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MASON COMMERCIAL CLUB MET ON MONDAY NIGHT

The Mason Commercial Club met in regular monthly session at the court house Monday night. The meeting was presided over by president, John T. Banks. After the reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting reports from outstanding committees were received, and in some instances the committees were discharged and in other they were continued in tact for further action.

The most important topic of discussion for the evening was that pertaining to a State Park site for Mason. The committee appointed at a previous meeting to locate sites for the park reported that two sites were available on the Highway north of town, one on each side of the road just north of the bridge across Comanche creek, the Hamilton property and the eBach property. Another site near the highway south of town, the Hicks Springs bottom is to yet considered.

This proposition will have to be acted upon in the near future, as the State Park Board is anxious to know whether or not Mason will furnish a site for a park. The Board was very successful on its recent tour and had many park sites donated to them. A State park for Mason, maintained by the state, would be quite an asset to Mason and Mason County. This has been the biggest tourist season we have had, from one hundred and twenty-five to one hundred and fifty cars pass through Mason every day.

Not only would a State Park at Mason accommodate this large number of tourists, but it would also afford much pleasure for Mason county people who visited it, as the site is to be improved and beautified by the State Park Board.

Mother nature was liberal with Mason county and provided us with some of the most beautiful scenery to be found anywhere in Texas. Now is an appropriate time to preserve one of the beauty spots for all time to come. Who'll buy an acre and donate it to the park site?

Messrs. Felix and E. W. Jordan, prominent citizens of the Katemey community were in attendance at the meeting Monday night and propositioned the local club in regard to securing a ten acre tract at Katemey for a State Park site. After a short discussion, a committee was appointed to solicit funds to aid the Katemey people in buying the site. It was proposed by the gentlemen from Katemey that their community would raise five hundred dollars, and asked that another five hundred be raised in Mason. The committee started out Tuesday morning to solicit donations for the Katemey site, but we have not been able to learn with what success they have met.

FREDONIA FAIR CATALOG OUT

The catalog and premium list of the Fredonia Community Fair is just off the press and this enterprising community is to be congratulated upon getting out such a strong premium list.

Valuable money prizes are going offered in the Hog, Sheep, Goat, Poultry, Culinary and Needle Work departments and we are informed additional prizes will be offered for the rodeo and other entertainment departments.

The poultry coops and pens belonging to the Commercial Club of Mason will be used and plenty of space is assured for all exhibitions.

Potato races, baseball and a real Indian Show will be among the features of entertainment.

Plans are under way whereby Herman Lehmann, ex-Indian captive, will kill a steer with a bow and arrow, and part of the liver will be eaten raw. This is something that few of us will ever be able to see repeated, as the habits and actions of the red man are fast becoming history.

Don't fail, prepare now, to attend the Fredonia community Fair, August 29th and 30th.

Miss Ruby Norwood left Wednesday for her home in Fort Worth, after having spent a few months visiting relatives in this county.

Misses Thelma Wood and Genevieve King spent several days in Brady the past week, visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse O. Schmidt.

What Was That?



MRS. D. DOOLE DIED HERE WEDNESDAY ABOUT NOON

The sad news of the death of Mrs. D. Doole was spread over our city about noon Wednesday. Mrs. Doole had been in ill health for several months, having been confined to her bed a larger portion of the time, as a result of a stroke of paralysis.

Deceased is one of Mason's oldest citizens, and the News regrets that it was unable to secure a history of her life for this issue, but it was impossible to do so, as there was one to give us this information before our forms were closed Wednesday afternoon. It is hoped that we will be able to secure this data for our next issue.

Funeral arrangements had not been made yesterday afternoon.

AGRICULTURAL YEAR BOOK

The News has received a copy of the 1923 Agricultural Year Book which is issued by the United States Department of Agriculture and contains thirteen hundred pages of valuable information reading statistics pertaining to the various resources of this country.

Should anyone desire to secure a copy of this book, they may do so by applying to Claude B. Hudspeth, Congressman of the 16th District of Texas, Washington, D. C. A copy of the Year Book will be mailed to you free of charge.

Every farmer and stockman in Mason county should write for a copy of this book as it contains much valuable information for them.

Mrs. E. W. Schroeder and son, Hodges, Miss Sarah Beatrice Lomburg and Mrs. R. C. Doell and four daughters and son, R. C., spent several days in San Antonio the past week.

JOHNNY ZIRIAX INJURED WHEN TRUCK OVERTURNS

Johnny Ziriaux narrowly escaped death last Saturday afternoon when the truck he was driving was ditched a few miles beyond Wearing on the San Antonio road. Johnny was returning from San Antonio in the Red truck of John Johnson and the truck was loaded with freight. The accident occurred about five o'clock in the afternoon and was due to the fact that Johnny was dozing and was almost asleep when he noticed the truck was leaving the road. He sustained a painful wound over one eye and injuries to his back. At last reports he was recovering as nicely as could be expected.

The truck was considerably damaged and Mr. Johnson states it will be necessary to pull it into San Antonio for repairs to be made, and that the damage will amount to approximately one hundred and fifty dollars.

TEACHERS INSTITUTE WILL BE HELD IN MASON IN SEPT.

The joint institute of Mason and Gillespie County teachers will be held in Mason from Sept 1 to the 5th, inclusive. This will be the fourth time Mason and Gillespie county teachers will have met in joint institute. The institute was held last year at Fredericksburg.

The institute will be conducted at the local high school building and unite an instructive program has been arranged. County Superintendent John T. Banks has the program for the institute and anyone desiring one can secure same by applying to him.

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NOTICE TO VOTERS

The Following is a Letter Received by Sheriff Leslie From State Comptroller:

June 11th, 1924.

Mr. Charles Leslie, Tax Collector, Mason, Texas.

Dear sir:

This office has just completed the work of checking your annual reports and balancing your last year's work which check shows that you had a balance of \$115.02 to the credit of your account, after all charges had been deducted.

We want to take this opportunity of complimenting you on the care and accuracy with which these reports were made. We can truthfully say that they are among the best that we have ever handled and it was a pleasure to check them. If all the reports we handle were as orderly, the State would be saved a great expense in clerical hire.

Thanking you for this attention, I am

Yours very truly,

LON A. SMITH

Comptroller

(Paid Advertisement)

MASON COUNTY CLUB MEMBERS MAKE GOOD SHOWING AT A. & M.

The Mason county citizens who attended the Short Course at A. & M. College last week returned home Sunday and report a most enjoyable time.

None of the teams won first place, but Mason County Club members landed in the high ten teams in each contest.

The Livestock judging team composed of Robt' Schmidt, L. Mogford and Malcolm Jordan won 4th place in the State and when it is considered that fifty-nine counties were represented this is considered very good. L. Mogford of this county was also fourth individual in the State, in stock judging.

The grain judging team with Richard Jordan and Maurice Kidd won eighth place, while the poultry judging team composed of Goldie Brewer and Alpha Curren won 4th in the State Poultry contest.

The crowd camped at the Barton Springs Park, in Austin, both going and coming and a trip through the State Capitol was made on the return. This was the first time several of the adults and Club members had had an opportunity to visit their State Capitol.

The average cost of the trip, including car fare and meals was slightly less than \$7.50 per member.

Those Club members who were given the advantage of the free trips by the Mason Commercial Club and their home clubs have requested the County Agent to express their hearty appreciation to the members of the Commercial Club and their local clubs for these trips.

Prepare to join the crowd going to the Short Course next summer, and you will then be able to more fully appreciate the value of the same.

CANVASS OF ELECTION RETURNS SHOW GAIN AND LOSS

The county democratic committee met at the court house in Mason last Saturday afternoon and canvassed the returns of the recent primary election. In many instances candidates lost or gained a few votes, but the only changes of material benefit was that Kuhlmann gained twenty votes at Grit, and Hey gained ten at Art. Behrens also gained ten in the Capps box.

In reporting the returns from the various boxes on the night of election, the returns were received over phone and figures were misunderstood, and not until a canvass of the returns had been made could definite results be declared.

Typewriter ribbons, 80c. News Office

W. C. EDWARDS EXPLAINS ATTITUDE TOWARD KLAN

Denton, Texas, Aug. 2.—Will C. Edwards, Denton newspaperman who will go into the runoff for Lieutenant-Governor with Barry Miller of Dallas, today gave out the following statement:

"I am seeking the nomination for Lieutenant-Governor for the honor and the opportunity for service it gives. I entered the race in the belief that Texas Democrats would react favorably toward a candidate who had eschewed all factional groups, whose only purpose was to serve and who would be pledged only to the service of the whole people. After advising with friends I announced my candidacy without seeking the endorsement or consent of anybody or any group.

"Returns of the first primary show enough Democrats did so react as to give me, with the support of my friends and their friends, a place in the runoff, which is between Judge Barry Miller of Dallas and me. Judge Miller has said the only reason he entered the contest was that he was drafted by the Farm Labor bloc. He has their support and their platform has his endorsement.

"As for me, I shall run in the second primary as in the first—in no alliance with any group or bloc or candidate, still holding to the belief that there are enough Texas Democrats unswayed by radicalism, factionalism or prejudice to constitute a majority. If I am mistaken, I shall be content, for I am wholly sincere in the determination to go into office my own man, with my only pledge to be fair and just to all and to give the very best service of which I am capable, or stay at home.

"I have tried sincerely to avoid the injection into my campaign of the Klan issue. But I am forced to realize there are those who are making of it their political shibboleth. Therefore I say, without reservation or equivocation, that I am not now and never have been a member of the Klan. I have never applied for membership in the Klan nor paid any fee to the Klan. This in answer to my opponent's unfounded charge in his speech at McKinney. I am not and never have been a member of the Farm-Labor Union or any other organized bloc. I am simply a Democrat, who has taken his democracy straight and who has never bolted but always supported every Democratic nominee.

"I am wholly tolerant of other men's beliefs—political, religious or otherwise. The only thing in return I demand is that they accord to me the same freedom of thought and action I cheerfully accord them.

"I am for law enforcement all down the line and opposed to lawlessness or mob rule any time, anywhere, in any form, believing in law enforcement thru duly constituted authorities and nowhere else.

"I have been a prohibitionist since early manhood, supporting prohibition individually and editorially. I have advocated woman suffrage since it became an issue.

"I believe in an economical, efficient administration of the State's affairs and that Texas needs a better distribution of its tax burdens rather than additional taxes.

"Believing that in education lies the solution of most of our economic and governmental problems, I am interested in every phase of education and as a citizen, editor and legislator I have labored to the limit of my ability for the upbuilding of the educational system of Texas from bottom to top. I have been particularly interested in the betterment of the rural schools and was instrumental in getting thru the rural aid and emergency school appropriations in the 38 Legislature.

"I believe in collective bargaining for labor. I have been an employer of labor for a quarter of a century and that I have been fair and just to my employes is proved by the fact that without an exception so far as I know and believe every last one who ever worked for me is my supporter in this race.

"Saturday's results show that a candidate who has back of him only his friends and his friends' friends and who has the coherent opposition of a powerful and well-organized bloc si on

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SHERIFF GETS FOUR FOR TRANSPORTING LIQUOR

The sheriff's office received a telephone call Wednesday afternoon from near Telegraph that four men, driving a Ford car, were intoxicated and were disturbing the peace up that way.

Sheriff Gibbs and Deputy Allen Taylor and Albert Barley drove up South Llano to a point near the dam and waited for the car, as it was reported to be coming this way. After a short wait, some men meeting the description of those wanted, came along and when halted by the officers, according to Mr. Gibbs, began pouring something out of a jug, and by the time the car stopped, only a small quantity of liquor remained in the jug. This and the car were taken in charge by the sheriff and the men placed in jail. They waived examining trial, and Justice of the Peace E. Holskamp set their bonds at \$1,000 each.

Yesterday morning they were making an effort to get some one from their home to come here and bond them out. The men gave the names of J. K. Wurdley and son, Clyde, H. J. Bryce and N. H. McCain, and stated that their home was in Coleman County.—Junction Eagle.

JOB HOLDERS

Figures from authoritative sources assert that nearly \$1,000,000,000 is paid out in the United States every year to public officials, active and retired.

These figures are not surprising when we know that nearly 2,000,000 persons are on the public payroll, federal, state and local.

Nearly one-half of the \$8,500,000,000 spent yearly by our government goes to officials and former officials. Every taxpayer should understand that almost one-half of his taxes go to support office-holders.

One of Mussolini's first acts was to dismiss 100,000 men from the public payroll.

Our trouble is that the jobholder is the backbone of every political party. Joys are the currency in which party debts are paid. And this currency is at present inflated.

EXPRESSES APPRECIATION

Coleman, Texas, July 28, 1924
Editor of the News,
Mason, Texas.

Dear Sir:
I wish you would express through the columns of your paper my appreciation of the votes cast for me in the Senatorial race and my pledge to the people in this district to faithfully serve them as their State Senator. I shall do my best as the representative of the people in this district to give and carry out their wishes in all matters where I am possible, and I shall have the pleasure of doing so. I shall have the pleasure of doing so. I shall have the pleasure of doing so.

science and my better judgment. I was prevented from making a canvass in your county but I hope in the future to become personally acquainted with a large majority of your people for I want to know them and I want them to know me and convey the message to your people that I feel that I am their true servant and I want them to feel free to call on me at any time for my services connected with my duties as State Senator.

Yours very truly,
WALTER C. WOODWARD,
Coleman, Texas

OUT OF SOMETHING TO WRITE ABOUT

Newspaper writers as a rule are prolific writers, producing during the course of a month more than the average author in the same length of time, and yet taking one day with another turning out some very readable copy. The muse of even a newspaper man, however, some times fails to respond to the calls made upon it, especially where one is conscientious in his work and tries to give his readers something worth while. Here's how one editor views a situation like that, and it must be admitted that he gets a pretty good lesson out of it, even if he does limp a little in the beginning:

"It is hard to think of anything to say this week for we are thinking of some things we don't want to say anything about, till we have thought about them some more. In the past we have said things without thinking about them some more and were sorry we did not think about them some more for if we had we would not have said them and would have been happier. You always have a chance to think about things some more till you have said them. After you have said them you often think about them some more, but that is not what you are writing about. You are wanting to get them out."

"When you have nothing to say the subject is about the safest thing to talk about. But when you talk about the weather it is always after to talk about the weather we have had than the weather you may think we are going to have. We have noticed that in talking about the weather, people are disposed to talk more about the weather they don't like, and they are the same way when they come to talk about people. If they would just reverse this order everybody would be happier and the weather would be no worse. Anyway it 'Ain't no use to fret, the kinder weather wovt you get is all you gwiner get.' This also applies to people. So why fret."—Brownwood Bulletin.

The News handles cardboard in assorted colors, carbon paper, blotting paper, shipping tags, typewriter ribbons, Steko-O Paste Powder, and bond paper is our "long suit".

MRS. DOROTHEA DANZ

In the death of Mrs. Dorothea Danz nee Beck, which event took place Saturday morning, the county lost one of its oldest and most highly esteemed pioneers. Mrs. Danz attained the advanced age of 87 years, 3 months, and 3 days and was laid to rest in the family cemetery at Stonewall, Sunday the 27th.

She is survived by a large family. Ten children mourn her death, also one sister and 127 grand and great-grandchildren. Reverend Paul Leonard officiated at the grave.—Fredericksburg Standard.

GETTING BACK AT DAD

"Papa why can't we see the other side of the moon?" inquired Tommy. This was about the fortieth question he had asked on that particular night.

"Because we can't," answered the parent somewhat abruptly from the depths of the armchair, where he was vainly endeavoring to read the evening paper.

"Well, why?" began the little fellow again. "Why can't an elephant climb a tree?"

Father threw down the paper and jumped to his feet.

"What a boy you are for asking questions," he exclaimed. "I'd like to know what would have happened if I had asked as many questions as you when I was a boy."

"Perhaps," suggested the young hopeful, "you'd have been able to answer a few of mine."—Exchange.

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RED RAGS AND IGNORANCE

A red rag is used to excite a bull. The tariff is used to inflame the public mind.

There is no more reason for the public to get excited than there is for the bull, as neither the red rag nor the tariff are dangerous.

Ignorance is the cause of most hardship and suffering.

A tariff to give reasonable protection to home industries from unreasonable competition is in the interest of the workman, good wages and steady payrolls.

Then why use it as the political red rag to inflame the public mind instead of considering the matter as a business proposition?

REAL DEMOCRATIC INDUSTRY

Employees of the telephone industry now number over 350,000. In 1923 the company had 281,149 stockholders, about one-sixth of whom were employees of the Bell System.

Adding the number of employees of the Bell System who are not stockholders to the total number of stockholders, we find an army of 584,293 persons directly interested in the telephone industry. One hundred thousand additional employees of the Bell System are now paying for stock on the installment basis.

This company has a larger number of stockholders than any other organization in the country and represents real "democracy" in industry.

PRIVATE OWNERSHIP WITH GOVERNMENT PROFIT

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Ry. has issued a special compilation of the taxes it paid in 1923—a total of \$8,561,754 to the various states, or 5 per cent of the company's operating revenues.

If the radicals only knew it, that beats government ownership "all hollow," for in the case of this particular railroad the actuality is private ownership and responsibility and government appropriation of all the profits. For the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, had nothing left for dividends to its stockholders after it had paid operating expenses, taxes and other charges out of its revenues of 1923.

Under private ownership, American railroads pay into the public treasuries \$1,000,000 a day in taxes.

In spite of such striking illustrations as this we see perpetual agitation such as now taking place in California and Washington to launch those states on gigantic programs for state owned power development enterprises.

The arguments of our socialist friends would be more convincing if they could point to any of their enterprises which have actually "reduced taxes."

BUSINESS VERSUS PLEASURE

Among our pleasures and excitements as American people is what is called "Politics." There are elements of sport, gambling, speculation and all the lures and ups and downs of a lottery or horse race. Politics for this reason has a fascination that amounts almost to a passion in the minds of thousands of good citizens. The conclusion of an exciting race at the primaries, nominating conventions and elections always sees a great deal of money change hands although betting on elections is strictly forbidden by law. The interests of a great nation of 110,000,000 people, with commerce running into hundreds of millions and billions, when we add manufacturing, transportation, agriculture, mining and public improvements, must in the final correct solution of problems become

more and more a matter of business. The most serious question before our country is the relation of our government to foreign affairs, especially the restoration of fairly normal conditions in the late war-stricken nations of Europe. Morally, politically and economically, and above all to ourselves, we owe it to the world to aid in bringing this about as soon as possible. To keep American industries and payrolls on a steady foundation, to see that our farmers and producers have open access to the markets of the world for their surplus products, will take something more than the trickery of politics. It will take the application of the best brains and the soundest business principles, which is statesmanship for beyond party lines. We must forego the pleasure and excitement of old-fashioned politics and serve our country and the interests of all humanity.

HOW TEXAS STANDS

Texas is first in total value of agricultural products, 1923—\$1,064,775,000.

Texas is first in the farm value of crops.

Texas is first in acre value of crops, luxury state excepted.

Texas is first in the production of cotton, producing 42.5 per cent of the American crop.

Texas is first in the manufacture and refinement of cotton seed oil.

Texas is first in the production of grain sorghums.

Texas is ninth in the production of corn.

Texas is seventh in the production of broom corn.

Texas is fourth in the production of sorghum syrup.

Texas is second in the production of rice.

Texas is third in the production of peanuts.

Texas is third in the production of cabbage.

Texas is first in the production of Bermuda onions.

Texas is third in the production of watermelons.

Texas is fifth in the production of sweet potatoes.

Texas is second in the production of crude oil.

Texas is first in refining crude oil.

Texas is first in the production of sulphur.

Texas is first in the production of fuller's earth.

Texas is second in the production of galena/silver.

Texas is second in lignite reserves.

Texas is first in the production of wool.

Texas is first in the number of sheep on farms and ranches.

Texas is first in the number of goats on farms and ranches.

Texas is seventh in the number of hogs on farms and ranches.

Texas is eighth in the number of dairy animals.

Texas is first in the number of beef animals on farms and ranches.

Texas is first in the number of mules on farms and ranches.

Texas is fourth in number of horses on farms and ranches.

Texas has the largest herd of pure bred Jersey cattle in the world.

I WILL TRY

Here is a good clipping. This is taken from the Kivans Magazine. It is worth pasting up where all can read it:

I will try to be a lifter—not a learner; to encourage, never discourage; lighten the sorrow of others; make the world a little sweeter place in which to live, keeping in mind the will of God; make sunshine in life's shady places; look on the bright side of everything; be clean in body and mind, working industriously and honestly for a living and a spotless character so I can look up not dream down—and meet Death's coming with a fearless smile; rejoice in life; have hope and faith in everybody until they themselves destroy it; try to live without hate, jealousy or envy; avoid speaking critically and bitterly; repeat only the good I hear; love, be cheerful in disappointments charitable toward the erring and more—frown less; follow the Golden Rule.

The easiest thing for an autoist to run into is debt.—Toledo Blade.

As soon as you get it yourself special privilege becomes your rights.—Columbus Dispatch.

Now we have it. John W. Davis is to run for President in the East and Charles W. Bryan is to run for Vice-President in the West.—Toledo Blade.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

By Phoebe K. Warner
In San Saba Star

Isn't it strange that the two greatest missions in all this world have always been looked upon as calling for no special knowledge of training? And these two great missions are: **Home Making and Agriculture.** The very foundation of life and living. But how many people, men or women have ever been intelligently trained for either?

As recently as 1905 only a small per cent of even the educators themselves appreciated the need of vocational education. And yet somebody has always had to work for everybody's living. Work, physical, manual labor has been the basis of all civilization. Wonder where our nation and the whole world would be today if only vocational training had had as much thought and time and mental energy and taxation spent on it as has been spent on the study of WAR and history? Do you suppose Teaching War for 6,000 years has had any influence on the making of wars? What causes war in its final analysis? And on the other hand what brings peace to you? What brings peace to a community. What brings peace to a whole State and Nation? And just what do you think will bring peace to the whole world?

Do you think the action of our Protestant churches a few days ago against war will bring peace? Or do you think that was merely a negative act? It seems to me that would be the greatest inducement to get a lot more slakers out of our churches and that is the greatest trouble with the church now. The many community and church slakers. But just let it get out that certain Protestant churches are never going to war again and you won't need a summer revival to gather in the sheaves. Registering sentiment will never amount to anything unless we every one get back of our sentiment and work with all our might to substitute something better than war for the youth of our nation. We've got to get rid of the cause of war before we lay down our arms against it. And the greatest cause of strife and discontentment and jealousy that leads to war is ignorance. Ignorance in all its multiplied forms. But especially our lack of knowledge in how to live and how to make a living.

And that is what vocational education means. How to make a home. How to raise a crop. How to cook a meal is the best way to give health and strength to our bodies. How to raise better poultry. How to make butter and how to market millions of dollars worth of food that goes to waste every year on the farms of our nation. How to raise the standard of a bunch of hogs. How to produce infertile eggs and command a better price on the market. How to build up a dairy herd in the whole community until every farmer will receive as much or more cash every time he goes to town as he spends while he is there. Sure it is possible if the whole community will work together to make it possible. Our rural communities have not yet learned the first lesson in the mutual value of cooperative marketing and not only cooperative marketing but co-operative production. Some day every community in this State and every other State will work together like one big family to make more money for all. That is one of the features of vocational education.

But up until as late as 1910 the idea of vocational training for either the boys or the girls on the farm was a subject of universal debate. And yet every state had a penitentiary or two every county almost had a poor house and a jail, less than one-third of all the people lived in their own homes, and the whole country was full of disease, poverty, crime and discontent. Every State had its asylums and its reform schools and every year these institutions thrived and multiplied in numbers and the people would gladly submit to more taxation to provide bigger buildings to house and feed our homeless, helpless citizens.

Yes sir. When a man or a woman is down and out, when they have been reduced to a pauper, a lunatic, or a criminal, its time to do something for them. And not only them but it is time to protect ourselves from them. They're dangerous. So we build more poor houses, jails and penitentiaries and reform schools and asylums to take care of our unfortunate fellowmen and women when all hope has been crushed out of their lives. But the strangest thing of all is that most folks object a lot less to being taxed to support such institutions to house and feed our homeless helpless and hopeless citizens

than they do to being taxed for education that would do more to prevent such misery and unhappiness than anything else we could all do.

How to make home life more desirable has had little thought and less training. As proof of this statement Texas stands today at the head of the world in the divorce courts. The United States of America, the land of greatest religious freedom, the richest nation on the globe, and supposed to be the most intelligent, leads the world in the divorce courts and Texas leads the nation. Does Texas need to teach the science and the beauty and the joy and the economic of home-making to the rising generation of girls? And Texas is to day the greatest agricultural State in the Union. And intelligently handled Texas will always stand at the head of the nation in Agriculture because it has more room for it. It has the greatest diversity of products and possibilities.

The Smith-Hughes law, providing Federal aid to the dicerent States for the promotion of vocational education,

was passed by the Sixty-fourth Congress signed by President Wilson on February 23, 1917, and became effective as a law on July 1st, 1917. In all his great and useful life do you think President Wilson signed a law that is destined to bring more peace and prosperity to all the generations of the future than the signing of the law providing vocational education in our public schools.

As proof of Texas' appreciation of this great step forward in the education of our boys and girls for the duties of the home and the farm, 82 of her 253 counties have already introduced vocational training into their schools. There are at this time 130 schools in Texas giving vocational training in some form. Is your county and your school among the list?

With wheat at \$1.23, keeping the "discontented farmer" discontented becomes more and more of a problem.—New York Herald Tribune.

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Society

Mr. and Mrs. Eckert Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Eckert were at home to a number of their friends on Friday. Baskets of sunflowers and zinnias formed decorations for the table and living room.

An elaborate dinner was enjoyed by the following: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lee and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Grote, Mrs. Roscoe Runge and daughter, Miss Bettie Tribble and Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Eckert and daughter.

Music and Poetry Party

On Tuesday night of last week Miss Emily Jordan was hostess to a number of friends at a party given in honor of her brother Gilbert and his friend Troy Cooke. The evening was passed by having several music and poetry contests which proved to be very interesting.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to the following persons: Misses Louise Venter, Elsie Leffeste, Louise Durst, Bessie Hoerster, Milla Leffeste, Evelyn Willmann, Esther Jordan, Adella Jordan, Bessie Leffeste, Bessie Leffeste, Messrs Troy Cooke, Gilbert Jordan, Willard Schuessler, Milton Jordan, Sam Leffeste, Reuben Leffeste, Thomas Reardon, Lawrence Reardon, Henry Hoerster, Walter Durst, Roy Leffeste, Edward Kothmann and the hostess.

Surprise Birthday Party

On Tuesday afternoon, July 23, Mrs. Seth Baze was hostess at a Surprise Birthday Party honoring her sister, Miss Elizabeth White. Mrs. Baze used a profusion of wild blue bells in decorating her attractive home.

Several games of bridge were played with high scores going to Miss Lillie Eckert. Mrs. White was presented with a number of attractive gifts and with a large, white birthday cake after which a most delightful salad course was served with goodluck animals for plate favors.

Mrs. Baze's guests included the honoree, Miss Elizabeth White, Mesdames Walter Lindsay, Arch Metzger, Callie Baze, Elgin Eckert, Tom White, Neal Coleman, Misses Grace Howell, of Nixon, Jessie Doell, Lillie Eckert, Alice Campbell, of Austin, Averil Bellows and Marie Brockman.

Miss White Hostess

Thursday afternoon, July 21, Miss Elizabeth White entertained with a most attractive party honoring Miss Alice Campbell, of Austin, who was the house guest of Miss Marie Brockman and Miss Grace Howell, of Nixon, who was the house guest of Miss Averil Bellows.

Five games of bridge were played with high scores going to Mrs. Arch Metzger. Later in the afternoon a nicely served course was served featuring an orange and white note in decoration and plate favors were ribbon-decorated packages of candy.

Those present were: the honoree, Misses Grace Howell and Alice Campbell, Mesdames Tom White, Roy Doell, Sterling Schmidt, Walter Lindsey, Seth Baze, Arch Metzger, Neal Coleman, Misses Jessie Doell, Lillie Eckert, Russell Knolle, Pearl Land, Averil Bellows, Marie Brockman, and the hostess, Miss Elizabeth White.

Ladies Aid

Last month the Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. J. C. Leuburg with Mrs. Roscoe Runge as assistant hostess. The afternoon was passed in the usual way with a beneficial study and a pleasant social hour. The next meeting Aug 13 will be with Mrs. J. S. King. The questions for study follows:

- Scripture Reading, Matthew, Chapters 25 and 26 inclusive.
- Tell the story of the ten virgins. What did Jesus say about watching?
- Tell the parable of the ten talents. How many talents were mentioned? What became of the man who was entrusted with the one talent?
- Who shall appear before the Son of Man when he comes into his glory?
- How shall the sheep and the goats be divided?
- What shall the king say to those on his right. To those on his left?
- When was the kingdom prepared for God's own?
- What did Jesus say about being hungry, thirsty, naked, and sick?
- What question did the people ask in reply to this statement?

From Our Early Files

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Aug. 6, 1900: Mobns spent a few days last week visiting Mrs. Chas. Worlie at Streeter.

Walter and Miss Clara Spaeth returned home Sunday from the Fredericksburg reunion.

Tom White left Wednesday for Gonzales to spend a few weeks visiting relatives.

Mrs. Belle Bridges returned Saturday from a visit of a few weeks to her mother in Charlestown, Ind.

Miss Loula Mildred White returned home last week from a visit of a few weeks to her aunt, Mrs. J. F. Schaez, of Brady.

Hon. Calvin Thaxton left this week for Ballinger to visit his brother.

J. S. Duggs and family of Fort McKavett have moved to Mason to locate permanently.

Mrs. Calvin Thaxton, Harold, Willie and Sarah went to Fredericksburg this week to visit relatives.

Andy Rowe is here from Manor to visit his brother, S. C. Rowe.

Dan Hoerster, son of Henry Hoerster, had his leg broken some days ago by his horse falling with him.

Miss Amelia Grote, aged 18 years, daughter of Henry Grote of the Castell country, died Saturday morning of typhoid fever.

Miss Hampton of Rochelle, is here visiting Mrs. John Monaghan.

D. G. Baker and family of McCulloch county have come to Mason to locate. Frank Willmann and Walter Leffeste left Thursday for Dallas to attend school.

John Carter, of Philadelphia, is here to visit the family of his uncle, M. F. Carter.

Mrs. H. B. Cowles and Vivian returned a few days ago from a visit in East Texas.

H. C. Fellmore purchased an automobile last week.

J. A. Hoerster and Miss Olga are here from San Antonio to visit relatives.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Aug. 11, 1889: Miss Ruth Hamilton returned Monday from a visit of a few weeks to relatives at Fredericksburg.

The little child of Julius Splittgerber died Sunday after an illness of many weeks.

A pleasant social was given last Friday evening at the home of Dr. Jos. Greer.

The young people enjoyed a social at the home of Miss Clara Sands on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Fritz Bode died on July 28th at her home east of here. She leaves a husband and six children.

Misses Maggie Payne and Katie Ricks are spending the week at the ranch of Judge McKnight.

Will Garner and family, Ovy Garner, Mrs. Ada Garner, Jim Garner and family, Dyke Elder, Misses Cora and Nora Elder were members of a party who spent a few days on the Llano river the past week.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Keyser, a girl on the 5th.

Dr. H. T. Clark has sold his 100 acre farm near Kateney to Dick Kiser for \$500.

A pleasant social gathering took place Tuesday evening at the home of E. H. Todd. Those present included Misses Hettie Todd, Annie Loring, Lizzie Moran, Sophia Leslie, Ruth McGinnis, Ruby Payne, Lillian Mobns, Ruby and Mabel Gradstaff, Lillie Wheeler, Clara Sands, Naomie Burnham, Effie Gamel, May and Ruth Hamilton, Flora Fauldon, Alice Ricks; Messrs Sterling King, Otto and Robert Bogusch, Otto Schmidt, Lawrence Christopher, Marcus and Rufus Thompson, C. C. Fellbaum, Chas. and George Kind.

Supt. S. N. Doble and family returned Monday from a visit of several weeks to relatives in south Texas.

rick, Max Hubbard, Dolly and Dee Payne, Chas. Worlie, Will and Jim Leuburg, Silas Mayo, Walter Todd, Felix Keller.

A pleasant social was given Tuesday evening at the home of Gus Schuessler.

B. Y. P. U.

- Song
- Prayer
- Song
- Daily Bible Readings—Mrs. Banta.
- Introduction and Topic 1—Ella Mae Metzger.
- Knowledge of the Heavenly Home—Ella Doell.
- The Question of Thomas—Ruby Jordan.
- Need of Knowledge also Topic 5—Corater Flusley.
- The Coming of the Comforter—Alva Beach.
- The Plain Way—Opal Garrett.
- Song
- Prayer

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the good people who came to our assistance last week when the grass was afire in the Kothmann pasture. Without your aid we could not have stopped the progress of the flames and much greater damage would have resulted. We hope that some time we might be of assistance to you.

ELGIN O. KOTHMANN
A. H. McLERRAN

CARD OF THANKS

Through the columns of this paper we desire to return our warmest thanks to the citizens of this community for kindness and sympathy extended us at the death of our mother. Especially do we thank Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown and the Lindsay family, and those who sent the beautiful floral offerings.

THE CROSBY CHILDREN

- trial before Caiaphas?
- What charge was proven by the two witnesses?
- What question did the high priest ask Jesus? What was the reply of Jesus?
- What did the high priest do after Jesus mentioned the Son of Man?
- Who said Jesus was worthy of death?
- When the people insulted Jesus what question did they ask him?
- Tell the story of Peter's experience, and denial of Jesus?
- What did Peter do when he remembered the words of Jesus?

CHURCH NOTICES

GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.—E. A. Loeffler, Supt.
Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.
Prayer Meeting every Tuesday night at 8 p. m.

English services on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays at night.
REV. J. W. A WITT, Pastor.

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Preaching Service at Mason first and third Sundays at 11 a. m., and every Sunday night at 7:45.

Sunday School at 10 a. m.—Chas. Grote, Supt. Mrs. Eli Jordan, Supt. of Cradle Roll.

Senior League at 4 p. m.—Prof. Doble, president.

Intermediate League at 3 p. m.—Miss Bessie Grote, manager.

Mrs. Robt Hofmann, president of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Preaching service at Bethel every fourth Sunday at 11 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Sunday School Supt., Arthur Prater.

Preaching service at Loyal Valley every second Sunday at 11 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Ben Kidd Sunday School Supt.

Preaching service at Grit Friday night before the first Sunday in each month and every third Sunday at 3 p. m. Starks, Sunday School, Supt.

Nichols Charge Lay Leader.
G. T. GIBBONS, P. C.

CATHOLIC

Services every first Sunday.
Mass at 10 a. m.
Sunday School from 2 to 3 p. m.
Rosary, Sermon, Benediction from 3 to 4 p. m.

Any question concerning Catholic Church or its teachings will be courteously answered at the afternoon services.

Everybody welcome.
JOS. F. DWAN, Pastor.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Services every 2nd and 4th Sundays, both morning and evening.
Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.

Z. E. PARKER, P. C.

Presbyterian Church

Services by Rev. Wood every 2nd and 4th Sundays. A cordial invitation extended everyone to attend these services.

Mrs. Otto Henrich, of Castell, is here visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Irvin Splittgerber.

Pie Plates 5c—
OLIVER VARIETY STORE

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kettner and daughter, Miss Edna, left Tuesday for a two weeks vacation at the Davis Mountains.

A message was received here Monday by Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wood, from Allen Oklahoma, announces the birth of a new granddaughter, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wood. Congratulations are extended the proud parents.

NOTICE TO CAR OWNERS

We have received a new supply of numbers and seals for registration of cars, and those in need of same will call and secure them.

CHAS. LESLIE
Sheriff and Tax Collector.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Born to
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Caveness, a boy, Aug. 1st.
Mr. and Mrs. Wid Hartow, a girl, July 30th.

The News is equipped to do any and all kinds of commercial, legal or social printing. Let us figure with you on all problems concerning printing.

NEED GLASSES

Dr. Jones, The Eye Man, in Dr. McCollum's office Wednesday, Aug. 13. Eyes examined. Glasses Fitted, Headache and Eye Strain Relieved. 21-2tc

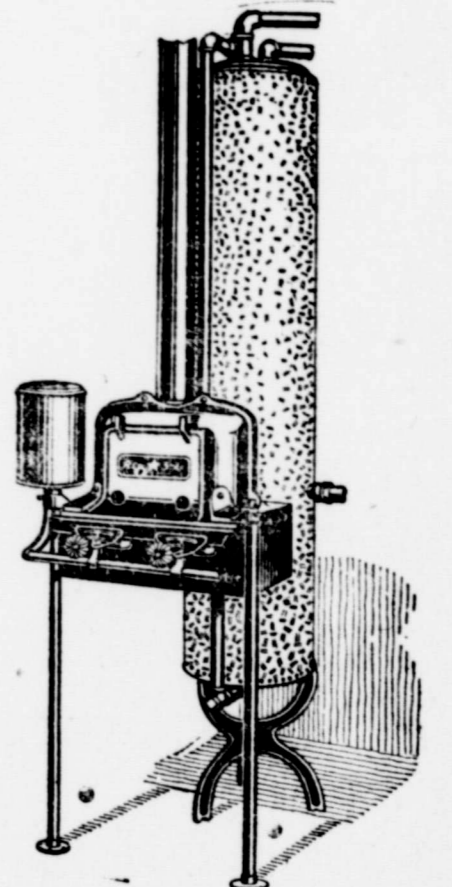
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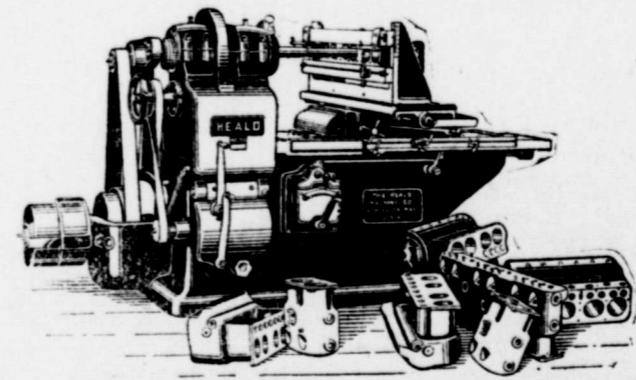
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6-4c WM. SPLITTGERBER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The News is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary:

- For State Senator, 25th District: HON. WALTER C. WOODWARD
- For Representative Texas Legislature, 86th District: ROSCOE RUNGE
- For Judge, 33rd Judicial District: J. H. McLEAN
- For County Judge: JOHN T. BANKS (Re-election) BEN HEY
- For Tax Assessor: W. O. BODE (Re-election) ALFRED KUHLMANN
- For Sheriff and Tax Collector: ALLEN MURRAY. CHAS. LESLIE (Re-election)
- For County Treasurer: ALVA TINSLEY L. F. JORDAN
- For District and County Clerk: R. E. LEE. (Re-Election)
- For Commissioner, Prec't. No. 1: E. W. KOTHMANN
- For Commissioner, Prec. No. 2: T. M. BUTLER (Re-election)
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 3: BEN RANDENBERGER
- For Commissioner, Prec't. No. 4: D. A. JORDAN
- For Public Weigher, Prec't. No. 1: CHAS. BECK

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Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Spitzberger and son, Leslie, were omitted from the list of names of those in attendance at the encampment an account of which appeared in the News last week. We regret that the parties sending in this article neglected to include these parties.

Brooms 39c—**OLIVER VARIETY STORE**

Miss Betty Tribble left Tuesday for her home in Calvert, after a few weeks visit here with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schmidt.

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MASON COUNTY NEWS.

CARD OF APPRECIATION

I wish to take this means of thanking the voters of Mason county for the support given me in the recent primaries.
BEN BRADENBERGER

TO THE VOTERS OF MASON COUNTY

I wish to thank my friends, who supported me or used any influence for me in the recent election, and any supported me or used any influence for will be greatly appreciated.
CHAS. LESLIE

APPRECIATION TO VOTERS

I want to express to the voters of Mason county my sincere thanks for the encouragement given me in my race for Sheriff and Tax Collector. I bear the friendliest of feelings, and the best of wishes for you all, very sincerely, your friend.
HENRY KELLER

THANKS TO THE VOTERS

I sincerely thank the people of Mason County for the splendid vote given me on Saturday, July 28th; and I earnestly solicit the vote and influence of every voter in Mason County at the election to be held Saturday, August 23.
JOHN T. BANKS

CARD OF THANKS

I take this means of thanking the voters of Mason County for the splendid support given me in the recent primary. Since I have the privilege of being in the run-off primary I earnestly solicit everyone's support and influence.
ALF. KUHLMANN

Union Suits 79c—**OLIVER VARIETY STORE**

The News handles cardboard in assorted colors, carbon paper, blotting paper, shipping tags, typewriter ribbons Steko-O Paste Powder, and bond paper is our "long suit".

Rodeo, Baseball, Agricultural Exhibits at Fredonia Fair Aug. 29 and 30th.

Mrs. Otto Schmidt left Tuesday for San Antonio for a visit with relatives and friends.

Miss Evelyn Willmann spent last week at Art. visiting her friend, Miss Emily Jordan.

Max Marschall, of San Angelo, and Ad Marschall, of Cherry Springs were in Mason Tuesday.

The trouble with politics is that there are too many politicians who are plain crazy.—Asheville Times.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Vedder and children left Wednesday for San Antonio, to enjoy a two weeks vacation.

Mrs. Alice Raymond returned to her home in San Antonio Sunday after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Mar Martin.

Gold Band Plates per set \$1.39—**OLIVER VARIETY STORE**

Many a family budget has fallen down because it provided for only one of them getting a haircut.—Knoxville Sentinel.

One of the main objections to another war seems to be that it would be followed by another peace. Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch.

Mrs. Biggs and children left Monday for their home in San Antonio after a months visit with her sister, Mrs. Kurt Martin at Black House Ranch.

La Rue and La Veda Wood, of Brownwood are visiting at the home of H. S. Wood. Miss La Rue is in training as nurse at Brownwood.

The significant of equal suffrage, as we see it, has been to remove woman from her pedestal and put her on the fence.—Columbia Record.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad C. Ziegler and baby of San Antonio, returned home Sunday after a two week visit here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Martin.

All his life some delegate to New York will be explaining to his wife why he couldn't break that deadlock and come home.—Montgomery Advertiser.

President Emeritus Elliot, of Harvard says that complete Prohibition enforcement is in sight. So is Mars, but we haven't reached it yet.—New York American.

TEXAS WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

All indications point to better prices for farm crops, more normal farm labor conditions and above all greater purchasing power for the farmer's dollar than for years past. This condition is coming about through natural rather than artificial means and will produce business for all.

Batson—Kirby Petroleum Company's Hodges No. 2 comes in at depth of 3,000 feet, producing 1,000 barrels of 26-gravity oil daily.

Eagle Pass—Plans and specifications completed for reconstruction of \$250,000 international steel vehicle and foot bridge connecting Piedras Negras, Mexico, and this town.

San Antonio—Additions to be built to Mark Twain junior school building and Thomas Nelson Page school building.

Houston—\$3,000,000 fig eron estimated for Houston territory this season. Sherman—Building at corner of Travis and Wall streets being improved.

San Antonio—Alamo Heights Presbyterian congregation plans erection of \$80,000 church.

Austin—State highway commission to spend \$450,000 for new road equipment.

Denison—1,000,000-gallon standpipe to be erected.

Port Arthur—Ship canal, below Texas Company terminals, being dredged to depth of 30 feet.

San Antonio—City experiencing home-building boom.

Texas to ship 335,000 head of cattle within next six months.

Navasota—\$75,000 bond issue voted for paving streets.

Port Arthur—Port Arthur Ice & Refrigeration Company to expend \$35,000 for plant improvements.

Richland—Oxford Oil Company's Davis No. B-1 comes in making 1,200 barrels daily.

Dilley—Estimates being prepared for construction of Dilley-Eagle Pass highway; contract to be let in October.

Smithville—New high school building nearing completion.

San Antonio—Store building to be erected on Main street at cost of \$10,500.

Dallas—Preliminaries under way for paving fourth group of streets under \$1,250,000 bond issue.

Texas wool crop this year estimated at 22,000,000 pounds, according to experienced growers.

Houston—Largest interlocked traffic signal system in world being installed here.

Smithville—Permit granted for organization of \$500,000 cotton mill company.

Largest cantaloupe crop in history of Webb County being harvested.

Graham—\$50,000 hospital building to be erected.

Kieburg—School building under construction.

Mexia—Belknap street being paved. Austin—\$800,000 Masonic temple to be erected.

Fort Worth—Nine-story 400-room Methodist hospital to be built at cost of \$1,000,000.

Dallas—Work to start in 60 days on construction of \$500,000 12-story hotel building.

Waco—Work to start soon on athletic stadium and gymnasium for Waco high school.

Dallas—General Motors Corporation to build \$40,000 structure.

Floydada—1,000 cars of extra high-grade wheat shipped from Floyd county.

Port Neches—Kansas City Southern depot to be under construction soon.

Laredo—Street car system extending lines.

The general taxpayer must make up to the government the amounts which it loses through inability to tax the income from billions of tax-exempt bonds.

Now is the time for greatest fire caution in forests and person guilty of negligence with fire in forests should be dealt with severely.

As a matter of fact, industries operated politically for a favored few are paid for by the many through taxation. The average citizen may not realize this until he stops to figure it out—but he pays the bill just the same.

CHICKENS

If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices.
J. J. JOHNSON. 31-4c

Official State Flags at National Capital

With 40 state standards in its possession and prospects of receiving soon those of the remaining states, the Post Office department boasts the most complete collection of official state flags in the country. The flags of Ohio, Utah, Montana and Kentucky recently were presented and accepted ceremoniously by Postmaster General New.

The only states not now represented in the collection are Arizona, Kansas, Mississippi, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming. Inquiries concerning presentation of a flag have been received from all but Nevada and New Mexico. Hawaii and Porto Rico flags are included in the 40 now preserved by the department, but there is none from the District of Columbia, which has no official flag; Alaska, Guam, Samoa or the Virgin Islands.

It is understood Kansas has no law prescribing a state flag, and as soon as one is adopted a flag for the Post Office department's collection is promised.

GERMAN CAN CRACK NUTS WITH HIS LIP

That nature can enable one part of the body to carry out the functions of another which has been lost is demonstrated in the case of Otto Friedson, a native of Emden, Germany, who lost all his teeth at the age of thirty-one, and presumably could not afford a set of false ones, says London Answers.

His lips are now so strong and hard that he can crack nuts with them and can do nearly everything that the ordinary person can do with his teeth.

He has been examined by many medical men, who attribute his wonderful power to hypertrophy of the muscles of the lips, which have increased enormously in thickness and firmness.

This man has been an inveterate pipe smoker all his life, and much of the power of his lips is attributed to holding a heavy pipe between them.

Almost Burned Up \$4,000

After Ploenus Warner, eighty-six years old, who lived the life of a recluse on a 50-acre farm near Finzel, Md., died in his dining, one-room shack, his nephew, Calvin Paul, to whom he left his property, razed the shack, using the good lumber for repair work on his property, a short distance away. He burned the debris.

A few days ago Levi Garlitz, a farmer of the vicinity, taking a stroll through the woods, happened upon the charred remains of the Warner hermitage. He was whisking a stick through the dried embers, dislodging a stone, which uncovered, to his amazement, \$4,000 of paper money, half burned. He had dislodged the keystone to the hermit's money cache. The bills ranged in denominations from \$1 to \$100. Part of the burned money was redeemed at a bank.—Washington Star.

Dr. W. H. Knolle, E. O. Kothmann and son, and Leonard Kothmann attended the Short Course at A. & M. College. They made the trip from Mason to College in one day.

Allen Deell, Crawford Lumburg, Willie Denon, Herbert Spitzberger, Mike Beebe and Leonard Wood left Saturday night for Corpus Christi where they spent several days vacationing. They made the trip via auto.

C. T. Nanny, a good friend of the News, was in town one day last week and informed us that he had been enjoying a visit from his brother, Walter, and family, of Haskell, and A. W. Griffin and family, of Munday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Green and daughter, Miss Eunice, and Mrs. Green's sister, Mrs. S. W. Leach, of Fredonia, left Tuesday in an automobile for McKinsey, Tennessee, where they will visit the father of Mmes. Green and Leach. They will probably be away some three weeks.

Mr. E. J. Skelton, one of Mason county's good farmers was in town Saturday and stated that he and his family had been enjoying a family reunion; this being the first time in eleven years that all the Skelton children were together at one time. Mr. Skelton celebrated his birthday anniversary during the visit of his brothers and sisters, and a most enjoyable time was had. Those in attendance upon this occasion were C. H. Skelton and Mrs. R. L. Lavelle, of Streeter, Miss Creo Skelton of Mountainair, N. M., and Mrs. W. J. Snow of Sterling City.

Eagle Brand Typewriter Ribbons, 60c

The twinkling feet of time are moving on. What is there in bank for YOUR old age?

MASON NATIONAL BANK

Community Building

Community Center Idea Is Old as Schoolhouse

The development of the community center, both as a city and as a rural institution, is comparatively recent—twenty or thirty years, perhaps, counting from the modest beginnings made by pioneers in the movement; but the essential idea is old, almost as old as the western country schoolhouse. In fact the community center, whatever its name or form, is essentially the early prairie schoolhouse. Often it was the old sod schoolhouse.

Devoted to lessons from the school books by day, for five days of the week, on Sunday it became the "meeting house" for church services and Sunday school; and on Wednesday or Thursday night it housed the prayer meeting. On Friday night there was the "spelling school," or maybe the "lyceum" or "the debating society." Saturday night it was the meeting hall of the Grange or the Farmers' alliance. More than likely something else was going on some of the other nights.

This was an excellent thing for the community. It gave opportunity for the satisfaction of the gregarious instinct, the social craving. But it was likely to be a hardship upon the poor teacher, and trial to her soul.

Thus the institution flourished, even if unnamed. The schoolhouse was the natural center, and is yet, of community interest and around it revolved the community's social activities. The result was a very real community feeling and spirit.

The growth of towns and cities; the multiplication of churches, lodges, theaters, the increased facility in traveling eventuated in the gradual desuetude of the country schoolhouse as a center of interest other than that for which it was primarily instituted—the education of the children of the community.

In the cities there is no longer a real community life any more than there is in the country. Without such a community interest there can be little concerted action looking toward the conservation of community and larger civic concerns. To re-establish community solidarity and bring opportunities not otherwise available into the community, especially poor neighborhoods, "social settlements" were invented and developed.

The next step was to revive the idea of using the school building to house community activities. Syracuse, N. Y., was one of the first cities to try to work it out. Milwaukee did a good deal. New York gave lecture courses and conducted a few other activities more or less under the educational administration.

Tells How to Grow Grass

Chicago's parks and boulevards, the wonder and admiration of all visitors, are an illustration of the power of trees and grass and flowers to beautify and please.

Too frequently Chicago's home yards are the opposite. Too often the front lawn shows a high degree of care and attention, while the backyard is left a dreary waste.

The lot is an essential part of the home, and in the beauty of the surroundings is enhanced the beauty and value of the home itself.

More and more as we study the development of ornamental gardening does the necessity and beauty of stretches of velvet greenward become apparent, particularly in places of larger extent. In the small backyard of the city dwelling the grass problem is more difficult than in larger places.

It will be necessary to give more fertilizer in comparison to the grass plot, if it is decided to grow one, than to the annuals, and it needs to be dug into the soil pretty thoroughly so the roots may delve for it, and there are also fertilizing formulae to be sprinkled on the surface from time to time.

As the little backyard gets harder and more constant usage than a larger place, a mixture of durable grass is necessary, sacrificing something in fineness of texture, possibly, to be assured of fast growing, close knitting grasses that form a firm and resistant sod.—Chicago American.

Fine Community Spirit

Community spirit is always a fine thing and to be commended. It is the one outstanding civic virtue through which true progress is made—the leaven from which all community greatness must rise. In its most exalted form it carries the Godlike attributes of sacrifice—sacrifice of the present that the future may be made the more glorious. And this is the spirit that was displayed by a company of Florence business men when they pledged themselves and their possessions for the future greatness of their beloved city.—Florence (Ala.)

Mistake That Almost Broke Young Lawyer

By ELIZABETH COBB

"I AM ashamed of you!" spoke Robert Earle with force and indignation.

"And because I resemble you," sneered his spoiled and prodigal cousin, Ernest Earle.

A right-minded person, Robert Earle could scarcely realize the attitude of this conscienceless relative. Forging his name, assuming his identity—for they were marvelously alike in form and feature—Ernest Earle had managed to draw from a bank the sum of four hundred dollars. It represented over one-half that his cousin had in the way of capital.

"See here, Robert," he said bluntly. "Give me fifty dollars and I'll go West and relieve you of your constant dread that I will cut up some caper that may disgrace the proud name of that old curmudgeon uncle of ours, Jerome Earle."

"Again, shame on your manhood!" cried Robert. "You shall have the money you ask for, but it is the last you will ever receive from me until I see you acting the man."

Then Robert seriously contemplated his immediate future. He established himself in the thriving county seat of Tipton. He found comfortable quarters at the one hotel the place afforded. Some practice came to him. He made some speeches during a political campaign, and, best of all, met and loved Ada Mills, the favorite daughter of wealthy Judge Mills.

No word had come from Ernest Earle and Robert was glad he had not found him out.

Robert was gaining ground fast and securely. His uncle abroad had heard of his establishing in the legal profession and had insisted on his accepting a check for a thousand dollars, "his surplus capital for exigencies," as the old man phrased it.

It was the great glorious hour of his life when Robert bade Ada adieu one lovely June night. He had told his love to find it devotedly returned. So happy was he that when he returned to his hotel he could not sleep. He put on a light overcoat and strolled to the wooded outskirts of the pretty town, communing with nature.

A surprise, a shock, a crisis in his life greeted him as he entered the lobby of the hotel to find it a scene of tumultuous excitement. The police were there surrounding an agitated loud talking stranger, who as Robert entered was explaining that some one had rifled his room an hour previous.

"Why, there is the thief!" he shouted suddenly, pointing at Robert.

Investigation brought out a new circumstance. The door connecting the room of Robert and that occupied by the man who had been robbed was found unlocked.

Slowly distrust began to attach to the young lawyer. The cowardly ones ignored and shunned him. Judge Mills forbade an engagement with his daughter and insisted that Robert should not visit Ada until his name was cleared.

So, weary, weeks went on and Robert became well nigh disheartened. His former popularity was on the wane, his clients fell away from him. Only that loyal Ada wrote him of her undying love and faith he would have left the town.

He had been engaged as associate counsel in a damage suit where a railroad passenger had received an injury in a collision in another part of the county. Among the witnesses summoned was a surgeon from a neighboring town.

When this person arrived at the court room he sought out Robert. It was to regard him in open-eyed bewilderment.

"Why," he exclaimed, "you have recovered?—so soon?"

"I do not understand you," said Robert.

"Were you not in the hospital at Wayne two months since, suffering from a terrible fall from a motor-cycle?"

There were cross questions and many explanations and then the light came. At Wayne this same surgeon had been summoned to assist in a case where the victim of an accident lay delirious with broken bones, crippled for life.

"I see it all," murmured the astonished Robert. "It was my cousin who robbed the man at the hotel."

The next day Robert visited Wayne. He found his cousin just able to get about on crutches. Ernest Earle, broken in health and spirits, handed to Robert what was left of the stolen money. The regretful tears in his eyes showed his contrition.

Two days later Robert received a note from Judge Mills asking him to call upon him. Ernest Earle had writ-

ten a confession and had forwarded it. Robert would have shielded his misguided relative, but the judge insisted on clearing up the case in the eyes of the public.

Robert wrote to his uncle all the circumstances of the situation and Ernest Earle was placed in comfort with a distant relative.

There was a wedding a year following. The fair bride was Ada, the groom Robert. He was the Hon. Robert Earle now. The public had made amends for their temporary disloyalty by electing him congressman from the district.

Monsters of the Deep

Swarming in tropical waters, are rays (or sea-bats) up to two tons or more in weight, sharks, some of them over 30 feet in length, and sawfish weighing up to two and three-quarter tons and over 30 feet in length, living evidence that the fish life of the Mesozoic period still exists in the ocean.

Significant of Hate

In ancient times there was a belief that a man was assured of immortality only as long as his name was known on earth. The building of monuments and the naming of sons for fathers are traced to this superstition by some writers. "May his name perish" was the anathema of an enemy.

Very Odd

Isn't it funny? A ruse is a blind, a blind is a shade, a shade is a shadow, a shadow's a ghost, a ghost is a shade, a shade is a color, a color is paint and paint is rouge. Therefore, by Euclid, axion one, rouge must be a ruse. And curiously enough it is true.—Yale Record.

Big Cucumber Loss

The cucumber crop of the United States suffers a loss of between \$3,000,000 and \$5,000,000 annually due to the cucumber beetle. This insect not only injures the plant by feeding, but carries bacterial diseases that are injurious to other plants.

Heyday of Polish Letters

Polish literature began to flourish in the sixteenth century with the work of Michael Rey, who is regarded as the father of Polish poetry. It declined temporarily in the seventeenth century, but revived in the eighteenth.

Dramatist's Ill Fate

George Farquhar, the Irish dramatist of the close of the seventeenth century and the first decade of the eighteenth, was only twenty-nine when death overtook him. His last days were spent in dire poverty.

Price of Gambling

Gaming was introduced into England by the Saxons. The winner had the right to hold the loser as slave and to sell him. Gaming houses were regularly licensed in London in 1603 and suppressed in 1853.

Hard to Destroy Gold

One of the qualities which makes gold one of the most valuable metals is its resistance to water. Gold has been found in perfect condition after having been buried or submerged many centuries.

Uncle Eben

"Dar wouldn't be no trouble 'bout education," said Uncle Eben. "If we could all remember dem lessons on de blackboard as easy as we does whut happened at de circus."

He Would Show Him

The Orator—Says he gives one-tenth of his bloated income to charity! Wo'ts that! If I 'ad my way he'd be made to give one-eleventh! Yes, and one-twelfth!—Washington Star.

Too Far Gone to Reform

Once a girl gets the reputation of being vivacious, no power on earth can shut her up.—Philadelphia Record.

Oldtimer Speaks

Children had better manners, however, when parents knew less about psychology and more about apple sprouts.—Duluth Herald.

Salvaging Cobblestones

One city saves on paving bills by re-cutting old and worn cobblestones, pressing together and filling the cracks with asphalt.

Work for Home Town

Let us display a sign—"Your Home Town First." This means we must work for our city. We must encourage our merchants by trading with them. We shall not lose by this, for they can do as well by us as the merchants of any other town. We shall gain by it, because whatever helps one man in the city helps others. The more money we spend at home, the more is likely to come back to us, in one way or another.—Gadsden (Ala.) Times-News.



"Hordes of tiny toilers are working in our service night and day to keep the world wholesome and all the races of beings supplied with life stuff."

FOOD FOR THE INVALID

When serving an invalid pains should be taken to serve food daintily, and garnish dishes appropriately. Small portions of food of the right temperature served with the cook's best skill on the best and prettiest china, will go a long way to make the food agreeable and appetizing.

Barley Water.—Take four tablespoonfuls of barley well washed, add three cupfuls of boiling water and cook twenty-five minutes. Strain, sweeten and flavor to taste.

Oatmeal Gruel.—Take four tablespoonfuls of oatmeal, mix with one-half cupful of cold water, add to a pint of boiling water with a little salt to season. Boil slowly for twenty minutes, strain and serve, adding hot milk if desired.

Beef-Tea Jelly.—Cover with cold water one-third of a box of gelatin; let stand one hour, then pour over two cupfuls of boiling beef tea, season to taste and set aside to cool in small cups. Serve with toasted crackers.

Calf's-Foot Broth.—Cut up two calves' feet and put them with two quarts of water, a carrot finely cut, a stalk of celery or a few leaves, salt and mace to season. Simmer for three hours until half of the liquid is cooked away; strain and add more seasoning if needed.

Egg Gruel.—Beat the whites of three eggs to a stiff froth, add one cupful of fresh barley gruel; allow it to stand over heat at simmering temperature; add such seasoning as desired. Turn into a mold and serve with cream when cold.

Blanc Mange.—Add three tablespoonfuls of gelatin to a quart of new milk, boil until all is dissolved, then pour in a cupful of cream, flavor to taste, using nutmeg or lemon; add sugar to sweeten and pour into a mold; set on ice to cool.

In serving hot foods see that all dishes are warmed; for cold foods have them served well chilled or frozen.

Nellie Maxwell

How Depth Is Measured

The depth of the ocean is measured by a long, thin wire, which is wound on a drum so that when wound up it is like the thread on a spool. At the end of this wire which is lowered a heavy leaden weight is attached. The ship must be perfectly still so that the wire will go direct to the bottom and not at an angle. The leaden weight pulls the wire off the spool until it hits the bottom. There is a counter arrangement on the spool which shows the number of times the lengths of the wire have been taken off the spool, and thus indicates the entire length of wire which has descended. In this way the depth of the ocean at that point is ascertained.

How an Alligator Breathes

The New York Zoological Park says that if an alligator has been in a quiet mood and the blood is well aerated and there is steady respiration, it might be possible for the animal to remain under water for half an hour's time. In hibernating these animals go into holes, where they can breathe. This is different from frogs and toads, which actually hibernate under water, but these creatures are provided with aerated blood through the skin, while the alligator is covered with scales or plates and must depend upon the lungs.

How Many Generations?

Q.—How many generations have there been since the people in the Mayflower landed?

A.—A generation is reckoned by some as thirty-three years, and by others as twenty-five years. Actually there might be quite a variation in the number of generations of descendants in the different Mayflower families. In 300 years there might be from eight to fifteen generations.

How Sixes and Sevens Started

The original form of the expression "sixes and sevens" was "to set on six and seven." It is based on the language of dicing, and is probably a corruption of "to set on cinque and sice," these being the highest numbers. The present form has been used since the eighteenth century.

HOW

ORANGE INDUSTRY BOOMED CENTURY AGO AT BAHIA.—About a century ago at Bahia in Brazil, a new orange appeared. The fruit was a freak, without seed. To the knowing in orange growing, however, this orange suggested much.

Nevertheless it was fifty years before William Saunders, chief of the government's propagating station in Washington, got twelve of the trees producing this fruit into the country. These died, but others were reproduced, and two trees were sent to California in 1873.

Rich in romance of its settlement, California can number these trees as two of the most important things that ever crossed the continent. They gave birth to the entire navel orange industry of the western state. Still alive today and bearing fruit, these trees are responsible for a large percentage of the groves which cover nearly 200,000 acres of California's soil.

Florida was the early center of the orange industry of the United States. It rapidly advanced to contend at home with the fruit from the Mediterranean.

Just as it was threatening invasion of the markets of Europe came the freezing winter of 1894-5. The crop failed. For the next decade it was an uphill battle to repair the loss. Confidence restored, however, the orange industry of this southern state is again on a firm basis. Louisiana's groves suffered also from the cold winter and the state has only recently come forward again.

In California a citrus industry representing more than two hundred million dollars of capital and employing nearly 50,000 people was built up. Oranges are the most important figure in it. The western state came forward to supply four-fifths of the home demand for the yellow fruit and to compete in foreign markets.—Nature Magazine.

How to Start Avalanche

Avalanches are sometimes started by trivial causes. Even a whisper has been known to set them off and lives have been lost by a climber shouting to his companions when crossing a snow slope. The starting of an avalanche which a few years ago overwhelmed a caravan of sleighs in an Alpine pass was attributed to the tinkle of sleigh bells, and ever since the use of bells on this route has been prohibited. Newcomers to Switzerland often inquire what purpose is served by the little barriers dotted about the mountain slopes. These are the avalanche breakers, without which traffic on many of the Alpine lines and passes would be impossible for part of the year. It would be futile to place obstructions across the foot of the track taken by an avalanche. Once the mass has gained momentum it sweeps all before it. So thick stone barriers are built on the slopes of the mountains.—Detroit News.

Our Flag

The flag of our country is not simply a piece of bunting which can be purchased for a few dimes at the nearest shop; it is not a mere cluster of brilliant colors; it is the emblem of dignity, authority, power. In this free land there is no sovereignty, no crown; our sole emblem of fidelity to country is the flag.—Gen. Horace Porter.

Prehistoric Wonders

Thorn lake, in eastern Oregon, has for years been thought the site of a prehistoric city. In its depths are walls, rising in geometric precision, which bisect the lake bed, and investigation has just been set afoot to learn whether their origin is from a natural cause or the work of man in years gone by.

The Spider's Thread

The thread spun by a spider is considerably more slender than the finest human hair. A scientist informs us that 10,000 threads spun by a full-grown spider will not equal in substance the size of a single hair! This is hard to believe, but nature is full of wonders of which we cannot dream.

Pretty Idea of Death

The Salvation Army workers are generally very devout and have a sincere faith. The majority of them have a beautiful conception of death. They rarely ever speak of one of their members as being dead. With them "he has been promoted to glory."—Houston Post.

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PIONEERS OF WEST TEXAS WERE HIGH TYPE, NOT GUN MEN SAYS EX-SHERIFF

(From Fort Worth Anniversary Edition, San Angelo Standard.)

The popular conception that the early west was populated to a considerable degree by "bad men," rowdies and tough characters in general is all wrong.

Gerome W. Shields, resident of Tom Green county since 1883, bids and animal inspector from 1888 to 1892, sheriff for four straight terms ending in 1900, and always a cowman, comes to the defence of the old-timers, if any defence be needed.

"There never was a big-hearted set of men," said Mr. Shields. "Maybe a bit rough in their talk and their idea of a good time not what it is today, but most of them were quiet, respected decent men and were honest. When they told you anything you could depend on it. Their word was their bond. Boys in from the ranches those days didn't swagger around with guns on, whoop and yell and shot up the town like you'd think, judging by the way shows are put on now during old-timers' parades. The men who settled their fuses with six-shooters were not many. The bully who showed his gun generally was easily handled. Still water runs deep and the unless cornered."

Curbing cattle thieves both while hide and animal inspector and while sheriff and runding down the men who in June 1898 held up the Santa Fe passenger train at Coleman Junction were some of Mr. Shields' achievements while in public office. His friends say that during his eight years as sheriff he never failed to get a man for whom he had a warrant, although some were fugitives for several years Mr. Shields is believed to be the oldest living ex-sheriff of Tom Green county.

Born in Panola County, Mississippi, March 22, 1864 and now 62 years old, Mr. Shields and one brother, Walter F. Shields, who lives McAllister, Okla., are the only survivors of a family of five boys and four girls. Gerome was the youngest of the boys. He came to Texas in 1869, the family settling in Hunt county, then moving in 1871 to Tricketham, Coleman county. It was from there that Mr. Shields came to Tom Green county June 3, 1884. He worked first on the William Hewit ranch on Live Oak creek, now in Coke which a brother, Lee Shields, later purchased. Lee Shields sold his interest in 1886 and Rome Shields remained on that ranch until 1888 when he was elected hide and animal inspector and moved to San Angelo.

Mr. Shields' books show that during the four years he was hide and animal inspector he inspected an average of 50,000 head of live stock annually. The fee was 3c per head. Every animal that was moved out of the country or was butchered was inspected, and the amount of work required is shown by the fact that Tom Green county then comprising what are now Coke, Sterling, Irion and Reagan counties. Mr. Shields was elected sheriff and tax collector in 1888, polling approximately 1,700 votes to his opponent's 162. He succeeded the late J. Willis Johnson, Sr., and was thereafter re-elected three times, never having opposition.

It was on Friday night early in June, 1898 that the Santa Fe passenger train was held up at Coleman Junction. The day before, Ed Dozier, ex-Sheriff of Chocho county, telephoned Mr. Shields that he had seen four men traveling east and if there was any trouble reported it could be attributed to them. The men rode a dun horse, a gray and two bays. By this description of the mounts, Mr. Shields knew who the quartet was. About ten o'clock that night he received a phone message that the Santa Fe had been held up at Coleman Junction and

was asked to go there. Instead, Mr. Shields phoned Perry McConnell, Sutton county sheriff at Sonora, and asked him to work toward San Angelo to meet him in an effort to intercept the robbers.

The men who held up the train were Bill Taylor, his brother, Jeff Taylor, Peatee Keeton, and Bud Newman. All lived in the Sonora and Junction country and operated along Devil's River and the Llano. But for R. E. Buchanan, of Fort Worth, then live stock agent for the Santa Fe and now general livestock agent for that road, the robbery might have been successful. But when the train stopped longer than usual at the switch leading onto the north end of the "Y" opening onto the main line to San Angelo, Mr. Buchanan investigated and learned it was a holdup. Dropping from the rear coach and resting his gun on the side of the car, he opened fire.

The robbers had ordered Engineer Jim Stanton and Fireman Lee Johnson out of the cab and had started with them back to the rear of the express car to detach the baggage and mail and express car from the passenger coaches and run that part of the train some distance up the track. In the exchange of shots, Lee Johnson was mortally wounded, dying the next day in a hospital in Temple. Peatee was shot in the right leg and Bud Newman's right elbow was shattered by a bullet. Sustaining these casualties the would-be robbers fled on horseback.

So badly was Keeton wounded that the broken bone of his leg protruded through the flesh, but despite this he rode almost 140 miles to a sheep camp on the head of the North Llano river, the four fugitives swimming their horses across the Colorado river when it was bank full.

Accompanied by the late D. R. Hodges, then a deputy sheriff, Mr. Shields rode to Sonora and was in that town by daylight. There they were joined by Sheriff McConnell and Deputy Sheriff Hoaro Decker. Heading out on fresh horses the four officers rode all day and did not let up when a heavy rain began to fall. About 10 o'clock Sunday morning they reached a sheep camp, located in a draw, and rushed in. Bud Newman ran for the brush, but a bullet from Rome Shields' gun splintering a picket over his head as he started through a fence, caused him to turn back and surrender. Bill Taylor was not in the camp and got away.

In the trail of three of the robbers Newman turned state's evidence, was acquitted and began search for Bill Taylor, for whom a reward was offered. Taylor was captured and lodged in jail at Coleman, but made his escape. A second time he was run down and again made his get-away. Then he and Newman met one day on a ranch below Sonora and in the duel that ensued Newman was killed, Taylor becoming a fugitive in Mexico. The other members of the gang were convicted in trials at Coleman and were given life sentences in the penitentiary. Keeton was afterwards pardoned.

Naturally
Archeologists think they have found remnants of the Ten Commandment tablets, all broken, of course.—New Orleans States.

A 1,000-to-1 Chance
Unfortunately, there are 1,000 ways in which to spend money and only one way to save it.—New Orleans Picayune.

Odd Idea of Change
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Unpenetrated Mystery
There is only one thing we still find a complete and total mystery, and that is the home life of a floorwalker.—Akron Times.

A Valuable Fish
Overfishing has so reduced the common sturgeon that one taken alive sometimes sells for several hundred dollars.

Intelligence Astounding
"Clever dog? I should say so. If I say to him, 'Are you coming here or aren't you?' he comes—or he doesn't."

Blame It on the Absent
The absent are never without faults nor the present without excuse.—Ben Franklin.

His Idea
You can't always be funny in court and get away with it, but sometimes a culprit is funny without trying to be and in the final judgment, it helps a lot.

Take the case in Pasadena last week. A man was up, charged with deserting his wife and after the evidence was all in, the judge asked if it were true.
"It is not, your honor," declared the man earnestly. "I am not a deserter but a refugee."—Los Angeles Times.

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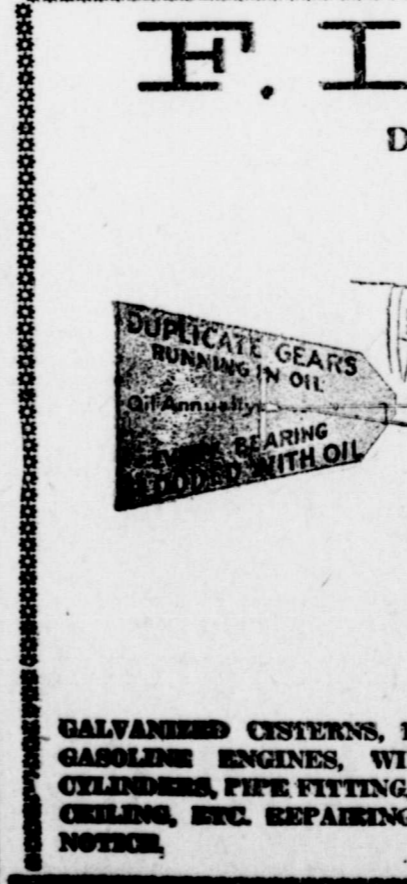
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W. C. EDWARDS EGPLAINS ATTITUDE TOWARD KLAN

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a difficult road. But I yet believe that when the facts are put before the Democrats of Texas—men and women who are Democrats first of all—they will decide that the interest of the State will be best served by selecting a Lieutenant-Governor who is not concerned in factionalism or radicalism but would be fair to all; who wants sincerely to be of some service to the whole State who is not a chronic office-seeker, and who will either go into office free and untrammelled or not go at all.

"I have made my campaign on my qualifications and with no criticism of any opponent and I had hoped to adhere to that policy throughout, but my opponent's opening speech makes that difficult. I seek the support of the Democrats of Texas on the ground of service to the State and fairness and justice to every citizen, every section, every legitimate interest.

"I shall elucidate my position on the foregoing and other matters of public interest during my campaign which I shall open next week and during which I expect to visit as many parts of Texas as is possible in the limited time between now and Aug. 23.

"In closing I would render up my thanks to those friends whose active and enthusiastic support gave a comparatively unknown man more than 185,000 votes. Hundreds of them gave up their time and energy to soliciting votes for me and interesting their friends in my campaign. I am deeply grateful to all of these and hopeful they will continue their active interest in my candidacy thru Aug. 23."

Large Fish Caught

Mrs. H. L. Simon and daughter, Miss Lizzie were in town last Saturday and informed the News that Miss Lizzie recently baited out a trot line on the Llano River near their home and upon returning to the line found that she had caught a large yellow cat. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Miller who were visiting in the Simon home were present and Mr. Miller landed the big fish for the lady. The fish weighed thirty pounds, and besides this quite a number of other fish were caught.

Guests in the comfortable country home of Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. T. E. Matheny and daughters, include Miss Mildred Rogers, of Jackson, Tenn., Miss Ophye Everett, of Celeste, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Green, of Glendon, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rogers, of McKinsey, Tenn., Willie Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rogers, of McKinsey, Tenn.

MRS. FERGUSON WILL BE IN RUN-OFF PRIMARY 23RD

It is an assured fact that Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson will be in the run-off primary on August 23rd. Her name will appear on the ballot with that of Felix Robertson.

According to press reports from county convention held last Saturday a large majority of the delegates to the State convention were instructed in favor of Mrs. Ferguson. It is distinctly understood that Robertson is the Klu Klux candidate for Governor, and it is the general belief that Mrs. Ferguson will be nominated in the primary on the 23rd. She only asks for the office for one term, and it is only a question whether the people of Texas want a Kluxer for governor or a woman.

T. W. Davidson and Joe Burkett who were candidates for governor in the recent primary, have signified their intentions of supporting Mrs. Ferguson. W. C. Edwards and Barry Miller will appear on the ballot for Lieutenant Governor. Miller is from Dallas and Edwards from Denton.

STATE PARKS BOARD ENJOYED VISIT TO MASON RECENTLY

That the Texas State Parks Board enjoyed their visit to Mason a few weeks ago is evidenced by the facts stated in the letter reproduced below. The letter is as follows and is self-explanatory:

San Antonio, Texas, July 31, 1924
Chamber of Commerce, Mason, Texas
Gentlemen:

This is to assure you of our appreciation of your hospitality to our Governor, Highway Commission, Newspaper representatives and Park Board on our visit to your City July 15th., and the splendid entertainment especially the watermelon which we enjoyed immensely.

The melons you gave us to take with us we saved until we got up in the Medland and Pecos country where melons are worth a \$1.00 a piece and we slipped off and ate ours. The Governor captured first prize on watermelon eating and believe me he enjoyed it.

Again assuring you of our appreciation of the hospitality of your citizens, we beg to remain,

Yours very truly
Texas State Parks Board,
D. E. COLP,
Chairman.

Mrs. R. R. Kirkpatrick had as guests at a family reunion last Saturday at her home in the Kateney community, Mrs. J. S. Wilson, of Eden, W. N. Allison, of Menard, E. L. Allison, of Bertram, and G. B. Allison of this county.

WANT COLUMN

FOR SALE—Registered Jersey Bull calf. P. A. Baze 22-tfc

FOR SALE—Herd of Registered Duroc Jersey Hogs. P. A. Baze 22-tfc

WANTED—BOARDERS. Apply to Mrs. A. D. Rode. 21-tfc

FOR SALE—My home in Mason. 18-tfc. W. F. Bickenbach

Will thresh cane seed at Chas. Geistweidt's place on August 15th. Osear Geistweidt. 1t.

LOST—Sunburst Brooch, set with pearl. Finder, please return to Otto Schmidt for reward. 22-2tc.

FOR SALE—Five Thoroughbred Duroc Jersey male pigs 6 months old, cheap. Apply to Wm. Willmann. 21-2tc

Guaranteed Hemstitching and Picotting Attachment. Fits any sewing machine. \$2.50 prepaid or C. O. D. Circulars free. La. Flesh Hemstitching Co., Dept. p. Sedalia, Mo. 1tp

WANTED—On shares, a flock of good sheep or goats, or will buy at right prices. Have 5,000 acres of extra good range. Address T. W. Dietert Kerrville, Texas. 22-4tc

FOR SALE—The old Sheppard place consisting of 303 acres for sale at bargain prices and good terms. If you want a home here is your chance, write direct and cut out all commission. Dr. J. M. Thompson, Robstown, Texas. 21-3tc.

Hat Was Found

Last week while stopping in Mason one night, a tourist left the local tourist park to drive to the ice plant to get some ice. He had left his hat on the running board of his car, and in the drive to the plant lost it. He had an ad put in the News for his hat and as soon as the News was issued Arch Metzger who had found the hat turned it over to Sheriff Leslie and the hat was returned to the tourist at Junction A 25c want ad in the News recovered for this gentleman a \$10 Stetson hat. News want ads bring results.

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SMITH BROS. GRANITE WORKS
Manufacturers of
MONUMENTS and LLANO GREY
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Write for Prices
LLANO, TEXAS.

You'll enjoy seeing the picture shows at the Star Opera House on Friday and Saturday night. Show starts at 8:30 o'clock

TUBES CHEAP FOR CASH:
30x3 \$1.65
30x3 1-2 \$1.70
C. C. HUCKABAY

Latest Novels at Mason Drug Co.

News Want Ads bring results.

Better Dairy Profits Forecast

No matter what the price of summer milk may be many dairymen in this section are going to make better profits!

They are feeding Purina Cow Chow according to special pasture directions. They are reducing the cost of production!

Purina Cow Chow makes more milk now, and keeps cows in condition for continued high production through summer and fall.

Phone us for Purina Cow Chow and watch your milk production go up and your cost of production go down.

MAYHEW PRODUCE CO.
Mason, Texas.

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at our boot and shoe shop. Our shop is equipped with up-to-date machinery, insuring prompt and satisfactory service. It will pay you to look our boots over, and to have us do your shoe and boot repairing.

FRANK POLK, PROP.

STAR OPERA HOUSE

FRIDAY NIGHT
NO SHOW FRIDAY NIGHT
SATURDAY NIGHT
"ST. ELMO"

John Gilbert, Barbara La Marr, Bessie Love, Warner Baxter
SHOW STARTS AT 8:15 O'CLOCK

Admission: 15 & 25 Cents

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YOUR CHOICE AND OURS

Every piece of goods you select from the store is chosen twice by us first, then by you. We choose with expert knowledge from a wide range of quality or design that you may have an assortment of quality goods to select from.

J. S. KING, Jeweler

WATCH REPAIRING GLASSES FITTED JEWELRY REPAIRING

LET'S GO TO THE SAN SABA COUNTY FAIR August 12th-15th

AND SEE SOME OF THE BEST HORSE
RACES THIS SEASON

The fastest amateur Base Ball Games in Central Texas, between Fredericksburg and San Saba.

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