

Mason County News.

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ESTAB 1877

25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News Dec. 13, 1895:

Last Thursday evening, Misses Constance and Mary Schmidt entertained with a pleasant hop in honor of their guest, Miss Carrie Mogford. Those present were Misses Quint, Garner, Ida Bridges, Ollie Hunter, Carrie and Kate Hey, Bell and Lola Bird, Della and Emma Lindsay, Winnie Murray, Nora Harris, Ann Crosby, Mollie King, Katie Ricks; Messrs. Fred Gratton and Walter Crosby, Ovy and Bud Garner, Ed Broad, Chas. and Will Worley, Eugene Murray, Chas. and Will Harris, Emil Toepferwein, Perry Baze, Marion Morrow, Ben Hey, Beno Schmidt.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Boyd entertained a number of young people at their home on Tuesday night with a party.

C. C. Smith has purchased the Gowing building for \$2300.

Mrs. Bruce, who has been visiting her son, J. L. Bruce, has returned to her home in Atala, Mississippi.

Rev. J. S. Cash and family have moved to Mason from Brady.

Virgil J. Patton, ex-county attorney, returned last week from a visit of a few weeks in Oklahoma.

15 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Dec. 8, 1905:

Marriage License—F. B. McCollum and Miss Beatrice Lavelle; A. C. Leuburg and Miss Effie H. Thorne; Walter Allen and Miss Rosa McWilliams.

The little three-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoerster, died last Wednesday night.

J. W. White purchased a fine young stallion while at the San Antonio fair.

Miss Benellen Reynolds entertained at progressive finish Saturday night. Her guests were Misses Olive Thorne, Ethel Atham, Aelle Loring, Ella Bierschwale, Giles Loring, Elva Payne, Nellie Traveck; Messrs. Max Bogusch, Geo. Moneyhon, Harry Bogusch, Geo. Stengel, Will Fain, Russell Keyser, Dick Gugenheim, Clarence Cheunault.

Miss Ruth McGinnis was married last Friday in St. Louis to Walter D. Truman, a civil engineer.

Fritz Wartenbach has sold his farm near Todd Mountain to Phillip Schmidt for \$2000 and has purchased the old Hey place for \$1000.

Frank Husband had a horse to fall with him several days ago and bruise him up considerably.

Mrs. Bertha Todd entertained the following at a delightful luncheon on Thanksgiving afternoon: Mesdames S. F. Bridges, J. W. White, V. M. Loring, A. W. Koeck, Max Martin and Miss Bertha Todd.

TEXAS FARM BUREAU FEDERATION MAKES START IN MASON COUNTY

Farmers and ranchmen of Mason County met at the court house for the second time to discuss and start the Farm Bureau in Mason County.

Several joined that evening, stating that they did not want to wait for the captains and drivers or solicitors to visit them. The meeting was presided over by Frances Har, of Dallas, who is with the Farm Bureau, and his explanation of the need of the organization was plain, and enjoyed by all.

The drive for membership will be carried on by the farmers and ranchmen themselves, as they are the men to receive the benefit.

The one thing those at the meeting, and those speaking of the subject state, "Let all farmers and ranchmen enlighten themselves."

Find out what this is, and don't think any one else will attend to the marketing of your stuff and look after your interests. The Farm Bureau handles every commodity.

Let all help and not wait for your neighbor to complete an organization made to help you, while you sit around and say it will not stand; you can't do it. I have tried them all; they won't do, though they are selling stuff and making laws for you, and already 1,500,000 have joined, you can sit and growl and never do anything.

Shut up and join the Farm Bureau.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Woman's Missionary Society will have their annual Christmas Bazaar at the C. C. Smith Hall on Thursday night, December 9th. General admission 10c.

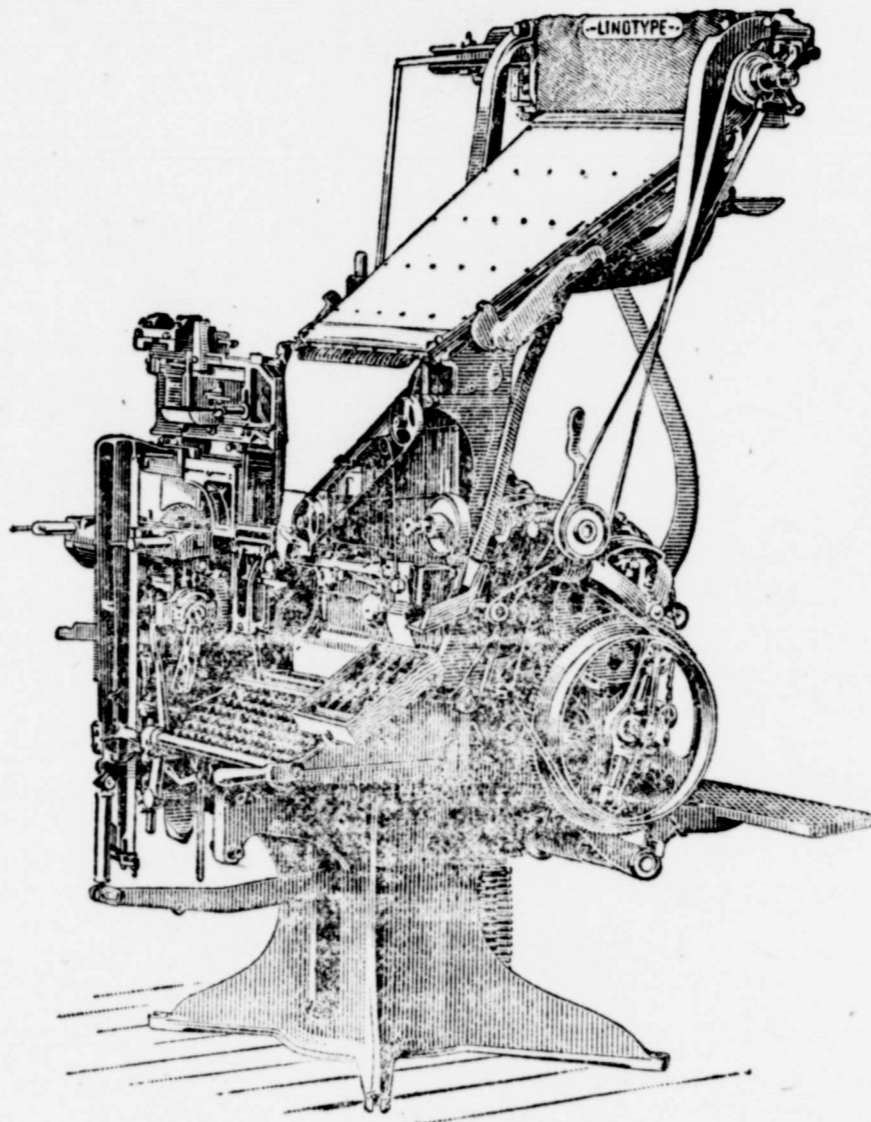
Paul Martin was down from the Los Moras ranch in Menard county to spend Sunday with his parents and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schuessler were here last Saturday from the Castell section. Mr. Schuessler is carrying his arm in a sling, as a result of a scuffle with a knife, sustained while working with cattle a few days previous.

Gifts that last—Jewelry.—J. S. King.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Loring and babies spent a most enjoyable day at the pretty country home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lindsay, last Sunday.

NEWS HAS LINOTYPE MACHINE OPERATING



With a great deal of pride the publishers of the Mason County News announce the installation of a new Linotype. This mechanical marvel qualifies us to serve efficiently the great army of readers who depend on our publication for enlightenment and entertainment, and who patronize our job printing department.

The rapidly increasing circulation of the News, together with the demands of its advertisers and others for more attractive typography, induced us to secure a fine composing machine for the quick and accurate and pleasing presentation of the news of the day, and the production of superior job work.

Our new Linotype enables us to set by machine most of the composition that formerly necessitated tedious work by hand. Our plant is now capable of turning our work with modern type faces in a large range of sizes, and the change from one type font to another is made very quickly. At a high rate of speed, the versatile operator—whose hand is made famous by the Mergenthaler Linotype Company as "the hand that keeps the world informed"—produces line after line of reading matter by machine.

This installation is a testimonial to the prosperity of Mason and vicinity. And that the good people of the community are duly appreciative of our efforts to serve them in all departments of the printing business to the very best of our ability is testified to by the many remarks of a pleasing and complimentary character received from individual patrons since the arrival of our new machine.

The accompanying illustration will give our readers some idea of the marvelous mechanism of the Linotype, which is a machine on which are assembled matrices (or molds) and lines of type cast—lines such as you are now reading.

Besides enabling the operator to set the type, the Linotype makes it possible for him to produce the rules and dashes and borders which are used in various advertisements of each issue of our publication. For such work as advertisements, newspaper headings, booklets, catalogues and various other kinds of printed matter, our Linotype enables one operator to set in the same time more type than can ordinarily be produced by five or six men or women doing the work by hand.

While for a long time we have received the patronage of a host of readers, advertisers, and printing buyers in general, still we look forward to an increased volume of business now that we are so well qualified to render the sort of service most to be desired.

It has been our constant endeavor to present the ideals and ambitions of our constituents clearly and concisely and to give the news without fear or favor. We shall continue to devote our talents and resources to the purpose of helping our readers to a better realization of the finer things of everyday existence. And our Linotype will be of great help to us in the carrying out of our ambition.

Parties desiring to see the machine, are cordially invited to come around, but ordinarily, the machine will be in operation only on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

TINSLEY-BREAZEALE

Last Saturday night, Mr. Alva Tinsley and Mrs. Elza Breazeale were united in marriage, the wedding being solemnized at the home of Rev. C. H. Garrett, who read the marriage ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Tinsley will make their home in Mason and will reside in the residence belonging to Mrs. Tinsley.

The marriage was learned of with much surprise by the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Tinsley, all of whom will join the News in extending them their best wishes and congratulations.

Fresh cement at R. Grosse's.

Marriage License

County Clerk, R. E. Lee, issued license to wed to the following parties on December 4:

Mr. Louis Brockman and Miss Anna Williams.

Mr. Alva Tinsley and Mrs. Elza Breazeale.

S. B. Kendrick, of Junction, was in Mason a few days the past week. Mr. Kendrick was formerly a business man of Mason, and enjoyed greeting old friends while here.

Our cut glass and silverware stock is very complete. "A Gift That Will Last." J. S. King.

COMMERCIAL CLUB'S SOCIAL WAS A SPLENDID SUCCESS

It can truly be said that the social entertainment given by the Mason Commercial Club on Wednesday night of this week, was a splendid success.

The Club entertained its members and their wives with a special picture show at the Star Opera House. The show was followed with an oyster supper, which was served in the spacious W. O. W. Hall by Mrs. F. Lange.

The title of the picture shown was, "Dead Men Tell No Tales," and aside from the picture being good, the usual uproar of racket and confusion was missing in the opera house on this occasion and this fact alone made the affair doubly enjoyable. By 9 o'clock, the picture had been seen and the crowd had vacated the opera house and were comfortably gathered in the W. O. W. Hall, where Mrs. Lange and an efficient corps of helpers had the two long banquet tables, built for the occasion, adorned with pretty white spreads, numerous dishes of salads and quite a few beautiful vases of flowers, and the tables were set with plates, knives, forks, spoons and cups.

After the crowd had had the pleasure of surveying the pretty and inviting appearance of things, they were asked to take seats at the tables and large platters of fried oysters were immediately placed in front of the hungry throng. The tables were lined with catsup bottles, salad dressing, crackers, bread, pickles and other accessories to go with oysters. Waiters circled around and served coffee or water, according to the individual desires, and for some thirty minutes every one present was busily engaged.

When appetites had been satisfied, Mr. C. S. Vedder, chairman of the entertainment committee, called the house to attention and after making a few appropriate preliminary remarks, called upon Dor W. Brown, president of the Commercial Organization, for a short talk. Mr. Brown responded willingly, and as usual had the crowd in an uproar of laughter, which helped them towards digesting the food they had eaten. Mr. Vedder then called on Judge J. T. Banks, who made a short address in which he stressed the importance of the Mason Commercial Club and its relation to the upbuilding of the town and community in general. County Attorney, Roscoe Runge was then called on and Mr. Runge emphasized the need of more enthusiasm among the members of the Commercial Club in order for the organization to attain best results in its many undertakings for the benefit of our town. He offered an appropriate toast for the occasion and at the conclusion of his remarks he received a great applause.

Attorney Lamar Thaxton declined to accept his invitation to address the audience and made only a few remarks from his seat. Attorney Carl Runge responded with quite an appropriate talk, although, he declared he had not been given warning. At the conclusion of Mr. Runge's address, it was suggested that some of the women be called on. Upon the suggestion, Mrs. J. T. Banks offered the following toast to the Commercial Club:

Here's to the Commercial Club, The Club that boosts the town, They take their wives to the picture show, And serve them oysters, brown. This brought the loudest applause of the evening. Others to make after-dinner speeches, included Messrs. E. J. Lemburg, A. E. Grosse and S. A. Hoerster.

The crowd began to make departures by 10:15, all present were unanimous in the belief that the organization should make this an annual affair.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE FRIDAY FOR HOLIDAYS.

The public schools of Mason will be dismissed Friday afternoon, December 10, for the Christmas holidays. School will be opened again on Monday morning, January 21, 1921.

The entire faculty of the school will go to Brady next week to attend the institute which will be in session at that place from the 13th to the 17th, inclusive.

MONEY TO LEND
On Farms and Ranches
INTEREST PAYABLE AT ANY TIME OF YEAR
No Delays
Runge & Runge

CHAS. BIERSCHWALE
REAL ESTATE
ABSTRACTOR AND NOTARY
IN BUSINESS SINCE 1885
MASON : : : TEXAS

YOUR TEETH MAY BE THE CAUSE OF THAT AILMENT YOU HAVE
IT HAS BEEN PROVEN THAT BAD TEETH AND GUMS HAVE CAUSED RHEUMATISM, KIDNEY AND HEART TROUBLE, AND MANY OTHER AILMENTS, ALSO DEATH.
I have just finished a post graduates course at the Columbia University in New York City on Diagnosis, Radiograph, Oral Surgery, Pyorrhea, etc. This is one of the highest courses in dentistry, and I am thereby enabled to make scientific diagnosis and treatment of your teeth and gums. Consultation free.
Dr. H. W. Lindley, Dentist.
LADY IN ATTENDANCE
Phone 81 Brady, Texas.

The Commercial Bank

(Unincorporated)

CAPITAL STOCK \$100,000.00
Over \$2,500,000.00 Responsibility.

DO YOU OWE DEBTS OR OWN DOLLARS?

One of the greatest evils of this age is the Debt Habit. Men owe more dollars than they own dollars. The person who forms the Debt Habit is sooner or later coming to grief. The Road to the Poor House and to a Pauper's Grave is paved with Debts. If you are in debt, stop short right now. Don't charge up another cent. Open an account here no matter how small it may be. Add to it sums of money no matter how small they may be. Pay your debts and build up your account and you will free yourself from your worries and anxieties.

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Mrs. Anna Martin, Pres. C. L. Martin, Vice-Pres.
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AFFIDAVIT TO TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

In the matter of county finances in the hands of Alva Tinsley, treasurer of Mason County, Texas.

Commissioners' Court, Mason County, Texas, in special monthly session, December term, 1929.

We, the undersigned, as county commissioners within and for said Mason County, and the Hon. John T. Banks, County Judge of said Mason County, constituting the entire Commissioners' Court of said County, and each one of us, do hereby certify that on this, the 31st day of December, A. D. 1929, at a special term of our said court, we have compared and examined the final report of Alva Tinsley, treasurer of Mason County, Texas, for the term beginning on the first day of November, A. D. 1929, and ending on the 30th day of November, A. D. 1929, and finding the same correct have caused an order to be entered upon the minutes of the Commissioners' Court of Mason County, stating the approval of said treasurer's report by our said court, which said order recites separately the amount received and paid out of each fund by said county treasurer since his last report to this court, and for and during the time covered by his present report, and the balance of each fund remaining in said Treasurer's hands on the said 30th day of November, A. D. 1929, and have ordered the proper credits to be made in the accounts of the said county treasurer, in accordance with said order as required by Article 807, Chapter 1, Title XXV, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, as amended by an Act of the Texas 39th Legislature of Texas, approved September 11, 1927.

And we, and each of us, further certify that we have actually and fully inspected and counted all the actual cash and assets in hands of the said treasurer belonging to Mason County at the close of the examination of said treasurer's report on the first day of December, A. D. 1929, and had the same to be as follows, to wit:

Balance to credit of Jury Fund	\$ 343.02
Balance to credit of Road and Bridge Fund	1,000.79
Balance to credit of General Fund	572.53
Balance to credit of Court House Fund	203.69

Balance to credit of Special Road Fund	4,404.34
Balance to credit of Highway Fund	1,734.92
Balance to credit of County, State and Federal Aid Fund	3,369.93
Balance to credit of State and Federal Aid Fund	1.25

In addition to the actual cash as above, we find the following assets belonging to the said County, and to the credit of the following funds, which is also in the possession and custody of the said treasurer, to wit:

Six No. 27 School District Bonds @ \$100	\$ 600
Four No. 27 School District Bonds @ \$250	2,000
Two Hundred W. S. S. @ \$5	1,000
One Special Road Warrant	2,160

The indebtedness of the said County we find to be as follows, to wit:

64 Court House Bonds @ \$500	\$32,000.00
1 Special Road Special Warrants	1,000.00
18 Special Bridge Warrants @ \$500	9,000.00
63 Special Road Warrants @ \$500	31,500.00
1 Special Road Warrant @ \$160	2,160.00
Registered Scrip on 3rd class fund	2,655.32

Witness our hands, officially, this 1st day of December, A. D. 1929.

JOHN T. BANKS, Co. Judge.
HENRY DOELL, Com. Prec't No 1
W. J. GRIFFITH, Com. Prec't No 2
G. W. HERRING, Com. Prec't No 3

Sworn to and subscribed before me, by John T. Banks, county judge, and Henry Doell and W. J. Griffith and G. W. Herring, county commissioners of said Mason County, each respectively, on this, the first day of December, A. D. 1929.

R. E. LEE,
County Clerk, Mason County.

GET MORE EGGS

By feeding "Martin's Egg Producer" DOUBLE your money back in eggs or your money back in cash. Absolutely Guaranteed by MASON DRUG COMPANY Both Stores 28-26t

NEW HOME—

Sewing Machine No better machine made, for sale by Larimore & Grote 39

SERBIA'S BIRTH RATE LOWER THAN DEATHS

Human Conservation Is Great Problem in Little War-Wrecked Country.

Sanitation and preventive medicine are the greatest needs of Serbia today. With the approach of cold weather the country will be called upon to combat her old enemy, typhus. American and foreign relief organizations will aid the Serbian authorities in this work.

Human conservation is one of Serbia's great problems. War and disease have sadly depleted the population. Before the war the birth-rate of Serbia was higher than her death-rate. In spite of the inroads of epidemics, her population was increasing at the rate of 85,000 a year. Now it is decreasing. Bereft of her man power, and with her women and children organically wasted, the question of population to till the soil and build up the country is a most serious one.

Another pressing problem facing the country is the immense number of orphans. In old Serbia there are 69,000 full orphans and 200,000 half-orphans. Only 5,000 of these are cared for in orphanages supported by the government or foreign relief agencies. The rest are placed in private homes, where they are not always welcome guests on account of the scarcity of food and the other necessities of life.

ARMY AVIATOR DEFIES DEATH IN HURRICANE



A non-stop flight of 1,000 miles by Lieut. Charles B. Austin, United States Army, over the Caribbean sea was pronounced by Brig. Gen. Mitchell in Washington the most remarkable flight ever made by an army aviator. Austin started from France field, near Christoval, on the first flight ever attempted from the Canal zone to Washington, D. C. When 500 miles out he met a hurricane, which tossed his plane about like a chip in the air and threatened every moment to dash him into the sea. The hurricane finally whirled away and Lieut. Austin turned back to his starting point, which he reached after ten and a half hours in the air.

AVIATOR WITHOUT ARMS

Qualifies as an Expert and Handles Airship Well.

The only armless aviator in the world is now skimming over the country surrounding San Francisco. Despite his physical handicap, L. C. Thornton of Fresno is qualifying as an expert aviator, his great ambition in life.

Three years ago Thornton lost both his arms in a railroad wreck. Sheer determination and grit have led him to accomplish wonders since that time. He first wanted to drive an automobile. By rigging a sling on the side of the steering wheel and with a hole punctured on the rim of iron inside the wheel, Thornton drives with ease.

Thornton recently joined an aviation school and has succeeded in learning the art of flying until he is an expert. He is a first-class machinist and the proprietor of a machine shop in Fresno.

See me for garden hose and lawn sprinklers. F. Lange.

VULCANIZING—

I am prepared to do expert vulcanizing. Bring me your tubes and casings. Otto Schmidt.

CORN MEAL

We have recently installed an exceptionally good mill, and are prepared to turn out an exceptional QUALITY of good corn meal. Bring your corn to us for grinding.

Mason Ice & Power Co.

The Farmer's Worst Enemy—That's The Farmer's Best Friend—Rat-Snap.

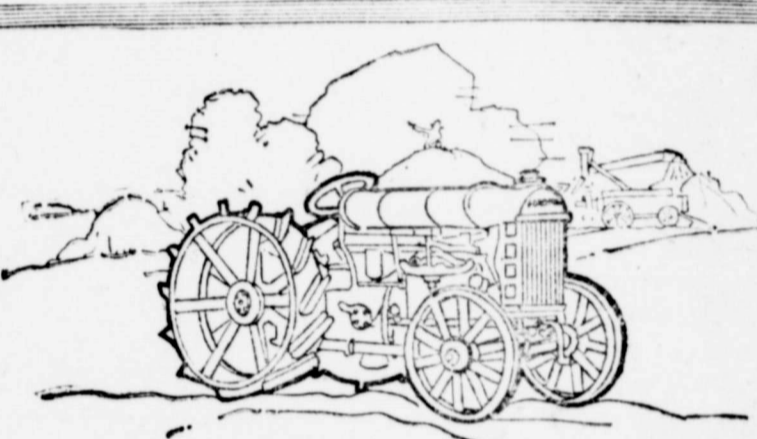
These are the words of James Baxter, N. J.: "Ever since I tried RAT-SNAP I have always kept it in the house. Never fails. Used about 33.00 worth of RAT-SNAP a year and figure it saves \$300 in chicks, eggs and food. RAT-SNAP is convenient, just break up cake, no mixing with other food." Three sizes, 55c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by Mason Drug Company and Larimore & Grote.

GASOLINE
THIRTY CENTS A GAL.
FOR CASH
W. H. NEILL

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Woman's Missionary Society will have their annual Christmas Bazaar at the C. C. Smith Hall Thursday night, December 9, General admission 10 c. 35-2t

Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

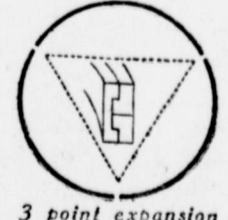


Zelnicke Ever-Tyte Piston Rings in Fardson Tractor.

Geo. F. Woodard writes:—"Since installing Zelnicke Ever-Tyte Rings I have no spark-plug trouble—before I had to clean 2 to 4 daily. My kerosene consumption has decreased five gallons for a ten hour day. Where I used 3 to 6 quarts of oil daily, I now use 2 to 4, saving me in all \$1.40 a day since installing your rings."

"My tractor has been run on an average of eight hours a day since last September. The pistons are badly worn. Yet my compression is as good as when the tractor was new. I believe these rings cannot be equalled." Geo. F. Woodard, Conneaut, Ohio.

The growing use of Zelnicke Ever-Tyte Piston Rings in tractors, trucks and cars is a natural result of its reputation among mechanical engineers and its 6 years record of efficiency in every type of engine under every conceivable condition.



3 point expansion Right angle interlock

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THE PISTON RING FOR ALL ENGINES

The Ever-Tight Piston Ring Co., St. Louis, U.S.A.

Ask for Zelnicke Ever-Tyte Piston Rings at any garage or repair shop or get them from us.

STAR GARAGE,
Mason, Texas.

Colds & Headache

"For years we have used Black-Draught in our family, and I have never found any medicine that could take its place," writes Mr. H. A. Stacy, of Bradyville, Tenn. Mr. Stacy, who is a Rutherford County farmer, recommends Black-Draught as a medicine that should be kept in every household for use in the prompt treatment of many little ills to prevent them from developing into serious troubles.

THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

"It touches the liver and does the work," Mr. Stacy declared. "It is one of the best medicines I ever saw for a cold and headache. I don't know what we would do in our family if it wasn't for Black-Draught. It has saved us many dollars. . . . I don't see how any family can hardly go without it. I know it is a reliable and splendid medicine to keep in the house. I recommend Black-Draught highly and am never without it."

At all druggists.

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Entered at Mason Post Office as second-class mail matter. Absorbed Mason County Star and Fredonia Kicker Nov. 21 1910. Absorbed Mason Herald Sept. 27, 1912.

Notice of church entertainments where a charge of admission is made, obituaries, cards of thanks, resolutions of respect, and all matters not news, will be charged at the regular advertising rates.

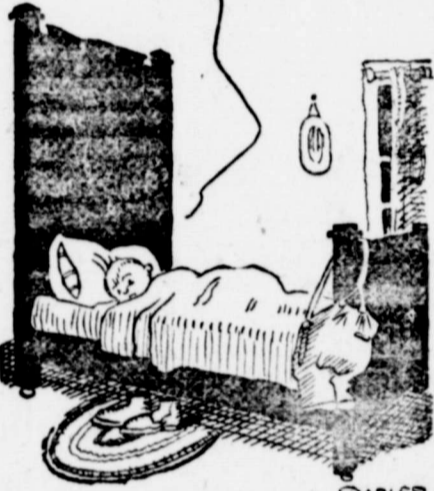
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Local readers and classified ads 5 cents per line per issue. Display rates made known on application.

Subscription (always in advance) one year..... \$1.50

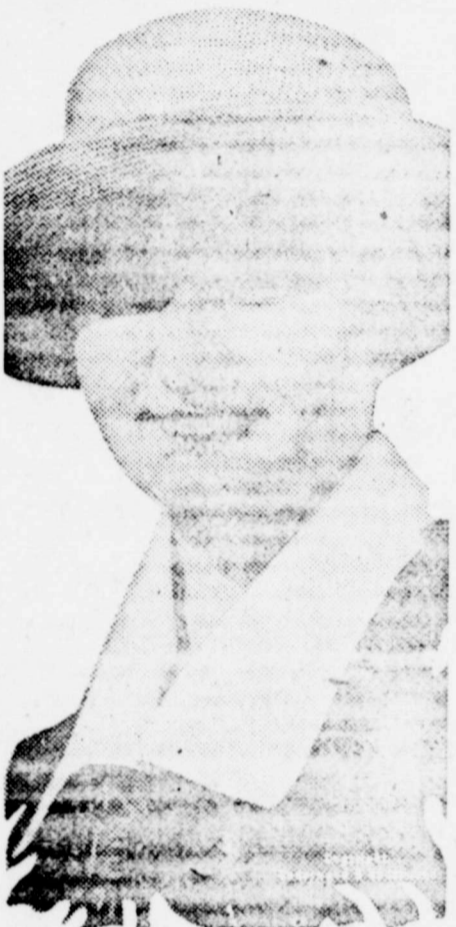
MICKIE SAYS

OB-OY! OB-OY! I'M ALL IN! WHY CAN'T FOLKS LOOK OVER THEIR STOCK OF ENVELOPES 'N PAPER 'N STATEMENTS 'N ORDER WHAT THEY'RE GOINTA NEED INSTEAD OF WAITIN' UNTIL THEY'RE ALL OUT 'N THEN RUSHIN' TH' POOR PRINTERS 'N POOR LIL MICKIE 'T PIECES 'N OH, BOY! 'S A CROOL 'N 'WORLD!



CHARLES SUTHER

CHICAGO SOCIETY GIRL WORKS AS STENOGRAPHER



Miss Jane Merton, daughter of one of Chicago's most prominent families, has forsaken horseback riding, golf and tennis and accepted a position as a stenographer in the office of a La Salle street broker.

WANTS TO TRADE BABY

Would Exchange for an Alredale Dog and Says Child is Objected To.

"Swap—An eight-pound baby boy, in good health, for a dog; preferably an Alredale. J. S. Moriarity, 927 Hudson avenue."

This is the text of an advertisement prepared by the father of Jack Moriarity, Jr., six weeks old, to call attention of the people of Los Angeles to what he styles "a heartless, cruel and inhuman condition there."

He says a bitter and disgusting experience has convinced him that dogs are more welcome than babies in South Hollywood, and that parents are being classed with criminals and undesirables.

"I have been required to move 26 times in six weeks," said Mr. Moriarity. "We were invited out of our apartment on Castle place because the baby cried. In the same house there are two Alredale dogs, Foxy and Gyp by name, and these animals are not only allowed to live in the house from which we were evicted, but they eat at the same table with their owners. I decided that if Mrs. Moriarity and I are to have any peace we should exchange the baby for an Alredale dog."

Wear Diamond tires on your auto. They last longer and are moderately priced.

Star Garage

RATS DIE

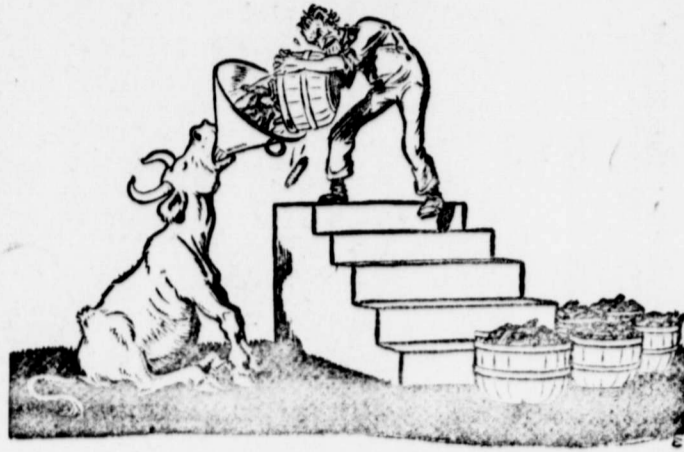
so do mice, once they eat RAT-SNAP. And they leave no odor behind. Don't take our word for it—try a package. Cats and dogs won't touch it. Rats pass up all food to get RAT-SNAP. Three sizes.

35c size (1 cake) enough for Pantry, Kitchen or Cellar.

65c size (2 cakes) for Chicken House, coops, or small buildings.

\$1.25 size (5 cakes) enough for all farm and out-buildings, storage buildings, or factory buildings.

Sold and guaranteed by Mason Drug Company and Larimore & Grote.



Fooling the Feeder

A prime steer could never be made of this critter, even if a carload of corn were funneled down his throat. He lacks something most essential to the making of a high-priced carcass. That "something" is pure blood. For all practical purposes, pedigree is the best feed.

If you've heard of a grade steer's topping the market, it was just because such pure blood as he possessed had *chanced* to get in its work, *chanced* to offset his scrub blood—but it was mere *chance!* With the pure-bred it's a planned certainty.

The pure-breds are the easiest to make prime beef. If you are ready to do your part in efficient feeding, get in touch with some good local breeder and strike hands with him for the upbuilding of your business and of this community.

THE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN, the one great national weekly of practical farming, advises you to do this. Its Editors and contributors travel some 300,000 miles a year to study and write about farming in the United

States. And they declare, as a result of their investigations, that the most hopeful beef practice is that of breeding good steers and feeding them where they are bred.

If you have not yet subscribed for THE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN you owe it to yourself to order now. Only \$1.00 a year for 52 big issues containing the important farm news of the nation; well-tried plans; the best of fiction; strong editorials; good pictures; great cartoons; hopes, helps, and plenty of smiles.

TEXAS SHORTHORN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Prof. J. C. Burns, Secretary
Fort Worth, Texas.

THE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN, Philadelphia, Pa.: I'm glad to see you pushing our organization with good advertising. And here's my dollar for a subscription for one year, fifty-two issues. The two go well together.

(My Name) _____
(My Address) _____
(Town) _____ (State) _____

How about your subscription to the News, have you advanced for another year?
Order your Christmas Cards early from the News.

STOP THAT ITCHING
Use Blue Star Eczema Remedy for French Itch, Eczema, Ring Worm or Cracked Hands. Sold on a guarantee by Mason Drug Co.

Take in the picture show at the Star Opera House each Friday and Saturday night. Shows start at 7:30 sharp.
Money to Lend—Range & Range

ADVERTISING NOT AN EXPENSE

It is wrong to look upon advertising as an expense. It stimulates production so that prices are lowered. By making large-scale, economical production possible it releases labor which can be used to produce new things. It lifts market standards, for the advertiser is held to account by those who buy his goods, and he dare not lower his quality, while others must rise to his standards or be extinguished. Nevertheless, advertising will make no man succeed who would not succeed without advertising. It puts no royal crown on the head of the humbug.

These words are not ours. They were written by one of the nation's most successful merchants and one of the nation's largest advertisers.—Brownwood Bulletin.

The Junction Eagle last week announced the raising of its subscription price from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per year, effective January 1st. The price of paper, and the cost of publishing a paper, is mounting steadily. Manufacturers and jobbers hold out no hopes for relief. It is going to be a case of survival of the fittest, and the newspapers that are attempting to turn out a product at a loss are certain to spell their own ruin.

KILL the BLUE BUGS AND ALL BLOOD SUCKING INSECTS by feeding "Martin's Blue Bug Killer" to your chickens. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Guaranteed by Mason Drug Co. Both Stores. 28-12

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Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

25 per cent off on TIRES AND TUBES STAR GARAGE

It is stated cotton has continued to decline until the loss to Texas farmers alone, is more than \$150,000,000 below the cost of production.

Fresh cement at R. Grosse's.

We have Jewelry, Diamond Rings, Watches—in fact everything that will make Christmas a pleasure. They are Gifts That Last. J. S. King.

The fattest woman in the United States and the nearest approach to a living skeleton have taken out a license to wed in Philadelphia. The bride-to-be is known in the museum world as "Jolly Trixie." She weighs 685 pounds, is 5-1-2 feet tall, measures five feet around the waist, and is 28 years old. The happy groom-to-be is John S. Boney, known as "Slats" for short. Though six feet three inches tall, he weighs only 58 pounds ring-side. John and Jolly will be married in a day or two and have a little love nest of their own in Philadelphia. Both are employed in a local museum.

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PROGRAM AT STAR MONDAY WAS WELL ATTENDED

The program rendered at the Star Opera House Monday night, under the auspices of the Mason High School Athletic Association, was heartily enjoyed by a large audience.

The first number on the program was a song which was sung by Miss Hilda Lemburg who received a hearty applause.

Second to appear on the stage were two high school students in a dialogue, furnishing plenty of humor.

A part of the program which was also a special feature, was a song by Miss Genevieve King.

After the three foregoing numbers were rendered, a play entitled "Parlor Matches" in two acts was presented by students from the High School department.

The proceeds which amounted to approximately \$75 will be placed in the funds of the association.

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LOCAL HIGH FOOTBALL BOYS AWARDED LETTERS

L. W. Dumas, principal of the Mason High School and manager of the Mason high football team has announced the winners of letters for the football season just closed. The letters consist of a M. H. S. monogram in the High School colors, purple and white. The boys who will receive the monograms are Harold Zesch, full back; Celeste Beyer, left half; King Charles Smith, right half; Ben Evans, (capt.) right end; William Koock, right guard; Walter Willmann, left end; Melchior Beyer, center.

MR. J. C. SURBER

The News has just learned, and with much regret, the death of Mr. John C. Surber, which occurred on Sunday, November 28th, at his home near Katemey. Mr. Surber's death is attributed to apoplexy, with which malady he had been suffering for several years. At death he was 64 years and 21 days of age, having been born in Kentucky November 6, 1856.

Mr. Surber had been a resident of Mason County for many years and was one of the county's most successful and prosperous fortaers.

Deceased is survived by a wife and several grown children, all of whom have the deepest sympathy of the News in their bereavement.

Interment was made in the Bethel cemetery.

WRITER TELLS OF JUNGLE LIFE

Marcosson Spends Eight Months in Central Africa.

PASSES WEEK WITH SMUTS

General Who Once Fought Against Britain Now Holding South Africa to the Mother Country by His Great Ability—Marcosson Escapes African Germs Only to Contract Cold in New York—Belgium Has Done Great Work in Development of the Congo.

Isaac F. Marcosson, the American writer on economic subjects, who returned recently to New York from an eight months' trip through Central Africa, said that he had traveled 25,000 miles, visited the least known parts of the jungle, and lived with cannibals and pygmies without having a day's illness.

"I saw men die of sleeping sickness, black fever, plague and cholera and escaped all these perils," he said, "and never had a day's illness until I reached New York and caught cold. This demonstrates once more that the germs of the civilized areas are more deadly than those encountered in the jungle.

"I was aided in my trip, the most hazardous one I have ever made, by letters from King Albert of Belgium and Lloyd George, the British premier. When I arrived at Cape Town, South Africa, I spent a week with Gen. Jan C. Smuts, the premier, whom the Boers call 'Slim Jan,' and it was a most interesting experience. He is fighting the battle of his life now in ruling the country at the head of the minority in the government. One of the strangest things is that Gen. Smuts fought against the British ally defending them and holding South Africa to the mother country by his great ability.

Through Rhodesia. "After leaving Cape Town," Mr. Marcosson continued, "I traveled through Rhodesia, a magnificent country for white men, by train 2,300 miles to the railhead at Bukama on the route from the Cape to Cairo.

"This will be completed in three years, but will never be accomplished as Cecil Rhodes, the great African pioneer and empire builder, designed it to be.

From that point a steambot is taken on the Lualaba river to Congo, and then the rail again to Stanley Falls, from which point it is a journey of 700 miles by river to Senhar on the White Nile, which is the present southern end of the Egyptian railways from Cairo via Khartoum. The British South African and Central African railways will build lines another 300 miles to Mahagi, and the Egyptian railways will meet them there from Senhar, a distance of 400 miles, so that passengers will be able to make the entire journey from the Cape to Cairo by train and steamboats very comfortably. In addition, the Belgian government is constructing a railroad which will run through from Bukama to the west coast of Africa at Dakkar.

"The steamboats are about fifty tons register and stop at night because the river is full of hippos and crocodiles which make it unhealthy for the natives to wade in the water

and load up the wood for the stove-hole in the dark. The trains also stop at night and travelers sleep in the native huts with their own bedding which they take along and also their own servants and food. I also made a trip of 600 miles on the Kasai river, which is one of the chief tributaries of the Congo.

Heat Was Intense.

"Although the heat was intense in the middle of the day I suffered from the cold at night right on the equator in the midst of the jungle of Central Africa. For land traveling through the forests I was carried in a teapoy by forty negroes and had 100 natives altogether in my train, from Bukama to Stanley Falls and my side trips, including one from Kinchassa to Matardi. Here Stanley blasted his way through the rocks on the mountain trail and it is known by natives there in their legends as 'Buda Matardi,' the rock breaker.

"The Belgian government has done a great work in the development of the Congo country, which is the result of the far-seeing vision of their late King Leopold. It is the last big country left for empire building.

"I saw several cases in Central Africa of white men down with sleeping sickness and their suffering was terrible. Vast sums are being spent now in efforts to check the spread of this devastating disease by the British and Belgian governments and the Rockefeller Institute."

On his return from Africa Mr. Marcosson passed through France, Belgium and England on his way to Liverpool to join the Celtic. He said that France was progressing very slowly because the people were waiting in the hope of getting a big indemnity from Germany instead of settling down to work. Belgium was going ahead faster than any of the other nations in Europe that had suffered by the war.

England had been improving steadily, financially and industrially, until the coal strike, which, he said, would set the country back at least four months.

TOO FAT TO MARRY

Answer Given by New York Man in Suit for Breach of Promise.

Henry Abelson, who admits his weight is between 250 and 300 pounds, appeared before Justice Tierney in the Supreme court in New York to defend a breach of promise of marriage action which Miss Clara Diamond had filed against him. As Miss Diamond did not appear, the case was dismissed.

Abelson cited his heavy weight as one reason why he would not have been a suitable husband for Miss Diamond. He said she weighed only 100 pounds. Then, too, he said Miss Diamond had represented to him that she "had money enough to support three husbands with ease."

Although he did not admit the promise of marriage, he was of the opinion that he was justified in not continuing his friendship for the plaintiff.

DON'T SNEEZE IN INDIA; IT MIGHT KILL SOMEBODY

Missionary Doctor Says Superstition Costs Many Lives Annually in Orient.

Sneezes and superstitions cost many lives annually in India.

This was the statement of Dr. Anna Degenring of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission society, who has just returned to New York on a year's furlough after fourteen years as a doctor in India.

"A sneeze means a great impending calamity to the Indian mind," said Dr. Degenring. "Whatever happens on the day that one hears a sneeze is sure to turn out ill, and the Indian will enter upon no undertaking of importance on such a day. Many of our patients have refused to have operations on which their lives depended on the day that had been arranged for, because they happened to sneeze that morning, or even to hear some one else sneeze."

Indian belief in auspicious days is another "hobgoblin" in the path of the medical missionary there, Dr. Degenring said. Soon after an Indian child is born, the soothsayer reveals to the family its lucky star and its lucky days. Indians who fall ill or are hurt in an accident persist in waiting for their auspicious days before sending for a doctor.

The Indians, the physician explained, attribute epidemics to the wrath of various goddesses of ill health, adding "there is a goddess of malaria and a goddess of smallpox—a goddess, in fact, of every recurring epidemic."

Though they believe in goddesses, they are hard to convince concerning germs and they have no idea of quarantine for contagious diseases, Dr. Degenring said.

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Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Eastman and children arrived in Mason a few days ago and are visiting relatives and friends here. They recently resided in Arizona, but are now on their way to Austin, where they expect to make their future home.

Why not buy Silverware this Christmas. "Gifts That Last". J. S. King.



Miss Zetta Mills, who recently attempted to cross the English channel on a water cycle, is shown on her machine in the Thames, England, while the mayor of Richmond christens her cycle.

THIEF "BEGS PARDON"

Proofreader Led Him Gently to Door and Told Him to Go.

Instead of shooting him or treating him rough, Reuben K. Fulmer, proofreader on a newspaper at Norristown, Pa., led a burglar gently to the door and told him to begone. Then Fulmer telephoned police headquarters what he had done and if a policeman was sent the burglar might be caught coming down the street.

That was at 3 o'clock in the morning. Fulmer's wife had discovered a man on the second floor of their home, 1318 Main street. Fulmer sprang from bed, believing the man when he said he had made a mistake and apologized.

Later it was discovered the burglar had broken into the house through a window. Nothing was taken.

FIND HIDDEN JEWELRY

May Receive \$5,000 Reward for Recovering \$10,000 Worth of Loot.

Jewelry valued at \$10,000 was found by two rabbit hunters at Woodland's lake, near Tarrytown, N. Y., where it had been hidden under a rock by burglars who robbed the home of David Luke, in Tarrytown, July 17.

The hunters may receive a reward of \$5,000 offered for evidence leading to conviction. Leroy Green, a negro, is in custody charged with the theft of the jewels.

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LOST—Watch Bracelet; between W. R. Capps' and Mason. Finder, please return to News Office for reward. 38tf

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FOR SALE—Young three-year-old mule. If interested see 27-4tp Robt. H. Fischer.

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A BARGAIN—Have ordered a new car and will give some one a bargain in my Chevrolet. It is in good mechanical shape and can be tried out any day. Will give good terms. Martin D. Loring.

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1915 Model Buick four—for sale; or will trade for stock. See Kurt Martin. 27tf

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Rev. Rader returned this week from a short visit to Austin, where he, together with his brothers and sisters, gave his father a very pleasant surprise on the occasion of his birthday, which event was on Sunday.

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COAL-BURNERS DROP BACK

Use of Diesel Engines Is Growing and Large Ships Are Built to Employ Them—Countries in Which the Great Bulk of the New Tonnage Is Being Built Are the United States, Great Britain and Japan—Large Percentage Is Steel or Iron.

So rapid has been the adoption of oil by merchant shipping that within the last year the world's tonnage equipped for the use of oil as fuel for the boilers or in internal combustion engines has increased by half, according to the annual report of Lloyds' Register of Shipping.

As a result, the proportion of the world's tonnage fitted for coal burning has declined from 82 to 76 per cent, while that equipped for oil burning has risen from 12 per cent to 18 per cent. There has been no change in the relative position of shipping having sail power only, which still constitutes 6 per cent of the world's shipping of 100 gross tons and over.

New ships classed during the last year which were fitted for burning oil fuel numbered 426 vessels of 1,925,000 gross tons as compared with 211 vessels of 1,193,000 tons during the previous year.

Since the armistice a great development has taken place in the use of internal combustion engines, and during the last year classification was made of twenty-eight new vessels fitted with such engines as their main propelling power. At present there are under construction under the supervision of Lloyds' Register more than 150 sets of Diesel engines and about the same number of sets of oil engines other than the Diesel type, half of which are building in the United Kingdom. The largest Diesel engines are those for the Glenogle, of 9,150 gross tons. The largest oil-engined vessels completed during the year was the Afrika, of 8,707 tons.

Turbine Still Largely in Use. The success of vessels fitted with geared steam turbines is indicated by the fact that in the last year 215 such vessels, aggregating 1,286,000 gross tons, have been classed.

Reviewing conditions during the year Lloyds' Register points out that over 4,250,000 tons of shipping were classed, in comparison with 3,800,000 tons in the previous twelve months and that at the end of last June the total of merchant vessels under classification was 4,920,000 tons.

The countries in which the great bulk of the new tonnage has been built, it is pointed out, are the United States, the United Kingdom and Japan. Other countries in which there is at present a comparatively large amount of merchant shipping being constructed are Holland, Canada, Italy, Sweden, Spain and Denmark.

Because of the great amount of reconditioning undertaken by shipbuilders after the war and the conversion of a very large number of vessels to burn oil instead of coal the output of new tonnage, it is stated, has undoubtedly been limited.

Wooden Ships' Share Small. Vessels classed in Lloyds' Register Book at the end of the year closing with June 30 last aggregate 9,587, of a total tonnage of more than 25,000,000 gross. The division is shown as follows:

Iron and steel—		
Steam	8,508	24,115,356
Sail	385	563,232
Wood and composite		
steam and sail	294	240,411
Total	9,587	25,018,919

More than 96 per cent of the total tonnage is composed of steel or iron steamers.

During the year ended June 30 last 480 vessels, of 1,930,000 tons, were classed in the United States; 594, of 1,391,000, in the United Kingdom, and 105, of 571,000, in Japan. More than 96 per cent of this tonnage consists of iron and steel steamers.

Striking increase is shown in the number of large vessels under construction, fifty-six of those building being each of 10,000 gross tons or over.

BUYING COCKROACHES

Scientist Thinks These Bugs Carry Germs of Cancer.

Five cents for a big, fat cockroach! Dr. Joseph Styr, scientist of Pittsburgh, will pay this sum for each one of as many of these denizens of the creeping world as he can obtain.

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Michigan has an average of 100 secret marriages a year, according to figures announced by the division of vital statistics of the department of state. Records of secret marriages filed in the division are not accessible to public examination and a special fee of \$5 is assessed against parties entering into secret marriage contract, \$2 of which goes to the probate judge of the county where the ceremony is performed, and the other \$3 to the department of state for registration.

Under the state law, the probate judge or the clergyman he designates are the only officials empowered to perform secret marriages.

During 1917 the record shows 166 secret marriages; 1918, 166; 1919, 73, and the first nine months of 1920, 135.

BURGLARS ARE ORIGINAL

Use Unique Method of Breaking Into Store.

What was perhaps the most unique way of breaking and entering a place of business in the record of the Atlanta police headquarters was reported by the manager of Tester's Style Shop.

Burglars removed a panel two feet square from the rear wall of the store by using a brace and bit. Holes were bored in four lines, making a square, and then the panel was pushed out. The burglars entered the store and carried away clothing valued at \$4,000. Men's and ladies' suits, silk stockings and silk socks and large quantities of underwear were stolen.

"There has to be a breaking and entering to constitute a burglary," said one of the police officers, "but this is a case of boring and entering."

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NOTICE—All parties holding bills against Coleman & Jenkins for labor, material, etc., used on Highway No. 9, will please file their claims with the County Clerk immediately. 38-2t

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Cancer is thought to be caused by an organism that lives in the muscles of the legs of the roach.

"Red" Leaders Ousted From Germany.

M. Zinovieff and M. Lomovsky, Russian soviet delegates to a socialist conference at Halle, have been ordered by the German government to leave the country.

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