howell of the Thomason Brothers Dry Goods store, is visiting friends at Hobart.

Miss Beatrice Gibner left last Wednesday for Shamrock, where she will visit awhile with friends.

Leon Haney came from Topeka, Kansas, last week and is now on the force at the Santa Fe depot.

One box of 75c Nylotis face powder now selling for 25c at the Postoffice Confectionery.

Little Miss Merrilene Jackson, who has been quite ill with tonsillitis, is reported much improved this week.

Miss Olivette Hancock visited Saturday and Sunday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hancock.

One tube of Ny-Denta tooth paste will be given free with every \$1.50 purchase at the Postoffice Confectionery.

Miss Lucile Maize was here from Plemons the past week end, visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Maize.

Wanted—to do all kinds of spring sewing. See MRS. W. B. CROW, 9t2p. 2 blocks east of Gin.

Seed barley, \$1.00 per bushel. McCLELLAN GRAIN COMPANY.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Smith and little daughter Wanda were visitors to Amarillo the first of the week. They intended going on out to New Mexico but owing to bad, muddy roads decided to return to Spearman and make the trip at a later date.

Miss Ruth Spencer and sister, Miss Billie, and Miss Iley Berry of Panhandle were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Womble of North Hutchinson county. Miss Spencer and Miss Berry are teachers in the Panhandle school, and Miss Billie is a high school student there.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Wilbanks and son Arnold arrived from Waco, where they have resided the past two years, and will again become citizens of this section. They recently sold their hotel in Waco. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilbanks and children, returned also to make Spearman their home.

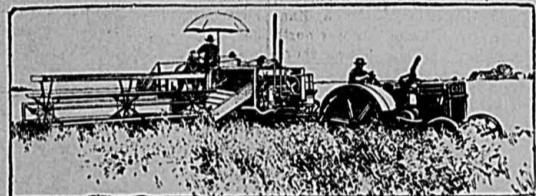
Read the Reporter ads.

Full line of latest magazines, Hastings Drug.

The Missionary Society will meet next Wednesday with Mrs. Dave Hester. The lesson will again be the third chapter of "A Straight Way Toward Tomorrow," as there were too few out to have the lesson this week.

NOTICE

Will the party who picked up my Ford truck tire chain, on Spearman-Perryton road, even with R. L. Porter's residence, on Tuesday afternoon of this week, please return the same to me or leave at Reporter shop. 10t1p. W. C. WHIMS.



A Product of Three Generations

Back of the Case Combine, are three generations of human effort, ingenuity and experience.

All the experience gained in all the grain fields from remotest Russia to southern Argentine, together with the vast engineering and manufacturing knowledge and facilities of the largest manufacturer of grain threshers in the world, have gone into the Case Combine.

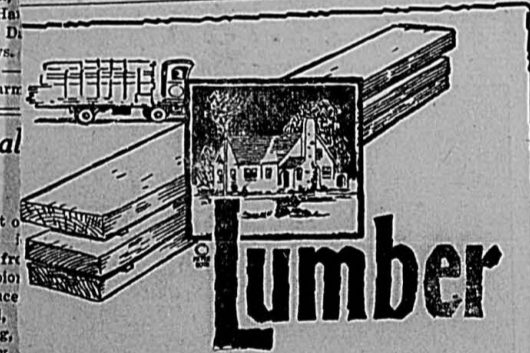
There are thousands of Case Combines in use today. They have established a new standard in mechanical efficiency and perfection, applied to farming.

We will have in a new Case Combine within a few days with all attachments, including the ball bearings on all fast moving parts of the machine.

We have a reduction in the price on all models of the Case Combine this season. A Better Combine for Less Money.

Come to see us on Trades Day, February 24th. Remember also, that the Texas Farm and Home Special operated by the Santa Fe in cooperation with the A. & M. College, will be here from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on that day.

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Spearman

Quality Service

ers and stockmen. And not only is he a farmer and ranchman, but he looks like one. He looks even more like Abraham Lincoln. He has the same rugged face, square jaw and is six feet, four and a half inches tall—about Abe's height.

In offering for Governor Mr. Wardlaw has in mind giving the state a strictly business administration, and if elected the give-and-take politicians certainly would be left out. He is not much of a trader, even to trading appointments for influence. He is very serious-minded, and takes himself and all his work seriously.

There is also a striking comparison between Wardlaw of today and Jim Ferguson of 14 years ago, in that he comes into the field virtually an unknown, with a special appeal for the farming elements. Probably he hopes it will be with the same result that Ferguson met.

Now for a little discussion of the politics of it. Ferguson has come out for Wardlaw, which means he will get a good many votes. Probably 100,000 voters will follow Jim—maybe more. Then Wardlaw has a certain following of his own. Then there is another big bunch who are always dissatisfied with the man in office, the ones who failed to get the jobs they asked for and those disgruntled for some reason or another. There will be more than 700,000 votes cast. It will take nearly 400,000 to elect.

Some of your readers may disagree with me, Mr. Editor, but I can't see where anybody has got a chance to beat Moody if he runs again.

Sul Ross, Jim Hogg, Charlie Culbertson, J. D. Sayers, S. W. T. Lanham, Tom Campbell, Oscar Colquitt, Will Hobby and Pat Neff were all elected for second terms. It was not quite two terms in Hobby's case. In fact, Mrs. Ferguson was the only exception to the rule of the past 40 years and more of giving a governor a second term.

People may disagree about Moody's administration. Personally, I think it has been pretty negative, due in a large measure to the legislature killing most of the good bills he was for. But, even if he has nothing outstanding to the credit of his administration, there hasn't been any outstanding scandals or bad breaks chargeable to him. And lots of people consider a colorless, neg-

Domestic Drama

He:—That was a wonderful roast. I knew that you would get better meat if you started to do your own shopping. You really can't buy meat over the phone.

She:—Well you might as well have the truth at last. I don't have time to do any shopping, but since I started buying my meat at Faus' it's really quite unnecessary.

They always know just what I want, and they always make it right if any mistake is made. He:—Well, all right, but don't change now.

(And they live happily ever after.)

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Dignity and Thoughtfulness

At the final hour this establishment renders its services in a most beautiful and dignified manner.

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It has more power to do more work in the field and at the belt without sacrificing its light-weight advantages. The bore of the cylinders has been increased and a new carburetor, which is most efficient, is used to increase its power.

This improved tractor will pull three 14-inch stubble bottoms under difficult conditions, and four stubble bottoms under favorable conditions. It will successfully operate a 28-inch separator under normal conditions, and other drawbar and belt machinery requiring power in proportion.

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Its great strength and durability have been further increased. The design of the crankshaft has been further improved. The rear axles are made of high-grade, heat-treated steel. The drive wheels have been strengthened in proportion to the increase in power.

Wider fenders have added protection to the operator. Longer lugs build of improved material last longer and give the drive wheels a more powerful grip on the soil.

Many of the improvements so important in making the John Deere a more durable and longer-lasting tractor cannot be seen. Advancement in the art of making and treating steel has made possible the use of still better material that is stronger and longer-wearing.

An inertia air cleaner has been added which removes 60 per cent of the dust and dirt before the air reaches the oil type or air filter. The air gets a double cleaning before it enters the cylinders. The John Deere Tractor, already famous for its low repair costs and long life, now will give even better and longer service at lower maintenance costs.

Before you buy a tractor, see this improved John Deere.

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JOHN DEERE LINES

SPEARMAN

TEXAS AND TEXANS

BY WILL H. MAYES

Texas Empires

There was a time when Texas had a feeling of pride in being called the "Empire State." Texas development has reached the point when there are empires within empire, and writers and speakers frequently speak of the empire of East Texas or West Texas or South Texas or North Texas. Lately we are beginning to hear of still further empire divisions, as the "Empire of the South Plains."

Speaking of that section, W. A. Thomas, president of the Texas Association of Real Estate Boards, recently said in a speech at Lubbock: "This vast staked plains section is destined to be the seat of one of the greatest populaces in the entire South." Mr. Thomas thinks that the California and Florida "booms" have had their day, and that those states are suffering from the reaction due to high pressure real estate salesmanship.

Sounda Warning

Mr. Thomas, like many other Texans, fears that Texas may be inviting field for the grafters and promoters who have been operating to the detriment of California and Florida, since it is well known that prosperity of a kind that Texas is now enjoying always attracts unethical real estate dealers. He said: "A veritable empire awaits them, and they are almost ready to come in and ply their illegal and unethical tactics, fleeing the property owners and citizens of their fortunes." To avoid this, he urges a thorough organization and co-operation on the part of responsible real estate dealers of the State.

Would Stop Tenancy

From 1920 to 1925 there was an increase of 17 per cent in the number of farms in Texas operated by tenants, and in 1925, 60.4 per cent of the Texas farmers were tenants. All agree that this is not best for agriculture or for the centers that depend largely upon farming. The happiest and most prosperous people are homeowners. Landlords recognize this, and most of them would sell their farms if they could, but so long as tenants rely upon cotton as the single farm crop they will likely never make enough financial headway to become landowners. The hope for a change in conditions rests in the encouragement by landlords, bankers and merchants of diversification on tenant farms, with dairying, poultry and livestock given especial attention.

Conditions Improving

There are indications all over Texas that farming methods are changing for the better. For instance, three items in one column of a Sunday paper tell of new interest in three separate places. From Clarendon, it is seen that there are more orders being received for baby chicks than ever before and that more dairy cattle are being brought into Donley County than at any time in its history, there being now three times more milk cows than a year ago. At Plainview, farmers are putting in large numbers of feed-grinding mills and are using home-ground feed instead of the kind formerly shipped in. At Lamesa, 75 head of registered dairy cattle and the same number of registered hogs have been brought in during the past year, there now being 5,000 high grade Jersey cows in Dawson County. Both Clarendon and Lamesa report need for creameries, and that the need will likely soon be supplied.

Creameries Being Built

When between 2,000 and 3,000 people attend the opening of a new industry, the people are clearly interested. That number were at the opening of a new creamery at Ballinger recently, and 1,000 went to the courthouse to listen to an address on dairying and the creamery industry. At Center, \$15,000 in stock in a \$40,000 creamery was subscribed by the citizens in about two hours after a proposition to build was submitted to the people. Ballinger and Center are about 400 miles apart, but interest in dairying is becoming as strong in one part of the State as another.

Profit From Cows

Here is why Center was so quick to subscribe the money necessary to secure a ready market for dairy products. Some 60 miles from there, at Longview, Joe Goodjoin owns four cows. His feed bill for the cows last year was \$414.55. He sold milk and butter produced by those cows to the amount of \$1,479.90. The Center people may not have known about Goodjoin's returns from his cows, but they knew something of the profits that the farmers have been realizing from milk they have been shipping to Shreveport.

Sectional Co-operation

The nine counties of Wilbarger, Foard, Hardeman, Cottle, Motley, Childress, Donley, Hall and Collingsworth, in North Texas, realizing that they have general characteristics of a like kind, and that there are many distinct advantages to be obtained through their co-operative efforts as a unit, have formed the "Pease-Red River Valley Association," to advertise their section and to work together in whatever ways may be suggested from time to time for their mutual good. Like organizations of counties having common interests are being created in many parts of the State, usually through the efforts of the Chambers of Commerce and the County Farm and Home Demonstration agents of the several counties.

Dan Crowmover's Crown

Dan Crowmover lives in Burnet

County and is blind. He doesn't spend his time in self pity, though he has been blind since he was 20 years old. When he graduated from the State school for the blind at Austin in 1900 he became a farmer and a broom-maker. He began experimenting at improving the native pecan trees on his Colorado river farm. He now has nearly 400 acres in pecan orchards that produce an average annual income that about equals the value of ordinary Colorado river lands. He lives in a two-story eight room modern house on his place, and, with his blind brother, operates a successful broom factory. He has set an example in the pecan industry that many of his neighbors are following. He has proved that where there is the will almost any handicap may be overcome.

Musical Development

If the Rio Grande Valley Bandmaster's Association accomplishes what it has started, that section of the State will become famous for its interest in music. The association has set for its goal the organization of a band in every school in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, and in line with that effort has recently organized bands at San Juan, Pharr, Santa Rosa and Weslaco. In this under-

taking the Valley band leaders have set a fine example for others to follow.

Hondo Against Incorporating

Hondo recently voted 210 to 85 against incorporating the thrifty, law-abiding little Medina County city. It has been non-incorporated for 30 years, has up-to-date water-

works, electric lights, natural gas, and good streets, and the precinct has not had a constable for years.

By the time a prospect gets through deciphering the lodge buttons, pin, charm and monogram rings some salesmen wear, they haven't time enough left to consider his business.

Car of Poultry WANTED

Tuesday and Wednesday
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This will be the best market we will have this Spring for

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A change in Ownership and
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The undersigned has purchased the stock of goods and business, including the Cleaning, Pressing and Tailoring Departments, of the J. F. Lackey Clothing Company in Spearman, and assumed active management of the same. Mr. Brandt will remain in charge of the Cleaning and Pressing Department.

I intend to move my family here from Texhoma about March 1, to become a citizen of the town. I respectfully solicit a continuance of the good business enjoyed by Mr. Lackey, and invite those who have never been customers of this firm to come in, get acquainted, look through the stock and investigate our methods of doing business.

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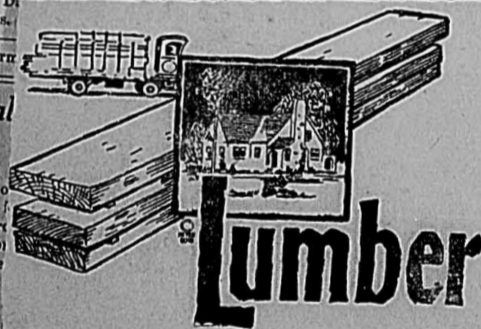
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POLITICAL

Austin, Texas, February 13, 1928.

To the Editor of The Reporter.

DEAR SIR: Last week I saw Wardlaw, that Fort Worth candidate for governor, down here at Austin, and had quite a long talk with him. Maybe you are wondering who he is and what chance he has got to beat Dan Moody out of his job, so I'll tell you a little about him.

It happens that I have known Louis for a long time. His grandfather and my father are the only two living members of old Company G, Eighteenth Arkansas Infantry and have been cronies for 70 years. Louis was raised in Runnels County, on a farm just south of Ballinger, where his father went 38 years ago when he was a pretty small boy. I spent about 20 years in Concho County, and often visited with the Wardlaw family, so I know quite a bit about Louis.

Louis was always a sober-minded, hard-working youngster back in the days when he was hauling watermelons to town for his father. He didn't go in very much for the fishing, hunting, baseball and other sports of the boys in the neighborhood. He had to work hard, but managed to get a good common school education.

When he was still pretty young he got a job teaching a country school, and he spent his nights studying law. He kept that up for three or four years, until he could pass the bar examination. Then he got married and moved down to Senora, in Sutton County, and started practicing law. He did pretty well down there, served several terms as county judge and began to accumulate some property. Finally, about ten years ago, he moved to Fort Worth to open a law office, and has done well up there.

Wardlaw is essentially a business man and a business man's lawyer. I mean, in the sense that he is not a political lawyer, nor is he even a criminal lawyer. He has never before dabbled in state politics, nor has he handled many criminal cases in his law practice. And when I call him a business man, I do not mean to class him with "big business," but with the farmers and stockmen, for he owns a ranch in Sutton County and two or three farms scattered over the state, and is thoroughly acquainted with the needs of the farmers and stockmen.

And not only is he a farmer and ranchman, but he looks like one. He looks even more like Abraham Lincoln. He has the same rugged face, square jaw and is six feet, four and a half inches tall—about Abe's height.

In offering for Governor Mr. Wardlaw has in mind giving the state a strictly business administration, and if elected the give-and-take politicians certainly would be left out. He is not much of a trader, even to trading appointments for influence. He is very serious-minded, and takes himself and all his work seriously.

There is also a striking comparison between Wardlaw of today and Jim Ferguson of 14 years ago, in that he comes into the field virtually an unknown, with a special appeal for the farming elements. Probably he hopes it will be with the same result that Ferguson met.

Now for a little discussion of the politics of it. Ferguson has come out for Wardlaw, which means he will get a good many votes. Probably 100,000 voters will follow Jim—maybe more. Then Wardlaw has a certain following of his own. Then there is another big bunch who are always dissatisfied with the man in office, the ones who failed to get the jobs they asked for and those disgruntled for some reason or another. There will be more than 700,000 votes cast. It will take nearly 400,000 to elect.

Some of your readers may disagree with me, Mr. Editor, but I can't see where anybody has got a chance to beat Moody if he runs again.

Sul Ross, Jim Hogg, Charlie Culbertson, J. D. Sayers, S. W. T. Lanham, Tom Campbell, Oscar Colquitt, Will Hobby and Pat Neff were all elected for second terms. It was not quite two terms in Hobby's case. In fact, Mrs. Ferguson was the only exception to the rule of the past 40 years and more of giving a governor a second term.

People may disagree about Moody's administration. Personally, I think it has been pretty negative, due in a large measure to the legislature killing most of the good bills he was for. But, even if he has nothing outstanding to the credit of his administration, there hasn't been any outstanding scandals or bad breaks chargeable to him. And lots of people consider a colorless, neg-

ative administration that neither goes forward nor backward a good administration. So it looks to me like Dan will get the office again if he wants it, and that Wardlaw has picked the wrong time to run. He might have done a whole lot better if he had waited two years, for he is a good man and would make a good governor.

Sincerely,
THOMAS JEFFERSON BROWN.

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Adventure is where interest is; where curiosity, eager and enthusiastic, leads on to new knowledge, new experience and to new achievement.—American Magazine.

BITTER FREEDOM

When a woman realizes after passing years that marriage is not for her we don't hear so much boasting about the joys and freedoms of spinsterhood.—Woman's Home Companion.

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1 Gallon Blackberries	57c	Gingham Dresses, \$1.89 value	\$1.39
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Quick Cook Oats	10c		
Lettuce 10c; 3 for	25c		

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SHIPPED MULES TO FT. WORTH

M. Major has recently shipped a couple of car loads of mules from Spearman to Fort Worth. He intended to ship another car this week but the weather has been too bad for this kind of business.

CHICKEN DINNER FEBRUARY 24

Another interesting feature for Friday, February 24, besides Sales

Day and Santa Fe Special Day, will be a chicken dinner, served down town, by the Woman's Council of the First Christian Church. Look for an ad next week telling where this dinner will be served.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire in this way to extend to our friends sincere thanks for the many kindnesses shown us during our recent great bereavement, in the death of our husband and father. To those who brought flowers and helped in so many ways, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

MRS. JAMES REED.
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No organization is complete without a grouch and an air-castle builder.

Seeing is not always believing—I've seen a lot of people I wouldn't believe.

Some salesmen will send in an order for a thousand dollars' worth of merchandise from a man they would not personally trust for nine dollars, and then write a letter roasting the credit man for turning it down. Ain't it the truth?

Don't waste time telling stories to customers. If you are sure you are a good story teller, try out as a professional entertainer.

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A salesman once said to me, "Next week I go north with my line." I am not sure whether he said "lin" or "lying."

Yes, there are many things that improve if they're kept for a long time. One is your temper.

You don't have to commit a great crime to get your name in the columns of the Reporter.

One of the active workers in our local commercial organization says he wishes there were switches for single track minds.

We reserve our opinion on the virtues of the companionate marriage idea until we have to write up the golden wedding anniversary of one.

Don't try to be funny. There is nothing funny about business. It's a serious proposition.

The town that has plenty of parking space these days should prepare for the obsequies.

COUNTY BRIEFS

KIMBALL KLIPPINGS

P. M. Cheaser was a Spearman visitor Wednesday.

There was no school Monday because of the blizzard.

Roy Nollner has been ill the past week suffering from flu.

Mrs. Charley Davis visited her sister at Berger last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thomas saw "Ben Hur" Friday night.

Opal Thomas was a guest of Yveta Martin over the week-end.

Eldon Cline was a visitor at school Tuesday; also Verna Tomlinson.

Mrs. J. H. Lackey and Virgil were victims of the "flu" the past week.

J. H. Lackey and Rachel were shopping in Spearman Wednesday.

A. F. Garner was a business caller at the J. H. Lackey home Wednesday.

T. C. Harvey and half his family went to Goodwell Sunday to visit with his better half.

Mary Nollner was absent from school the past week, fussing with a case of chicken-pox.

A traveling show was screened at the Kimball school house Friday night, showing "The Man from Oklahoma."

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cline had as week-end visitors the following: Mrs. Cline and son Earle and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tomlinson from Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Everette Tomlinson have moved from our neighborhood. They are locating in Gruver, where Mr. Tomlinson will engage in the barber business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Nollner and Mary, D. C. and Eloise Gamble, and Bill, Inez and Rachel Lackey attended the show at the Rex Theater in Spearman Friday night. The picture was "Ben-Hur."

Sunday was a beautiful day, with no sunshine. We were visited by a snow so gentle it was picturesque. No wind accompanied the snow until Sunday night, when it changed and Monday gave us a small blizzard. About a five inch snow fell, which makes smiles grow larger.

SKEPTICAL AND SUPERSTITIOUS

Leonardo da Vinci, painter of The Last Supper and the Mona-Lisa, designer of some of Italy's great cathedrals, engineer, horticulturist, and poet, was also a scientist and inventor with an imagination that penetrated far into the future.

At one time in his career he conceived the idea of a machine that would fly, and the sketches that he made are startling to most moderns because of the close resemblance they bear to the modern aeroplane.

But when this great artist looked far into the future and foresaw the development of aviation, the people of his time regarded him as a lunatic, while believing at the same time in the reality of witches. "A person," they probably said, "who believes that a human being can soar above the surface of the earth except in the dead of night on a tattered broom is surely crazy."

Many shackles of the mind have been broken since those late medieval days when Da Vinci lived, and yet we still retain some of that skepticism toward the visions of great intellects mingled with childish superstition.

The man who sees a finer destiny for his community or nation, and the honest business man with an idea that may lead to the development of a big industry are called impractical visionaries while the quack or "con man" who plays upon our childish credulity never wants for an audience.

We still bear some slight resemblance to the ignorant masses of Da Vinci's time who thought he was insane because he imagined that a human being could fly in an aeroplane instead of upon a tattered broom.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The city council of the city of Spearman will receive sealed bids for the erection of a city hall, according to plans and specifications now on file in the city clerk's office at Spearman. The time of opening said bids is set for 7:30 p. m., February 27, 1928. The council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

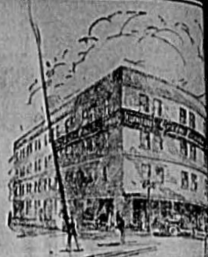
1022. CITY COUNCIL.
City of Spearman.
By L. A. King.

MRS WAKEMAN SHOWERED

Mrs. Don Wakeman was cleverly entertained last Friday night by the Ladies of the Missionary Society, at the home of Mrs. H. P. Baily, with a handkerchief shower. After several games were played, including a Bible quiz, Mrs. Wakeman was asked to participate in a suitcase race. When she opened her suitcase it disclosed many daintily wrapped packages of handkerchiefs. Mrs. Wakeman graciously thanked the ladies for this friendly remembrance. Mrs. Wakeman and the children left for Pampa Sunday where they will join Mr. Wakeman, who has been there for several weeks. A delicious luncheon was served to nineteen guests. We regret very much the going of Mrs. Wakeman, whom we have learned to love as a faithful member of our society, but wish for her much happiness in her new home at Pampa.

CAR LOAD OF TILING RECEIVED THIS WEEK

The Panhandle Lumber Company is this week unloading a car load of four inch tiling, which is the first shipment of the kind ever to come to Spearman. This tiling is to supply



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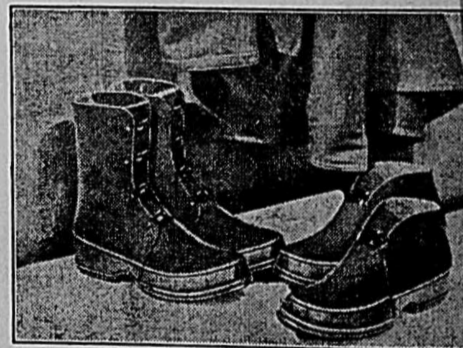
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Geo. Washington

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He Risked All for His Freedom

Had he stood by the king, he could have continued in his role of country gentleman. He left to lead an apparently weak cause, knowing that should he fail, his possessions, if not his life would be forfeited.

In commemoration of the birthday of the Father of Our Country, the First National Bank of Spearman and the Fidelity Bank of Commerce of Spearman, will remain closed all day on Wednesday, February 22.

