

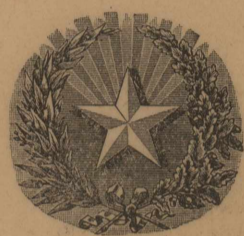
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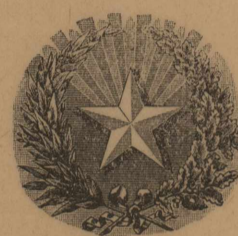
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Makes me kind 'o proud somehow
Just to live in Texas,
Ain't no other place I 'low
Quite so good as Texas,
'Course there ain't no other state
Half so big, or half so great,--
Can't nobody estimate
What we've got in Texas.

Water, water, everywhere
Good to drink in Texas,
Land enough and some to spare
Waitin' here in Texas,
Anything that earth will grow,
From 'taters up to mistletoe,
We can grow it, don't you know?
Here in balmy Texas.

Ain't no riders o' the night
Ridin' here in Texas,
People sure to treat you right
When you get to Texas,
If your heart ain't satisfied,
Jump the train and take a ride,
You'll be on the sunny-side,
When you get to Texas.

WHITNEY MONTGOMERY, in *Farm and Ranch*.

MIDLAND; ITS GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITIES

MIDLAND is located midway between Fort Worth and El Paso, on the Texas & Pacific Railway. It is even 307 miles to either city. The city of Midland is also in the geographical center of the famous South Plains, considered the most fertile of all the great Plains Country. It has been said that this is one of the few real regions of opportunity left for the man who is not afraid to work when there's money in it.

While the greater portion of the real commercial development of the city of Midland has come about within the past two and one-half or three years, this city is by no means one which has had a sort of "mushroom" or "boom" growth. More than twenty-five years ago the Texas & Pacific Railway located the town. It has, therefore, a history behind it, as well as a most wonderful future before it.

The story of the town from its infancy would read like a romance were the incidentals entering into its life and history repeated. It has been what was in the past known as the "frontier" town. It has been the rendezvous of the cowman since its foundation. Many years have passed over it as the premier cowman's town of the South Plains. As years passed there have from time to time been added to the population the tenderfoot element from the East. He came to become a "cowman," but instead he came to a town where the "cowman" he thought he would find was not. He found a people imbued with a desire and an ambition to get away from the frontier life—men who desired that the city and its advantages, the schools and their equipments, commerce and its quickening life, should come nearer to his door.

Thus with these ambitions the citizenship of Midland has been growing up to a fuller appreciation of things more modern than cattle-raising as it was done when the Texas & Pacific very graciously set in a spur track, a cattle loading rack and stock pens, some twenty-five years ago.

From the cattle business as its strength for two decades—and still a mighty factor in its commerce—the city has grown to a population of over four thousand people.

Midland's climate is the nearest approach to the ideal sought by all

people of any yet discovered in this country. The altitude is about 3,000 feet above sea level. The temperature in the summer months does not go higher than 80 degrees Fahrenheit, nor lower than freezing in the winter months. The average mean temperature the year round, therefore, would be about 56 degrees Fahrenheit. During the summer there are no hot winds, so common outside the Plains Country. The nights are cool and exceedingly pleasant. There are no mosquitoes nor other insects to interfere with slumber. During the winter months the "blue norther" is unknown on the South Plains. Over-

cash, in Midland the sum of \$5,000, which is an enormous sum as compared with the per cent per capita of the average Western town.

Midland has churches and schools which will compare with cities four times her population. A look at the illustrations of these features in this paper will prove this. Three of the churches of this city, the Methodist, the Baptist and the Christian, in the aggregate cost about \$65,000. One of the finest public school buildings in West Texas, was built and equipped at a cost of \$18,000 by popular subscription. There are three annexes to this school, and the sec-

represented by almost every line of trade and occupation. Business has naturally gravitated this way, this city being the geographical, legal, educational and financial center.

The postoffice receipts have grown in the past three years to entitle it to rise from fourth class to third class, and June 1st this year will witness the advancement to second class.

As stated above, Midland has a history of twenty-five years, and when we speak of prosperity Midland speaks of her record while other towns speak of their future prospects.

The health of the city is better attested when we state that there are only four physicians located here, and none of them work overtime.

Midland's city government is executed by a mayor, who is a minister, five aldermen, clerk, treasurer, and a marshal.

The business buildings of the city are one, two, and three story brick and stone. There are few frame or adobe houses in the city. The stores are modern and in equipment and stocks compare favorably with those of the large cities.

The homes of the city are among the finest to be found in any Western town, as is shown by illustrations throughout this paper.

COTTON GROWING

That the climate and soil condition of the great South Plains are both admirably adapted to the successful cultivation of cotton, has been proven beyond any sort of doubt. At first, with the advent of the farmer, it was thought that the altitude was against the production of the staple, but experiments soon dispelled this idea. The first season's crop was picked last year and the gin at Midland handled the total crop which was 235 bales.

With the encouragement given by this first success those farmers who had hesitated at first, put in small acreage to the staple. The season just closing has brought almost 1500 bales to the Midland gin.

Next season's crop will easily reach from 3,000 to 5,000 bales. In view of the increased acreage for the coming season another gin is being put in in order that the crop may be handled expeditiously.

The grade of cotton produced in the Midland Country compares with that of any in the United States. It has a long staple and is exceptionally clean. There is less cultivation necessary to its production and in most cases less acreage is required to produce a given quantity. In a number of instances which can be proven farmers have averaged from three-fourths to a bale per acre.



Photo by Miller

MIDLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE
Recently constructed at cost of about \$40,000

coats are a luxury, not a necessity.

Because of the exceedingly favorable weather conditions in and around Midland, and in the Midland Country, cattle raisers have no fear that animals on the range will suffer from the cold. No cattleman would think of taking his stock off the range for feeding in the winter, for the reason that there is ample grass for them through the whole season.

Midland has a great many things in common with sister cities of the Plains Country, yet in many things she has far outstripped them all. From the standpoint of wealth alone, this city leads many of the cities of the West. There is, per capita, in

and commodious public school building will be built this year.

Midland has one of the two demonstration farms conducted by H. W. Campbell in Texas. Prof. Campbell is a native of Nebraska, and the originator of the Campbell scientific soil culture method, which adapts the principle of moisture preservation to the soil and climate of the semi-arid lands of the country. This farm is described extensively in another portion of this issue of The Examiner.

In all the business history of Midland there has not occurred a recorded business failure.

Business pursuits in Midland are

There is an abundance of good water here. Plenty of everything which enters into the making of a home. Shade and ornamental trees flourish, the streets are wide and the people hospitable.

Almost every modern convenience enjoyed by cities four times her size is enjoyed by the Midlander. There are no saloons and the liquor traffic is tabooed. The morals of the town are good. There is no police court nor are there any brawls upon her streets. The county jail has few occupants, although civic pride has caused the awarding of a contract for a new jail to cost about \$12,000.

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MIDLAND'S WEALTH AND WHAT PRODUCED IT

MIDLAND County, while comparatively small, is one of the richest in West Texas. Its total assessed valuation is \$5,551,528, against which a total tax for all purposes of \$33,940.23 is levied. It has 553,873 acres of land represented on the tax roll which is assessed at \$2,747,859. Town property which is \$1,732,880. Railroads and telegraph lines including franchises and other intangibles are assessed at \$774,430. Bank stocks to the value of \$264,200 are represented on the tax rolls. There were in the county when the rolls were made up, 1887 horses valued at \$64,695, and 22,031 cattle valued at \$309,855. Merchandise on hand was valued at \$221,115. Bank credits were assessed at \$279,145 and there was found money to the amount of \$325. For school purposes the State and county tax amounted to \$9,367.82. Poll taxes to the amount of \$758.50 were levied.

Officers of the County.

The officers of Midland County are: Charles Gibbs, County Judge; W. J. Sparks, County and District Clerk; W. E. Holloway, County Treasurer; G. B. Smedley, County Attorney; W. M. Beverly, Sheriff and Tax Collector; J. W. Taylor, County Assessor; J. P. Collins, Hide and Animal Inspector; Commissioners, First District, J. J. Westmoreland; Second District, John King; Third District, W. B. Floyd, and Fourth District, G. B. Sikes.

The county offices are located in a handsome court house built of red

sandstone three years ago at a cost of about \$40,000. It is a rather pretentious building as to architectural design and somewhat unique as to interior arrangement. It is set in the center of a full city block which has been planted to trees and makes an ornamental park. Bonds for a new jail to cost \$13,000 have been voted and the building will be erected during the coming summer.

Midland County is still the home

of two of the largest registered herds in the country—the Polled Angus herd owned by the Nelson Morris estate, and the herd of registered Herefords owned by the Scharbauer Cattle Company, the members of which are still for the most part citizens of Midland.

Fine Cattle.

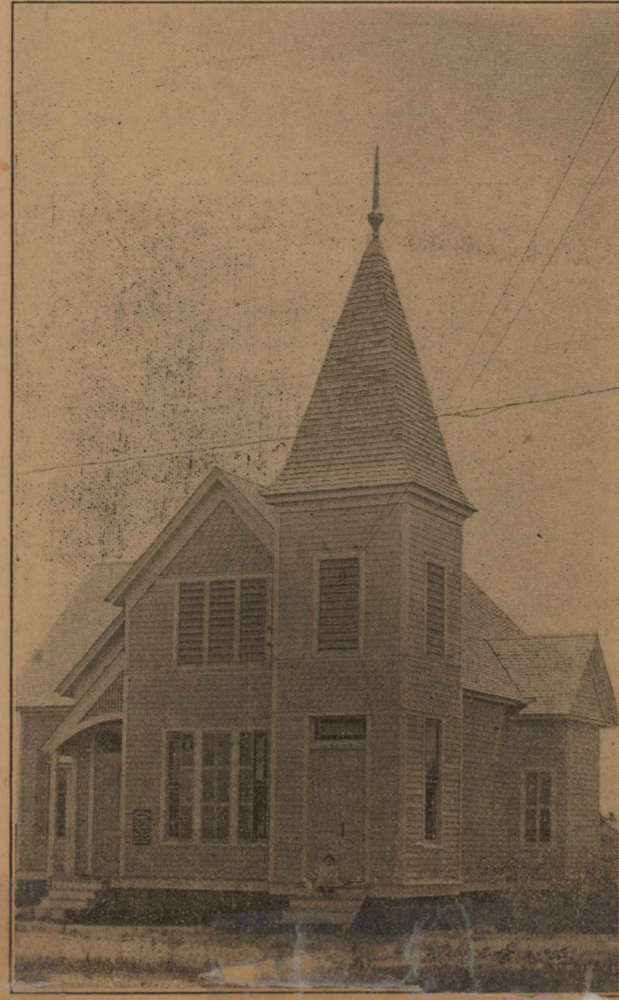
A trip to the ranch where the Scharbauer's show herd is maintain-

ed is almost worth the cost of a trip from El Paso to Midland and back. This herd is the special care of Chris. Scharbauer, one of the brothers who compose the Scharbauer Cattle Company. At last year's Fat Stock show the Scharbauer exhibit, which consisted of several carloads of the mammoth animals brought home a sweepstake prize, 11 firsts, 11 seconds, eight thirds and one fifth, and the collection of ribbons forms one of the principal adornments of the cattle company's offices in the First National Bank building.

Bulls Weigh a Ton.

In the show herd are bulls, that will weigh a ton and cows that will tip the beam at 1,500 pounds and upwards—perfect bovine leviathans. The whole registered pedigreed herd numbers about 2,000 head. Cows from this herd bring from \$100 up,

while the bulls bring from \$250 to \$1,000 and are eagerly sought by cattlemen throughout the Southwest who wish to breed up their herds. At these prices the registered herd, though expensive to maintain, proves a paying investment. The Scharbauers have ranches and still run Herefords in Midland, Yoakum, Martin, Gaines, Andrews and Pecos counties. The total number of cattle owned by the concern is between 50,000 and 60,000 bearing evidence that notwithstanding the settlement of the country by farmers and home makers, there is still room for an occasional cow. The Scharbauers farm, about 400 acres of the ranch where the registered herd is maintained, grows thereon thousands of tons of milo maize, kaffir corn and cane, which is fed the fancy cattle during the dry months.

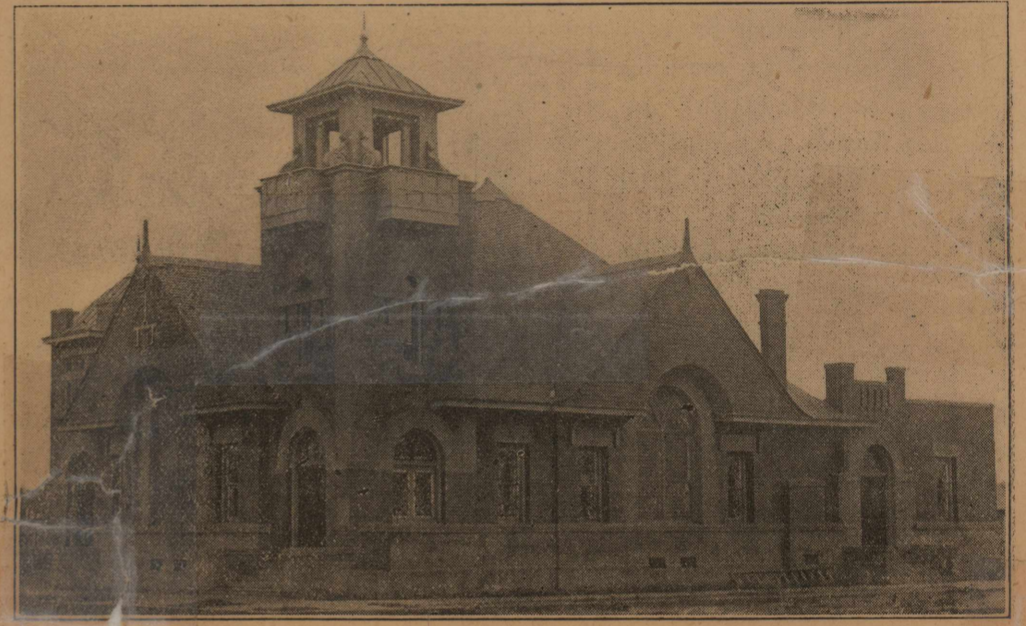


MIDLAND'S CHURCHES

Presbyterian

First Methodist

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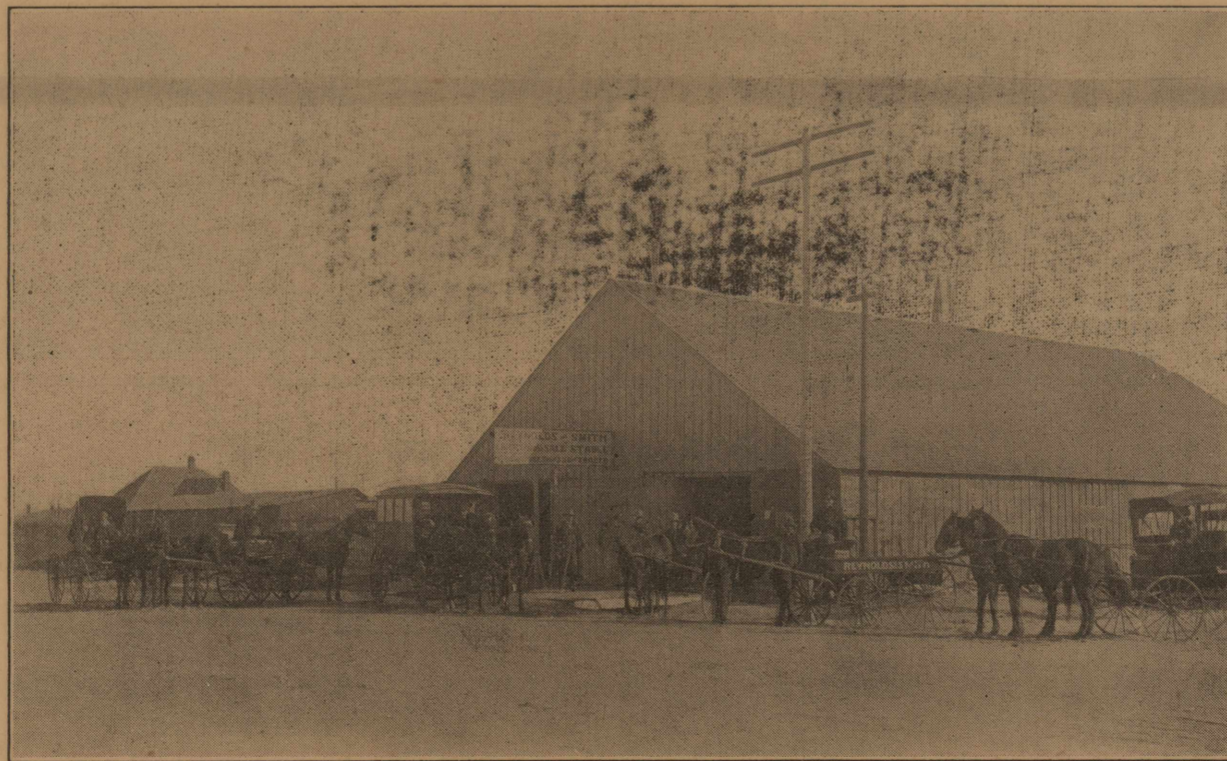


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HOW MOISTURE PRESERVATION WAS DEMONSTRATED



EVERY week brings prospectors into the Midland Country who, while they do not doubt the scientific method of dry farming, they do not understand very clearly

just how it's done and desire to be given information or shown a practical test.

A test of soil conditions was made recently which proved the adaptability of Midland County land to dry farming methods in a very simple, yet most convincing way.

Upon this occasion the test was demonstrated by Judge J. W. Davidson, and for the benefit of prospectors, and was made on the Campbell farm and an adjoining tract.

Judge Davidson was showing Messrs. McManus of Houston and Burma of Bristow, Iowa, over the farm and in the course of the inspection the visitors desired to be given "the Missouri degree"—show me. The accommodating Midland County booster proceeded to take the gentlemen through the "dry" process.

Going to a point on the Campbell section where it adjoins the cotton field of the Charles Lewis farm "the Missouri degree" was exemplified. "You see," said the Judge, "this cotton is grown on soil tilled under the old methods," referring to the Lewis patch. "Well, you just follow me and you'll see just what the soil conditions are."

A hole was dug eighteen inches deep and the earth was as dry as powder. The gentlemen stirred

matches in the dirt, and after doing so found that they would ignite as readily as when taken from the pocket. This was considered remarkably dry.

"Now," said Judge Davidson, "Let us go just five steps from this

When a hole three feet deep had been dug—which was down to the clay foundation—the Judge suggested the same "match test." This was done and after stirring the tip end of the matches in the soil at any depth from two inches to three feet

"You see, gentlemen," said Judge Davidson, "Nature has provided a good soil with a clay foundation, and rainfall in sufficient quantities is also provided if we are intelligent enough to store the moisture until the time when we need it.

lutely master of the situation.

"Nature has wonderfully provided for this Western Country and all that is now needed is the right kind of men to come out here and claim a heritage.

"They are coming, too. It will not be long before this section of the West will be as thoroughly under cultivation as any. It will not be long before more railways will be running across the plains, and there will be big agricultural and industrial towns built up where now you see prairies.

"I believe it was Roberts who said, 'Civilization begins and ends with the plow.' I might also add that

WHEN YOU HAVE READ THIS PAPER MAIL IT TO SOME DISTANT FRIEND.

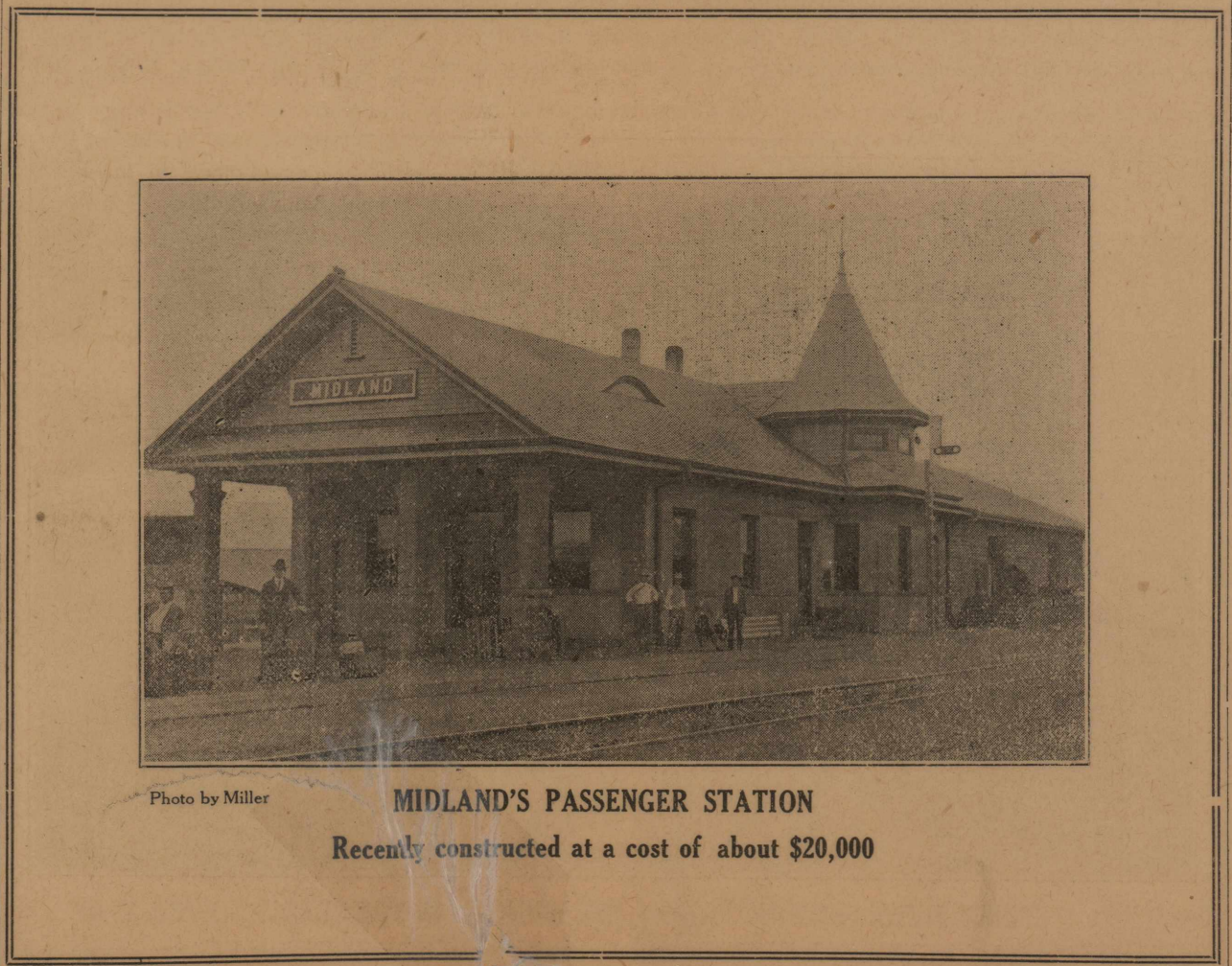


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MIDLAND'S PASSENGER STATION
Recently constructed at a cost of about \$20,000

hole, and we will be on the Campbell tract where the soil is summer-tilled by the modern method where the moisture has been stored for sometime."

it was dampened to such a extent that ignition was impossible. Sufficient moisture was present to permit the dirt being rolled with the hands.

"The demonstration you have witnessed and the conditions you see as a result of scientific storage of moisture, ought to be sufficient evidence that the intelligent farmer is abso-

the modern farmer produces the best class of citizenship that can be desired."

The Judge is particularly enthusiastic as to the possibilities of the future of the Midland Country if the right sort of farmers can be induced to come out here.

In conversation with an Examiner representative he said:

"You may talk about building a fine town here—and we can—but the best thing in the world to back up a good town is the right sort of farmers. They will support our industries, our schools, our churches, our merchants—will be the most solid and substantial element of citizenship which we can hope to encourage."

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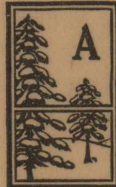
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A WRITER'S APPRECIATION OF THE MIDLAND COUNTRY



A WRITER in a recent issue of the Fort Worth Telegram, in telling his readers about the Midland Country, and the great South Plains, wrote the following very accurate and concise description of what he saw and observed while here. The picture is not overdrawn nor is it too weak in any particular. We give it just as it appeared in the Fort Worth paper:

"To the student of topography the State of Texas offers a book of never ending chapters. The rolling prairies of the center section; the low marshes where the rice fields flourish in the south; the rugged hills of the southwestern border; the mountains of the far west; and three great plains regions all offer infinite variety for whosoever cares enough to study Nature's provision for supplying the needs of man, no matter how he wants to earn a living.

"Early maps showed all the region lying west and northwest of Fort Worth, a territory as large as the State of Iowa, as a vast and level plain unbroken by hills and only slightly scarred here and there by water courses. Later travelers have found how careless the early geographers were and we now have defined at least three great plains instead of one.

"North of the Canadian river in the extreme upper part of the Panhandle, there are the North Plains. They have an altitude of approximately 4,000 feet, an altitude which

makes it cool enough to raise Indian corn, wheat, broom corn and other crops more like those produced on the prairies of Illinois and Iowa, much farther north.

"On the south side of the Canadian, the Staked Plains or Llano Estacado of the maps. This is much the largest plain area of Texas and used to be the joint roaming grounds

finger between the courses of the Pecos on the west and the Colorado on the east, although the plains proper do not begin until after Big Springs is passed and they end before the Pecos country is reached. Big Springs, which is 270 miles west of Fort Worth, lies both south and east of the plains proper and in addition to this lies at the foot of a draw or val-

climb steadily until they reach the South Plains and in the center of these is Midland.

"Midland was originally called Midway because it is equi-distant from Fort Worth on the east and El Paso on the west. Railroad maps give the distance from each city as 307 miles, approximately the distance from Chicago to Des Moines, Iowa.

try lies broken foothills and gypsum; to the west, sand. The Midland Country has no gypsum and the little sand that it has is mixed with a reddish loam; serves to keep the soil more porous and also serves as a filter for all the rain that falls in the country, draining it down to a vast sheet of water held prisoner by a red clay sub-soil. The Midland Country soil ranges in depth from three to twenty feet; perhaps eight or ten would be an average. Generally speaking, the land to the northern part of the country is more sandy; country covered with scrubby oak. Further south the soil becomes more compact. Here and there are stretches of a tighter soil containing more gravel than sand. This land is more suitable for grazing than for agriculture, but it constitutes less than 10 per cent of the county's total area. These gravelly stretches run generally from the northwest to the southeast, indicating possibly some prehistoric drift toward the course of the Pecos river. There are a few draws in the county, the principal one being found in the northeast part in which one fork of the Concho river has its headwaters. The soil in the bottom and on the sides of this draw is the most compact to be found in the county. It seldom washes except under a long continued and beating rain. The porous nature of the soil on the level plains drains off the water quickly, preventing the formation of gulleys.

"The tightened soil of the draw region was Nature's own plan of providing against loss by soil washing in a country where there were no



Photo by Miller STREET SCENE SHOWING FREIGHTERS BRINGING IN THE SEASON'S WOOL CLIP

of the Indians and the buffalo.

"Midland lies in the South Plains which have an altitude of from 2,000 to 3,000 feet. Roughly speaking, the plains on which Midland is situated, stretches southward like a gigantic

ley which seams its way from the northeast to the southwest all the way from New Mexico,

"But after leaving Big Springs, which is a division point of the Texas & Pacific railroad, the trains

From Fort Worth to El Paso is just twice the length of the State of Pennsylvania. To Midland, the Texas & Pacific railway trains need fourteen hours for the journey.

"To the east of the Midland Coun-

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- 7th. That we have a line of post cards and drug sundries that must be seen to be appreciated.
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"Ninety per cent of Midland County's soil is adapted to agriculture. Much of the land is covered with growths of mesquite and catclaw and the richness of the soil where these grow is well known throughout Texas.

"The sandy loam is adapted to all kinds of grass—nearly twenty are found growing wild—for cotton, corn, milo maize, kaffir corn, sorghum, the cereals, alfalfa, and fruits.

How About the Climate?

"The Midland Country lies west of the 'blue norther' region. Perhaps you didn't know it, but the cattle which drifted west from Colorado in early days instead of going south, knew it instinctively and the fact remains to this day that Midland seldom or never has a directly north wind. It gets an outskirt wind which trails after the severe storms found further north and east, but never the direct gale. The mercury has never gone to zero in Midland so far as any one can remember.

"The season is a month earlier in the spring and a month later in the fall than it is a few hundred miles directly east. Frost never comes before Nov. 15. Often Houston has frost 30 days before the temperature drops to 32 at Midland. Even directly south of Midland it sometimes gets colder than it does at that city. No one has ever attempted to explain why, but the condition remains. Probably protecting 'draws' to the northwest offer the barrier across which the cold winds do not venture to come.

"In summer time it gets hot at Midland. It does the same anywhere in Texas, but at Midland there is always a breeze. It comes from the southwest mostly and blows steadily the year through. Wind-

mills in the Midland Country never stop running except to be oiled.

"And at nights the altitude and breeze make the air so fresh and cold, blankets are usually needed before morning.

"The country is too high for malaria and likewise for mosquitoes. Like all new countries, it needs more lime, but it has never had any epidemics.

"One peculiarity of the climate is its tendency on people who have insomnia. Nearly all newcomers, thus affected, are astonished to find that they begin sleeping soundly at night almost immediately after arriving.

the mountains by people of leisure and means sufficient to travel about in search of the desired shade.

"And perhaps more wonderful than anything else about the climate of the Midland Country is the fact that the sandstorms have practically disappeared. There were a few last winter, but they were the first in ten years. Some attribute the moderation of the winds to the settlement of the country, the planting of trees and other signs of civilization. Others say that the whole climate has changed as a result of the formation of the Salton sea, far to the west.

"Whatever has been the cause, the

sionally at Fort Worth or in the central portions of the State. Every Midland Country farm is equipped with a surface irrigation tank for the supply of fruit and vegetable orchards and gardens. This year the tanks have been entirely unused, natural rainfall being enough to supply all the needs of growing vegetation.

"When it doesn't rain, the air is dry; so dry that meat will cure without salt, and fruits can be cured by evaporation as easily as in California. Raisin grapes have been raised at Midland and the raisins have dried perfectly on the vines.

were vast droves of them, Spanish Merinos and Ramboulets that were brought in all the way from California. The sheep went out when the cattle came in, but many of the herders stayed and became as successful with beef producing as they had been with wool and mutton. The Midland cattleman who was once in the sheep business, freely admits it. He is not like some cattle raisers further east in his prejudice against the woolies.

"There are no sheep in Midland County now, but there is still a kindly feeling for them and this is helped by the fact that Midland is a big distributing point for wool raised in New Mexico and freighted across country to Midland as the nearest shipping point.

"Perhaps Midland's kindly feeling toward sheep, which seems odd in comparison with that encountered in other cattle-raising sections, is partly due to the fact that the Midland Country produced better sheep than the common kinds, just as it has been producing better cattle than the average range stock. Midland County was once a part of Tom Green County, which was at one time the greatest sheep range in the United States. The sheep thrived well on the rich grasses, suffered from no diseases and, after the mild winters, there were always big lamb crops. But the sheep are gone now.

"The people of Midland are and always have been not only law-abiding, but of even a religious turn. In the old days not a ranch house from one end of the county to the other had a lock on its door, and the door generally stood open whether the owner was home or not. Midland County never had a vigilance committee because it never needed one.

"The ten, fifteen and twenty thousand dollar churches now standing in the city of Midland testify to the



MIDLAND COUNTRY MULES ARE AMONG THE FINEST—100 Belonging to Reynolds & Smith

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They wake in the morning refreshed and wonder what it was they ate or didn't eat which worked such a change. People moving in from malarial districts lose their chills and fever within ten days after arriving.

"Hardly in the line of climate, but none the less interesting is the effect the sun and summer winds have on complexions. The faces of old settlers are tanned, but one never sees a skin burned to that peculiar brick red color often found further east. The tan is neither bronze or of a dark, swarthy hue, being more the natural healthy brown that can be found on the seashore or among

sandstorms are gone and with their going has come another change, that of more frequent rains. There is no record of the annual rainfall at Midland. Local tradition places it at 21 inches and the Campbell system of farming has shown that crops can be grown successfully with 12 inches a year, but some say there is more rain now than there used to be. Others declare there is no more rain, but the fall is more evenly distributed in showers throughout the year. During the week of July 18-25, for instance, there was a shower at Midland nearly every day, but never a downpour such as occurs occa-

The People Who Live There.

"The population of the Midland Country is essentially Texan. There are scarcely any negroes and only a few Mexicans. The majority of residents have come from the eastern and central parts of the State, but there are numbers of families from Arkansas, Kentucky, Alabama and other Southern States.

"Scratch a Scotchman, ran the old proverb, 'and you will find a Tartar.' Scratch the pioneer resident of Midland deep enough and you will generally find a sheep man. The sheep were in the Midland Country before the cattle came. There

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way in which the sentiment of the people has grown.

They are friendly toward the cause of education, and built a brick school house by public subscription rather than by issuing bonds. They pay country teachers \$50 a month and take a lively interest in everything educational.

"Here in brief, is a general outline of how the plains of the Midland Country have changed in the past forty years:

"First, the unfenced wilderness over which roamed only the antelope, the deer, the coyote and the rabbit.

"Second, the era of the sheepman with his herds which once numbered 300,000 head within the borders of the county.

"Third, the cowman, who fenced the range and sent the sheep man to broader fields further West.

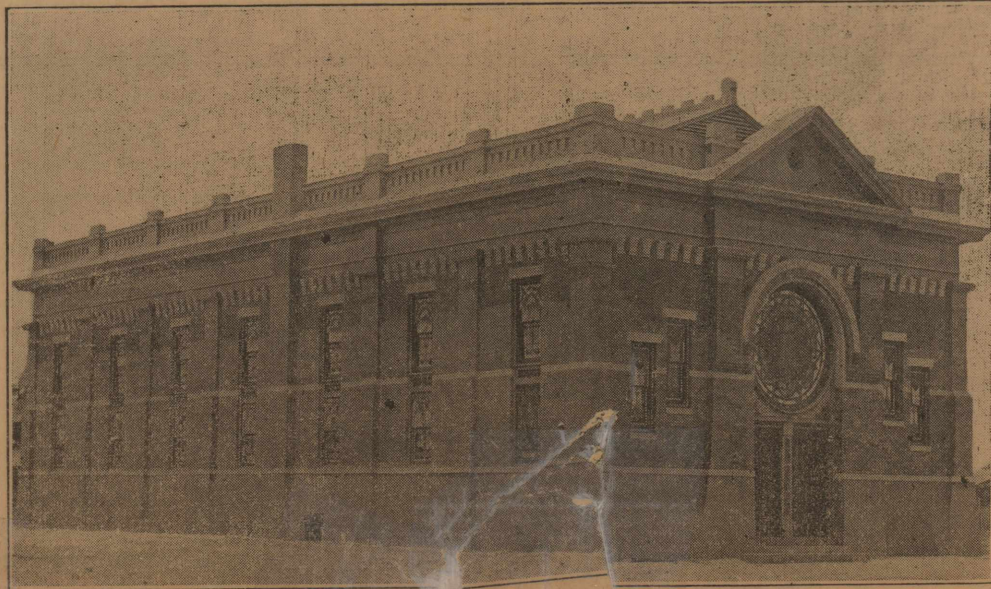
"Fourth, the agriculturist who has recently come and who is still coming in increasing numbers, replacing the ranch house with the frame dwelling and the barn; breaking the sod and burying forever the grasses from which so much wealth has come in order that even more wealth may be produced from the soil by cotton, fruit and forage crops.

"The era of the sheepman was marked by slow progress over the plains on foot leading the herds by the aid of dogs. The era of the cowman brought the galloping pony and the chuck wagon, which followed the herds from range to range.

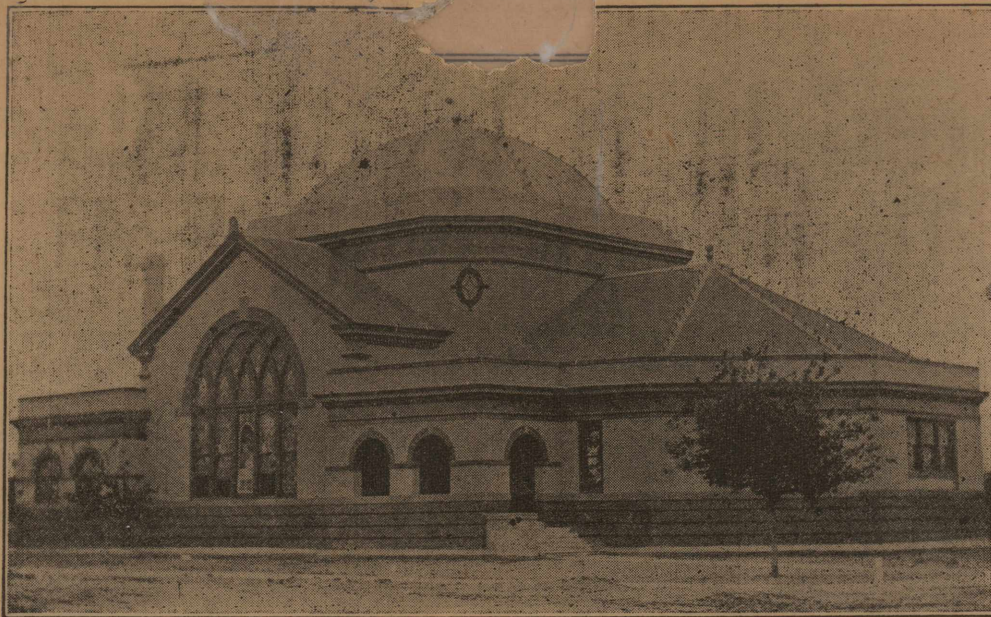
"The era of the agriculturist has brought the railroad train, the automobile, the teams and carriages of the East and North.

"As a country progresses it not only moves forward, but also increases its rate of speed in traveling. The last era has brought the highest speed—but the people of Midland are still moving forward.

Midland Churches Rank With the Finest in the State of Texas



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"Only some prophet, and they seem as scarce nowadays as they were among the cowboys of sandstorm times, can tell what Midland's future rate of speed will be."

PERTINENT POINTS

Midland exports annually \$1,500,000 worth of cattle. This is exclusive of registered stuff.

At Midland the mercury has never dropped to zero.

Water lies under the Midland Country at a depth of from 40 to 80 feet. It is pure, wholesome, and free from "gyp."

One out of every four persons living in Midland is a church member.

Midland's baseball team holds the pennant for cities of the same size in Texas.

Midland is the windmill center of West Texas; 1,500 windmills are sold at Midland every year.

Midland has double-daily train service. One may leave Midland at night and be in Dalls for breakfast.

Peaches at Midland grow more than 10 inches in circumference.

The Midland Country was first the home of the sheepmen; next the domain of the cattleman; now the kingdom of the farmer.

The Midland jail door has swung open so long that it would take three men to close it should the occasion ever arise for arresting anybody.

Midland's public school was built by popular subscription; one of the few buildings of its character in Texas not paid for by a bond issue.

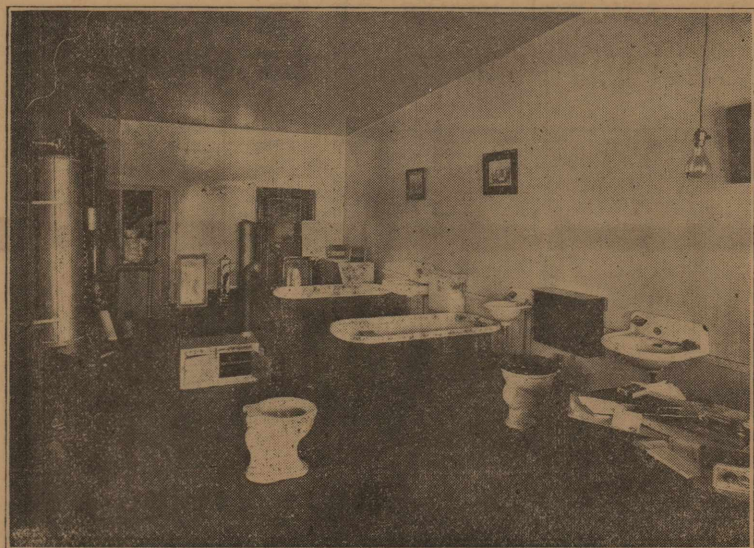
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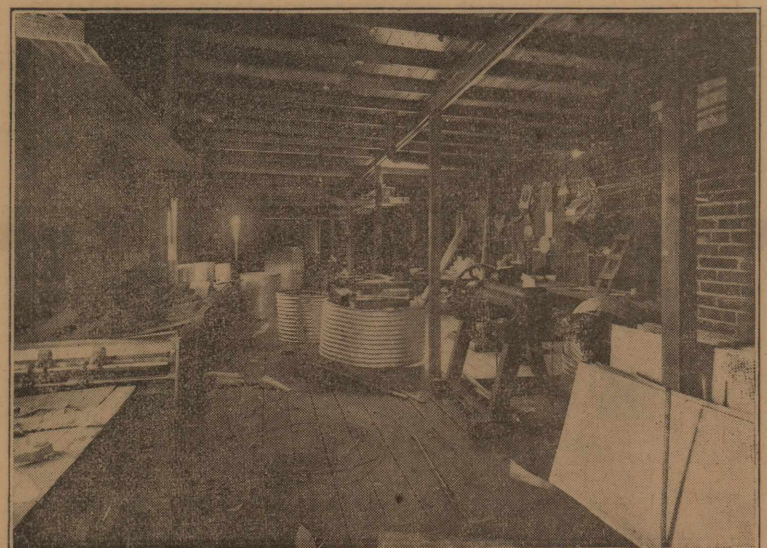
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CAMPBELL SOIL CULTURE IS NOT "DRY" FARMING

JOSEPH E. LEET recently wrote for the Denver (Col.) Republican one of the most succinct and thoroughly truthful articles concerning the method of soil culture as advocated by H. W. Campbell, that the article has been copied and reprinted by many of the leading Western newspapers. The Kansas City Journal of January 21 contained the article and from it we copy the following which will interest every farmer in this whole section of the West, whether engaged in scientific soil culture or the old method of farming:

Dry farming and the Campbell system are two different things. The tendency to use these terms interchangeably is confusing and misleading. Dry farming really stands for the rain-belt farming which populated and then depopulated East Colorado nearly a quarter of a century ago. That movement occurred during a series of wet seasons and was founded upon the erroneous claim that the rain belt was moving eastward across the high plains.

For several years every "rain-belt" in Eastern Colorado, who

ing in this way they had a partial failure the present year. Wherever one in a hundred adhered to the Campbell system, he made good crops.

Prepare Soil for Crops.

The Campbell system is slightly understood. It concentrates the limited rainfall of two seasons on one

seeking the speculative rise in the price of land.

Not only does the Campbell system require twice as much work, but it also requires twice as much land as ordinary farming. In Eastern Colorado, where fertile land is cheap, this latter requirement is easily complied with. A crop is only raised

plowing in the spring and harrowing with an acme after each rain throughout the winter, spring, summer and autumn. The spring plowing enables the first following rain to soak down into the soil instead of running off to the sea. The harrowing breaks up the crust and cracks into a pulverized mulch and about

soil surface where the sun will evaporate it. Every boy knows that if he scrapes two inches of dust from the dry road where he plays, he will come to moist ground. That moist ground, and the cause of it remaining moist, is the entire key to the Campbell system. The dust operates as a dam to stop the upward capillary flow of water that is going on below through the moist soil.

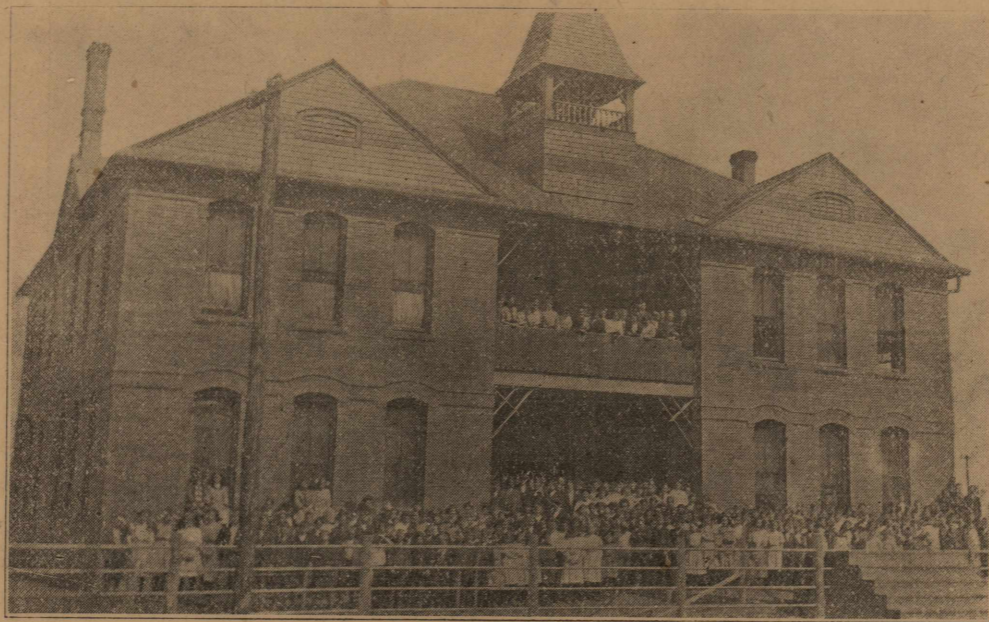
Following this preparatory year of moisture storage, the crop is planted in the spring of the second year and the harrowing after each rain is continued as long as the growing vegetation will permit. At all of the Campbell test farms about forty bushels to the acre have uniformly been raised, even when the surrounding wheat fields of the "rainbelts" or "dry farmers" were burned up.

Nothing could be more satisfactorily or absolutely demonstrated than the efficiency and the value of this system.

Adds Millions of Acres to Area.

The mind falters in attempting to grasp the vast results already certain to flow. Each succeeding drouth year on the plains will see an increased number of dry farmers adopting the genuine Campbell sys-

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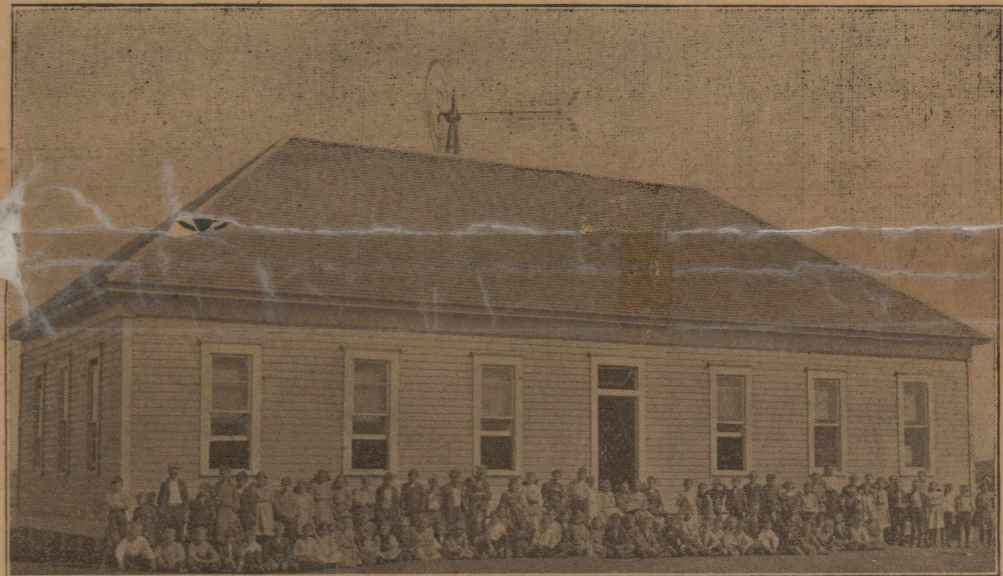


THE HIGH SCHOOL



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PRIMARY DEPARTMENT



INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT

farmed as he did in the older States, and was lucky enough with the aid of a wet season to raise good crops has announced to the world that they were produced under the Campbell system. The fact is that Eastern Colorado is now full of dry farmers, but not one in a hundred follows the Campbell system. They take chances on the season's rainfall. After several years of successful farm-

crop by storing most of the moisture in the ground. How this is done is difficult to explain and not easy to understand. The great drawback to its rapid adoption is that it means lots of work, more than twice as much as the ordinary farming, which takes chances of enough rainfall at the right time. Hard work is not what the first sprinkling of pioneer settlers are looking for. They are

every alternate year, but during the intervening year the land does not lie fallow. The word "fallow" erroneously used in this connection. It means to let the land lie idle to recuperate its fertility. The Campbell system land has fertility enough to last a century, and does not lie idle. It is cultivated a whole year before the crop is planted.

This cultivation consists of deep

two inches deep. The sun dries out this mulch and it, being dry, arrests the upward capillary attraction of the moisture stored below. When it rains again this dry, pulverized mulch absorbs the water that would run off from hard ground and conducts it below. But unless the fresh crusts and cracks are freshly harrowed after each rain, capillary attraction will coax the water to the

tem the following season. What an eastern magazine calls the "high plains," stretching 300 miles east from the Rocky Mountains, for 1,000 miles north and south, are far and away the most fertile, immense body of tillable land on earth, and have the sunniest yet the most temperate and healthiest climate known to man. All that is needed is a method

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MISS MAGGIE McCORMICK

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THE RELIGIOUS SIDE OF LIFE IN MIDLAND

AVERAGE Western towns in a general way have for many years been considered anything but religious in their citizenship. To the average Easterner, or tenderfoot, as he was called by the Westerner, the thought of the plainsman and the community in which he dwells has usually been associated with the thought of out-lawry and recklessness. The Western country has been a long time getting over the influence of that thought. While there have been times when the recklessness and daredeviltry as portrayed in the "Wild West" circus has been displayed, it was never paramount in the lives of the citizenship of the West. Some people would not desire to see the West stripped of its romantic nature as they have long understood it, yet there never has been a real desire that it should be perpetuated by the people who occupy the territory which has so often been misjudged.

With every pioneer's dugout or cabin on the plains there has been more or less of the spirit of religion and worship erected. With every establishment of a community on the plains there has come the house of common worship.

This being true, as cities have risen on the plains there have also risen the spires of the churches.

In Midland there is a religious atmosphere that is good to contemplate. There is a total of five organized churches. They are the Bap-

tist, Methodist, Christian, Presbyterian and Catholic. The four former have good buildings, which are illustrated in this paper, and the latter worship in a small chapel and conducts services once each month.

The Baptist Church has a membership of about 400 and worship in one of the most modern church buildings found in the State, which was built at a cost of about \$20,000. The Sunday school in this church numbers about 250, with an average attendance of about 200. Their young people's society has a membership of about 70. Rev. J. C. Bur-

kett is now, and has been for more than nine years, the pastor of this church.

The Methodist Church, of which Rev. M. A. Martin is the pastor, has a membership of about 250, with

a Sunday school of no less than 220 on the rolls. The average attendance at the Sunday school will reach 150. Twelve teachers are required to conduct the school. The Epworth League of this church numbers about 60 active members, while the Junior League has about 50 members.

The Methodist Church building is,

too, one of the most modern of the churches in the West. It was recently completed and dedicated free from debt. The total expenditure made by the congregation for this church has reached fully \$20,000.

The Christian Church is one of the older organizations in Midland and is comfortably housed in a building unique in modern architecture and spacious in room and well appointed and beautifully finished. It has a congregational membership of about 375 and has a number of active working departments. The cost

of the present home of this congregation was about \$16,000.

Until April 1, Rev. A. C. Parker was minister for this church for more than one and one-half years, but he recently resigned in order that he might devote his entire time to the promotion of Midland College, which is described in detail in another part of this paper.

On Feb. 23 he was elected to the office of Mayor of Midland, with one vote cast against him. This was a special election to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mayor Isaacks, who was appointed judge of the Seventieth Judicial District Court.

Rev. Parker has been succeeded by Rev. H. R. Ford, one of the foremost ministers of the Christian brotherhood in Texas.

This church has done much toward the establishment of Midland College. A subscription of about \$35,000 was raised, about \$25,000 of which came from members of this church. This, as well as 225 acres of land, was given as a bonus securing Midland as the site for the college.

This congregation has not confined its efforts entirely at home. It supports a missionary in China at a cost to the congregation of \$600 per year. It has also the usual auxiliaries and departments at work, as a Ladies' Aid Society, Christian Endeavor Society, Christian Women's Board of Missions, and a Bible school with an enrollment of about 200 and an average attendance of about 140.

The young people's society in

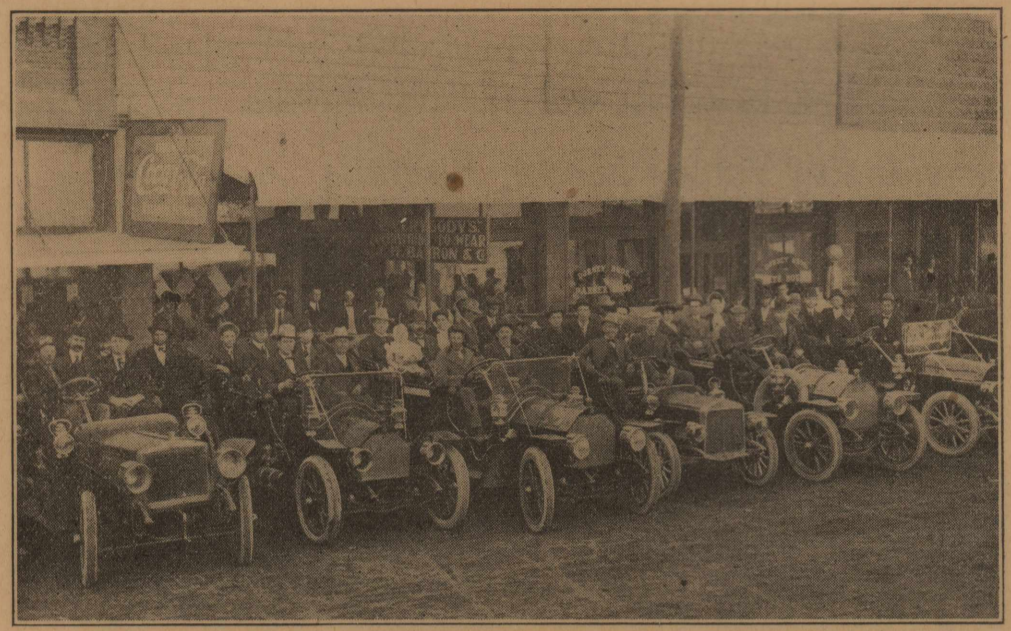


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"The Old Reliable"

this church support an orphan in the Juliette Fowler Home at Grand Prairie.

The Presbyterian Church worships in a modest frame building, its organization being small and its condition yet undeveloped to its real standard. They have a regular pastor, Rev. W. L. Downing, and a live Sunday school of about 50 members.

With this splendid showing of the town from a religious viewpoint, it is a far cry from the thought of recklessness and frontier life as imagined by many who have not been here to see for themselves.

It is stated upon pretty sound authority that there are no less than three church members in every four of the population. This may be true, as there are many persons here whose membership is with congregations which are unorganized here at present, and then, too, there are those whose membership has never been placed with the local churches.

No one need fear that upon coming into the plains country he will not find religious associations, as they abound here as they do not in many less new sections of the country.

MIDLAND'S STEADY FINANCIAL PROGRESS

By Judge E. R. Bryan, Cashier First National Bank

THE prosperity of any country is largely based upon the ability and willingness of its financial institutions to furnish the means with which to develop it; and this means that those who are at the head of such institutions have faith in their country. In this respect the Midland country has been peculiarly blessed, as its financial institutions are exceptionally strong, both in capital stock and resources, and have always been able and willing to finance any reasonable and legitimate undertaking. Capital is a useless commodity to any community unless the people composing that community

are of sufficient intelligence to use it to advantage—that is, to pay a reasonable interest on it, and receive a handsome dividend beside; in this particular, I believe the Midland people excel, as, in my judgment, they are above the average in intelligence and business ability, and I know of no instance in my twenty years' residence in this country where parties made investments here, and used ordinary care and intelligence, they did not receive handsome returns.

Many of our most successful business men operate largely on borrowed capital, borrowed at the start from local financial institutions. This speaks well for our country,

because it shows that it has not disappointed those who put their faith and invested their capital in it.

Another thing that speaks well for the country is that out of about 2000 chattel mortgages filed in Midland County since organization, there have been but very few foreclosed, only one or two in my knowledge, showing that our securities can be depended upon, and that the personnel of the mortgagors is first-class.

As an instance of the strength and solidity of the Midland financial institutions, we point with pride to the fact that during the panic of 1893, when so many banks failed, the Midland institutions were able to take care of all leg-

itimate demands. Also during the panic of 1907 the Midland institutions were able to carry their customers through without making them sacrifice their property, and the Midland banks did not "put on the lid," as so many financial institutions were compelled to do. You need not hesitate to say that the financial institutions of Midland will keep

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pace with the development of the country, and that any legitimate enterprise can at all times be properly financed. We have faith in our country and her people, and believe that in time it will be one of the most thickly populated parts of the State. We invite all good, honest people to come and help us to develop and build up our country.

The Midland Sanitarium



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Exterior View of Sanitarium

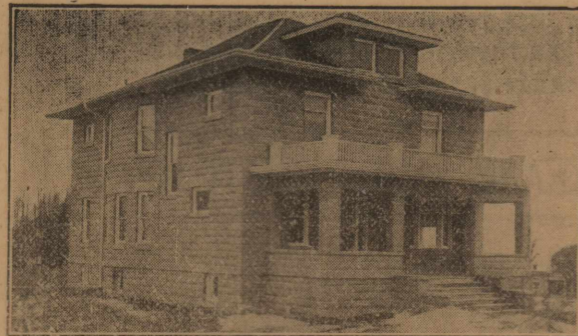


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HUNDREDS OF TONS OF FREIGHT RECEIVED IN MIDLAND



NOTHING more forcibly illustrates the real growth of a town than the freight receipts at the railway station. While the records for the shipments of all sorts of goods are not available to The Examiner we were enabled to get the record of all the freight received at Midland by the Texas &

is receiving in this manner. The following table shows the number of cars and what they contained, as received from Feb. 1, 1908, to Dec. 31, 1908:

Emigrant	Posts	26
Outfits	Brick	32
Corn	Ice	28
Chops	Oats	23
Flour	Bran	18
Hay	Gasoline	5

Nails	4	Furniture	3
Meal	3	Shingles	8
Coal	33	Engines	1
Sand	38	Automobiles	10
Oil	17	Wire	10
Potatoes	5	Molasses	2
Lime	5	Alfalfa	8
Naptha	5	Miscellaneous	53
Total		939	

Horses	9	Outfits	6
Sheep	14	Total	
		1197	

The above table also illustrates the importance of Midland as a distributing point for an immense trade territory, and this is growing daily. Hundreds of wagonloads of freight go out from this town every week to the small towns and ranches within a radius of more than 100 miles.

14 inches produce crops that pay. It means intensive farming and a teeming population. The 200,000,000 rich acres in this body can easily sustain more people than are now in the United States. At the Japanese rate of two persons to each acre, 400,000,000 could be supported. This is a number equal to the population of Europe.

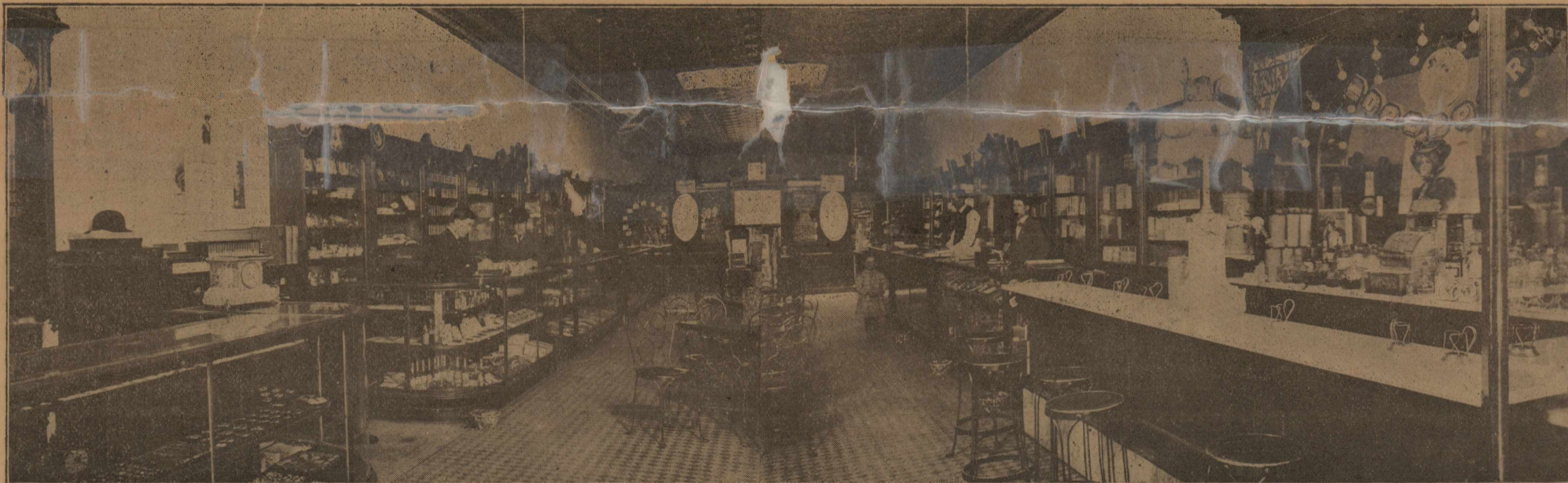


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INTERIOR OF THE CITY DRUG STORE—One of Midland's Modern Business Houses

Pacific Railway in carload lots. This record is for eleven months of 1908, and has nothing at all to do with any shipments of freight in less than carloads. This latter will amount to an enormous tonnage of freight itself, but the receipts by carloads will serve to illustrate what the town

Wood	117	Horses	2
Lumber	154	Trees	5
Vehicles	3	Cement	8
Salt	19	Marble	2
Beans	4	Cattle	1
Windmills	6	Sugar	6
Paint	2	Machinery	1
Coke	1	Lignite	3

There was a total of 939 carloads imported into Midland in eleven months. During that same period there was shipped out of Midland via the T. & P. Railroad the following carloads:

Cattle	1074	Mules	1
Calves	99	Emigrant	

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HOW TO CULTIVATE BY THE CAMPBELL SYSTEM

THE farmers who read the agricultural papers have heard more or less of the Campbell system of farming, but unfortunately much that has been printed in the papers throughout the country in regard to the Campbell system is erroneous and misleading and in many instances has resulted in harm.

In order to gain a correct knowledge of the Campbell system one must get his information from the Soil Culture Manual issued by Mr. Campbell, or receive instructions from one who has mastered the system by a study of Mr. Campbell's publications. The writer has conversed with farmers who thought they understood the Campbell system, when as a matter of fact they knew nothing at all about it because they had been misled by some writer who did not understand the system.

"One will say: 'It is just the old dust blanket method,' another that it consists in deep plowing, another that it is fall plowing, et.

"Mr. Campbell has spent twenty-seven years of his life in developing his system and during this time has been right out on the farm proving by actual tests the correctness of the principles upon which his system is based.

"It is not to be expected that any one could master the subject by the

mere reading of an article concerning it. The Campbell system is just what its name indicates—a system or method of farming, and while it

understanding it.

"Before entering into the practice of law one must study law and master its principles. Before beginning

lawyer or doctor, and to be successful in the fullest sense of the term, must give as much study to the science of agriculture as is given to

tion. This is an implement consisting of a number of wheels which when righted and drawn over the freshly plowed soil, cuts down through the plowed soil, pressing it firmly against the unbroken soil below, thus re-establishing the connection between the broken and unbroken soil. The great importance of this operation will be explained later.

"The writer can not, in this limited space, give everything pertaining to the Campbell system, but will only outline a few principal features.

"The first operation in this section preparatory to plowing is the cutting of the stalks of the crop just harvested, the principal crop being cotton, milo maize and kaffir corn. The stalks should be cut with a stalk cutter which will cut them in short pieces. After the stalks are cut instead of going at once to breaking the land as is the custom here, the entire amount of land which is to be prepared for planting should be gone over with a disc harrow and should be double disced by lapping half of the width of the harrow on the land just gone over.

"The discing should be done when the soil is just in the proper condition for plowing, neither too wet nor too dry, but just in that condition when it pulverizes well. The purpose of discing is to retain the moisture so that the soil will remain in

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is not complicated, it requires thought to master it. And right here is where the average farmer fails. He undertakes to conduct his business without studying it or un-

derstanding it. The practice of medicine one must study medicine and understand how to treat disease, and the writer maintains that the farmer should possess intelligence equal to that of the

law or medicine, by those who adopt those professions. The adoption of the Campbell system of farming will only render necessary one implement now used by the farmers of this sec-

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All-steel Axe, with handle	90c
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2-gal. " "	45c
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14-qt. Jap Slop Jars	40c
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Large Lamp, complete	65c
Steel Fry Pan	25c
Milk Crocks, all sizes, 15c to	35c
Flower Pots, all sizes, 10c to	25c
1-lb. Hammer	25c
Hatchet	20c
Set of 3 Potts Sad Irons	\$1.20
Rakes and Hoes	20c
Heavy Brooms	25c
16x22-in. Bread Boards	55c
14-in. Wooden Bowls	20c
Wash Boards	30c to 50c
Hickory Axe Handles	20c
Guaranteed Butcher Knife	40c
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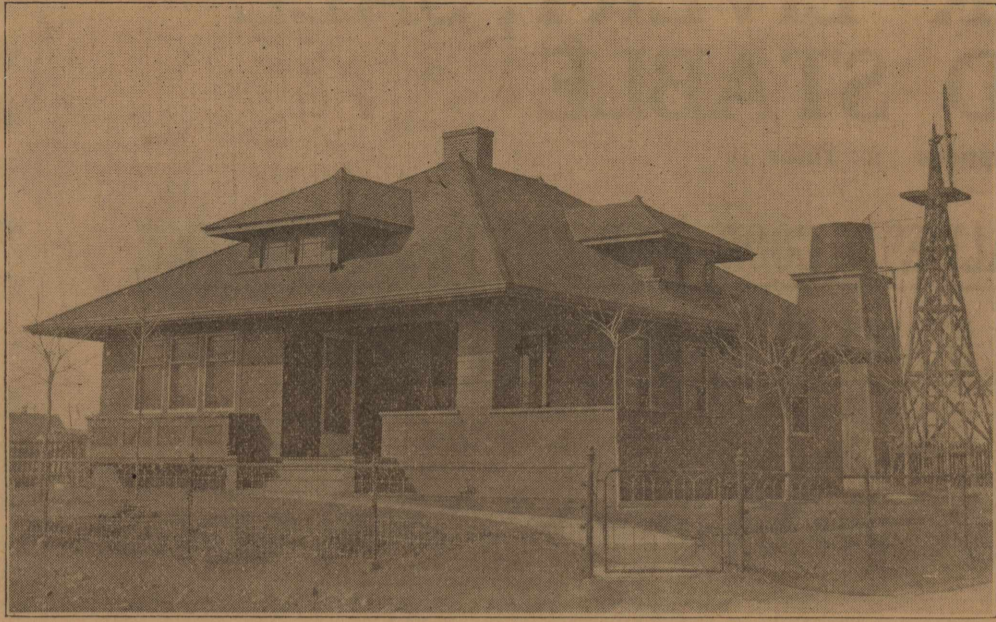
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Decorated Dinner Plates set	90c
Soup Bowls, decorated, set	90c
Gilt Edge ware, set	90c
Bowls of all sizes	10c to 75c
Fancy decorated Dinner sets, 42 pieces	\$4.75
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Transparent Cups and Saucers, set	\$1.50
Chocolate sets	\$1.75
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Enamel Wash Pans	25c
1-gal. enamel Pitchers	60c
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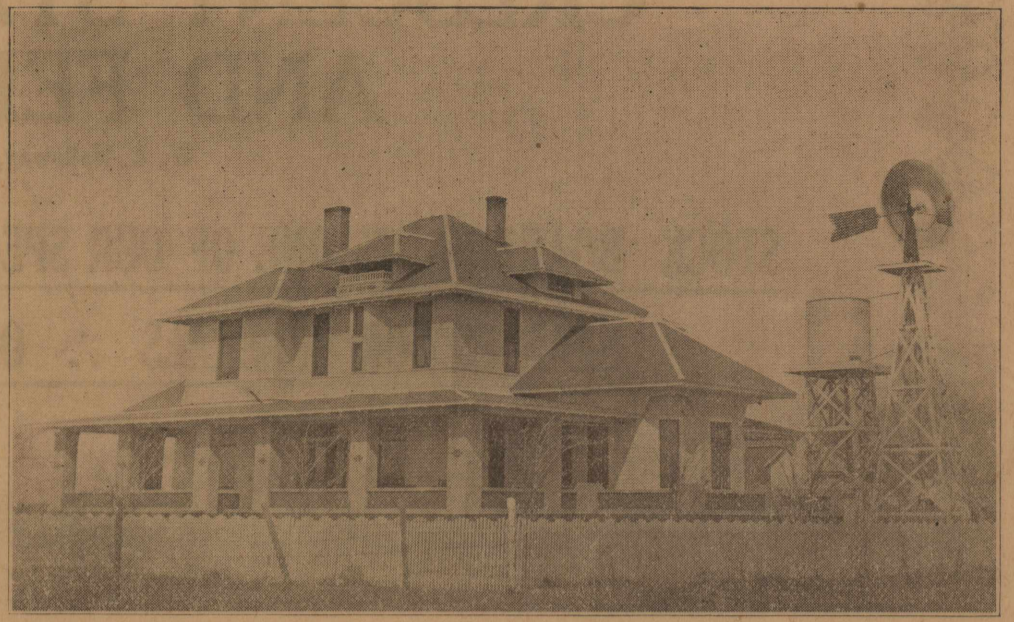
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Residence of Dr. John B. Thomas



Residence of G. F. Cowden, Jr.

proper physical condition for breaking.

"After the land has been thoroughly disced the breaking may begin. The proper depth of plowing must be determined by the condition of the soil, the time of year that the plowing is done, the time it is to be planted and the tools to be used for the after work. In case of fall plowing, where the soil is in proper condition—not wet but moist—it will be found profitable to plow eight inches deep, but the plowing must be followed with the sub-surface packer and harrow. If to be planted or seeded soon after, the plowing should be seven inches deep and should be followed closely by the sub-surface packer. The plowing done before noon should be packed before going to dinner, and that done in the af-



Residence of W. P. Elkin

ternoon before leaving the field at night, and then follow with the harrow to get the surface in good condition before the clods get too dry. If no packer is available the plowing should not be over five inches deep and then use the common harrow weighted and the teeth lightly slanted, the object being to pulverize the under portions of the furrow. The five inch plowing will not give the same results as the seven or eight inch plowing followed by the packer."

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MIDLAND IS THE NATURAL HOME OF GRAPES

EVERYTHING necessary to successful grape culture exists in this particular section of the Midland Country. The climate, the soil and seasons are all that could be desired, and all that remains to make this one of the foremost grape producing sections outside of California is to induce the expert grape husbandmen to come in and see for himself. This statement is not made without a knowledge of facts. The experimental stage of grape culture has been passed, as there are now several farmers who harvest tons each of grapes of different varieties each season. One of the best features about the cultivation of grapes in Midland county is the fact that there are never any failures. The long season is responsible for this.

A. C. Ingram, a Midland county farmer, has for several years, perhaps been the most successful producer of grapes in the Midland country. He has five acres in

which he has several varieties, and in an interview with an Examiner reporter said:

"I came West seventeen years

ago, leaving Limestone county. I have been on my Midland county farm seven years. It was open prairie when I went on it, and

now I think I have one of the best developed pieces of farm land in this whole section of country. "Early after I got my ground

broken up I began setting out a five-acre vinyard, as well as putting in peaches, apricots plums, cherries quinces, prunes, pears, apples, dewberries and blackberries.

"In my vinyard I have forty vines of the Tokay variety of grapes. Some of the bunches I have gathered from these vines have averaged three and one-half pounds each. Another variety is the California grape. This, too, frequently averages from three to three and one-half pounds to the bunch. The Mission grape is another variety I have, but I prefer the Tokay and the California to it, although it does well. As an arbor grape I have the Concord. There are two of these arbors and only four vines, and from these I gathered in one season over 500 pounds of grapes.

"My grape crop begins to ripen about the middle of June and by the last of August I have gathered the whole crop.

"There are only two times in the

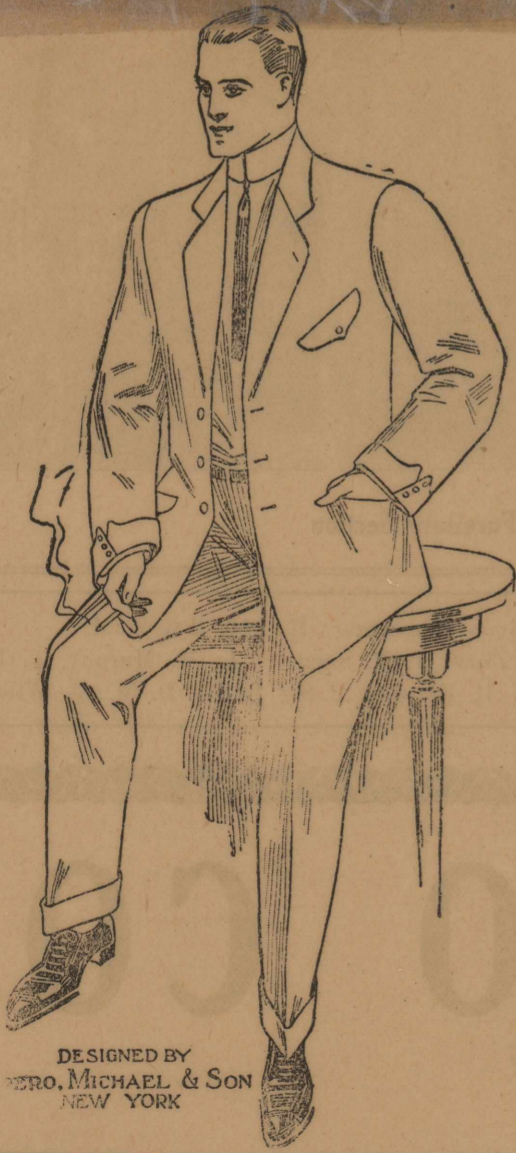
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THE SPIRIT OF FRATERNITY ABOUNDS IN MIDLAND

THE fraternal spirit is quite manifest in Midland, there being eight local lodges and many representatives of other orders that have no local organizations.

The eight organized lodges and auxiliaries are as follows: Masons, Eastern Star, Odd Fellows, Re-

while the Maccabees, Elks, Modern Woodmen of America and other orders have numerous representatives in the town.

In benevolent activity, these fraternities vie with each other, and helping hands are constantly held out to the worthy person who needs assistance.

Most of these organizations have

modern fraternal buildings, to be occupied by those orders which at present have no suitable quarters.

Nearly all of these fraternal bodies are enjoying rapid growth, and it is quite rare to find a man in Midland who does not belong to one or more of them.

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**MIDLAND IS NATURAL
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year that I give my grape vines any attention whatever. In January I prune all the arbor variety back to the stump, and after clearing away the rubbish I run a little water in the vineyard. Then when the vines are in full leaf I again run a little water in on them, unless about that time there is a rain, which is frequently the case.

"My grapes have never failed me since they began to fruit. Last year I gathered more than two thousand pounds from one acre, the rest of the five-acre tract, you see, has the orchard.

"I have never experienced the slightest difficulty in selling all the grapes I have produced and have always gotten a good price for them for no other reason than that they were fine fruit.

"As to the crops of cotton which I have raised. Last season I put in only ten acres and I gathered six bales which averaged 500 pounds each. On two acres I harvested forty bushels of corn. Cane easily ran two tons to the acre, while both the milo maize and kaffir corn crops were all I desired."

**WHEN YOU HAVE
READ THIS PAPER
MAIL IT TO SOME
DISTANT FRIEND.**

One out of every four persons living in Midland is a church member.

PERSONAL EXPERIENCES HAVE EVOKED ENTHUSIASM

All Sections of the Midland Country Have Exceeded Expectations, According to Letters Below

In reply to your request that I give you a statement as to my opinion of farming in Andrews County, I have only to say: I believe that I understand farming and know farm land when I see it, as I farmed for several years on a large scale in Indiana before I came to Texas. I came to Texas

fall of 1905, and this alfalfa has done as well as any I ever raised.

During the summer of 1907 I cut it four times, and it made three tons per acre. During the summer of 1908, I cut it four times: and it made four tons to the acre.

As I have been interested in cattle more than farming since

as I could desire.

I think there is no question about successful farming in Andrews County. Yours truly,
W. N. PENCE.

In response to a request from you for a statement from me in regard to the productiveness of the



Interior View of the City Meat Market. A Model for Cleanliness and Sanitation.--Ben Ethridge, Prop.

in the fall of 1904, and took charge of the "C" ranch in Andrews county. I decided that alfalfa ought to do well in this country, so as an experiment, I planted 25 acres of alfalfa in the

I have been in Texas, I have made no effort to speak of to raise a crop further than feed stuff, in the way of sorghum, milo maize and kaffir corn, but what I have raised has been just as satisfactory

soil of Andrews County, I will say: During the year 1908 I had between 35 and 40 acres in cultivation. I could hardly say when this land was grubbed and broke. I grubbed all during the winter at

odd times, and broke the land as I grubbed it, but the main part of it was broke in April, 1908.

I had about six or seven acres in "White Wonder" corn. This corn land was sod broke one time, and planted about April 20th, and after it had come up to a very nice stand a hail storm struck it and ruined about half of it, and I was compelled to replant the part that was destroyed by the hail. I plowed my corn twice, and never hoed it at all.

When I gathered this corn, I weighed the part that I gathered from the land that was planted over, and it weighed fifty-five bushels to the acre. The part that was not planted over did not make as good as the part that was re-planted. It only made an average of 25 to 35 bushels to the acre.

I planted two rows of pumpkins about seven-five yards long, and from these two rows, I raised not less than 150 very fine pumpkins, one of which took the premium at the Midland exhibit at the Texas State Fair.

I also planted kaffir corn and milo maize, peanuts, sweet potatoes and various other kinds of garden truck, and raised as fine a crop as I ever raised in Fannin county where I farmed for several years before I came to this country.

My other crops were equally as good in proportion as my corn crop. Also my fruit trees that were set out on the 17th day of November, 1907, made as fine growth during the year 1908 as I ever saw anywhere. I set out 198 fruit trees and out of these all but six lived and thrived.

This crop and garden was raised without any irrigation whatever.

I was simply trying the land as an experiment to see what it would do under ordinary conditions, and

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I must say that I am more than satisfied with the results, and I am sure that farming in Andrews County is a success.

T. M. WHITE.

I came here in August, 1905. I have planted and raised three crops in Midland County, nine miles southeast of the town. My first crop was all on sod land. The first crop (1906) I made one-fourth of a bale cotton per acre, and twenty-six bushels of corn per acre. I made a fine crop of all kinds of feedstuff and raised a crop of red top cane, which paid me \$18 per acre, and maize and Kaffir corn the best I ever raised in any country. In 1907 I raised one-third of a bale of cotton per acre, a fair crop of maize, cane and Kaffir, but no corn, as 1907 was a very dry year. In 1908 I raised the best all-round crop I ever raised anywhere. I had eight acres of cotton, which made nine bales of cotton, averaging 534 pounds per bale; corn, twenty-five bushels per acre; maize, 2000 pounds per acre. I have raised better potatoes of both kinds in the Midland Country than I ever raised anywhere, and I have farmed in Young County, on the Brazos river, and I have farmed in Kaufman County and in Williamson County, all in the State of Texas. One thing I do know, and that is, we can raise crops here with less rain than in any country I ever saw. If a man will work in this country he need not be afraid but what he can make a living at farming in the Midland Country. I find from experience that it pays any one to prepare his land in the winter, as it holds the moisture better and will make a better yield.

S. B. CARR.

I have lived in Runnels and Glasscock counties for the last twenty years and have lived in

Prize Winning Herefords from the Lone Star Herd, Owned by Scharbauer Bros.



Midland for the last two and a half years and have seen the lands advance in price from \$2.50 to \$20.00 per acre in that length of time and still advancing.

I have seen all kinds of feed crops grow in this country, such as corn, milo maize, kaffir corn and sorghum and it all does splendid. I have seen forty and fifty bushels of corn gathered per acre. We have as fine fruit here, such as peaches, apples, grapes and plums, as I have ever seen in any place, also sweet potatoes and peanuts as they grow in any state. I know one man who lives within five miles of Midland that sold off of one acre of land \$135.00 worth of watermelons and had a great many left on the ground. I have never lived at any place where the country developed as fast as this, and where the lands increased in value as fast as they do here. The rainfall has been reasonable since I have been here. Cotton averages about one-half bale to the acre, while I have seen one man that raised nine bales on eight acres and others that have raised one bale to the acre. I have never lived in any country where the society was better than here; good schools, churches and the people generally prosperous.

S. M. FRANCIS.

The Midland Country was first the home of the sheepmen; next the domain of the cattleman; now the kingdom of the farmer.

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NEW FASHIONS FOR EASTER



IN the March 20th number of the New York "Dry Goods Economist," there is an article entitled "Fashions at Palm Beach." We read this article with much interest, as the early spring gatherings of fashionable and wealthy people at this famous resort in Florida brings into view many weeks in advance of the summer season the styles that are almost a complete picture of what the most favorable styles for summer will be. It will be of particular interest to our customers to know that our spring stocks of merchandise are up to the minute when measured by the Palm Beach standard. Easter is almost at hand; the spring openings are past; the time is at hand to "invest" yourself with new clothes. We do not want to put our candle under a bushel and must say to the trade that we are prepared as never before to fill your requirements in all kinds of fashionable goods. We are making very attractive prices on all Dry Goods, Clothing and shoes for early buyers. Come to our store just as soon as you can and make your purchases for Easter.

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THE LONGEST AUTO LINE IN THE WORLD IS HERE

THE longest automobile line in the world, which makes regular daily trips, carrying United States mail, express and passengers, operates out of Midland. It is known as the Midland-Seminole Auto Line, being so named before it was extended to points in New Mexico. The present total length of the line is over 200 miles and traverses the finest portion of the entire Plains country on its route.

Cars are operated each way daily from Midland to Seminole, there being the stations of Andrews and Shafter Lake between. Both of these towns are hustling, busy communities, which are growing at a wonderful rate. Seminole, the midway station, and the relay point between Midland and Carlsbad, N. M., is one of the best towns on the Plains now remote from railroads. This, however, is no longer a hindrance, as the auto line has brought these interior towns nearer to the markets of the State and the world.

From Carlsbad cars leave each Monday, Wednesday and Friday for Seminole, connecting there with the daily cars from Midland, thus making three trips each week to and from the New Mexico terminus. Between Carlsbad and Seminole there are three good towns—Pearl, Livingston and Knowles, N. M.

At Seminole and the towns along the line the cars are met by the mail hacks from a number of other towns and these convey the passengers, ex-

press and mail taken up by the auto line, thus making the entire Plains country accessible to the railroads of Midland and Carlsbad, and affording facilities which were not enjoyed a few years since, when the stage and pony express had the right of way.

The roadbed of the auto line from

tersection cattle guards have been put in, which prevents stopping for gates. The entire road is owned by the operators of the line, and was built by them. The owners have the exclusive right of way over the road, and there is no trespassing permitted, which is the method introduced

agents. These cars have shown by the tests which have been given them over the line in the regular service that they are worth while. Convenient dining stations are conducted in the towns through which the line passes and hotel accommodations in each instance are

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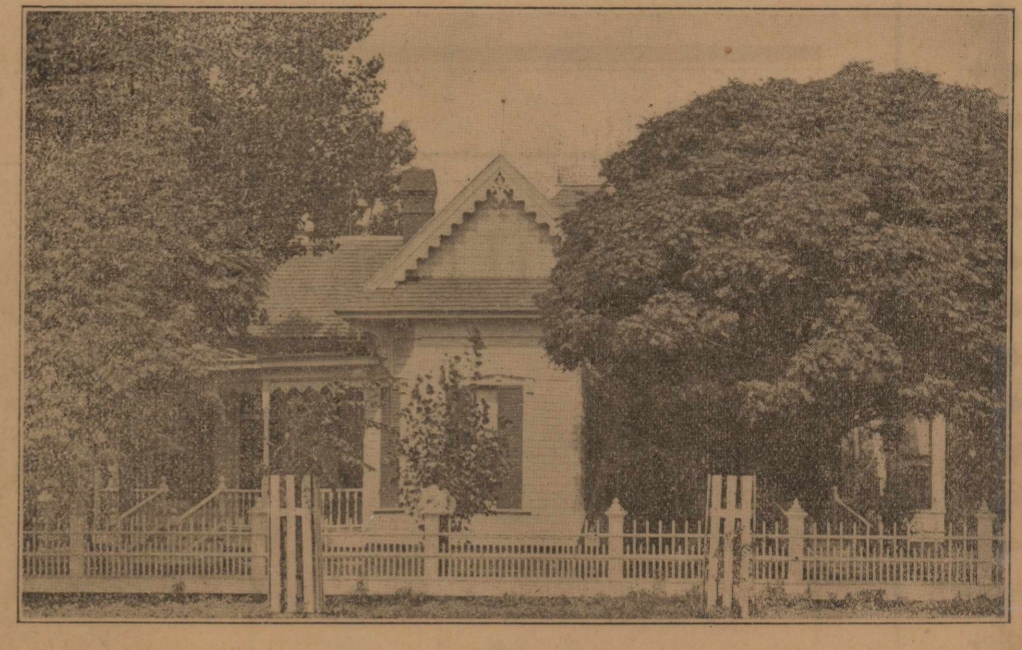
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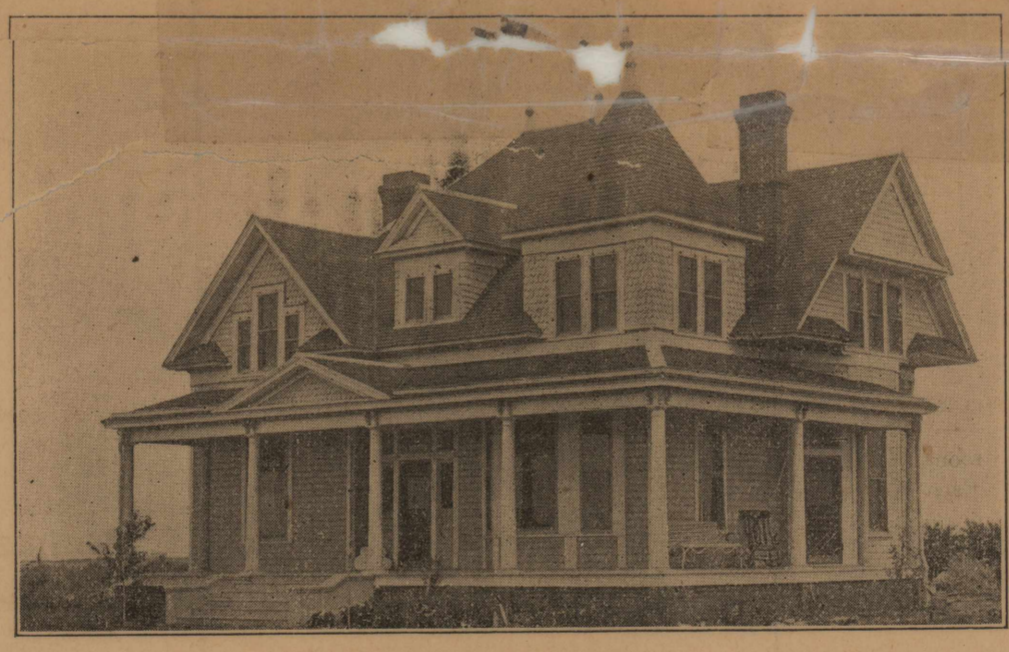
Residence of W. C. Cochran



Residence of Chris Scharbauer

JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGE S. J. ISAACKS PRAISES MIDLAND

I came to Midland nearly six years ago. During that time I have seen Midland develop from a small village, with no thought of a future on the part of its inhabitants, to one of the leading little cities of the West.
Six years ago there were but few families living in the country adjacent to Midland, outside of town. To-day there are hundreds of families living in the country, among them many happy and contented small farmers.
I have given close observation to the rainfall, cultivation of land, and farm development generally. Where practically nothing was raised five



Residence of E. R. Bryan

MARKED PROGRESS MADE DURING LAST SIX YEARS, SAYS HE

was raised in a cotton growing country, but I believe that the Midland Country within ten years from this writing will be the greatest cotton growing country in Texas. The crops of cotton, maize and other feedstuff raised in this section since I have been here have averaged as good or better than crops in Bastrop County, from where I came. The average yield of corn has not been so great. However, milo maize and Kaffir corn are especially adapted to this country, and maize especially is a sure crop, while in the Eastern country it can not be grown successfully. Yours very truly,
S. J. ISAACKS.

years ago, last year, which was one of the dryest seasons we have had since I have been in Midland, there was raised something like two thousand bales of cotton and tons and tons of corn and other feedstuff. I



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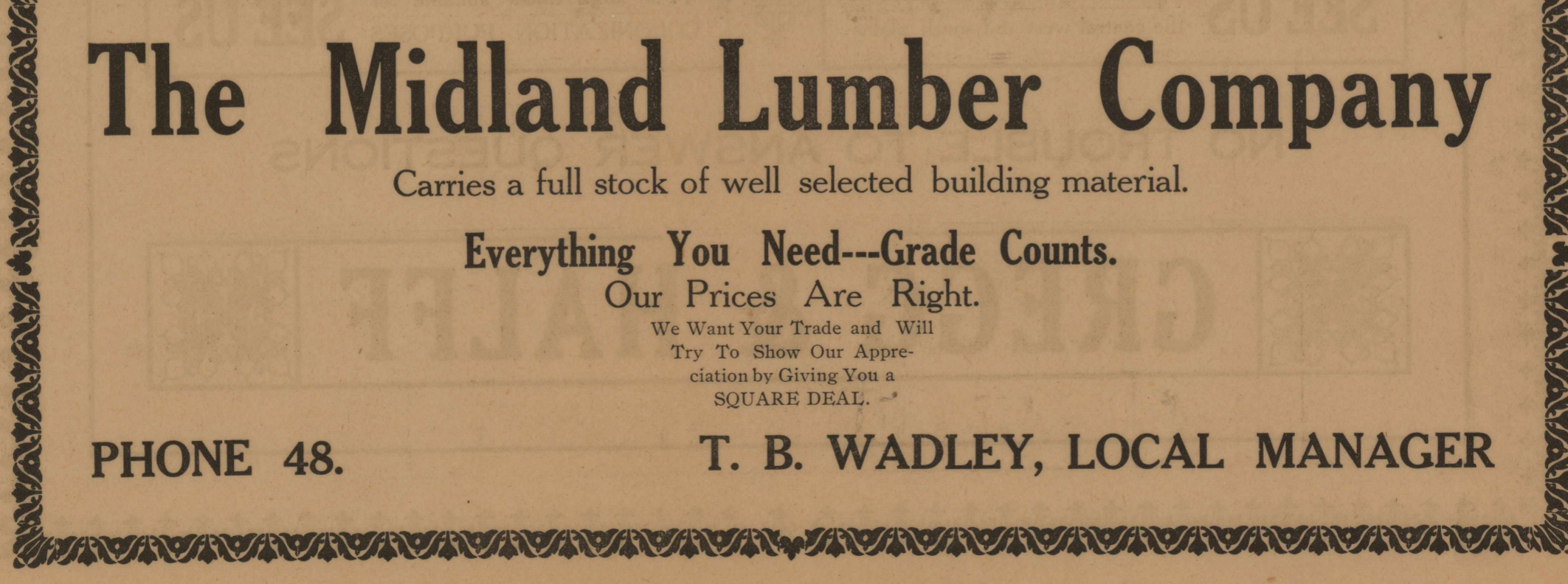
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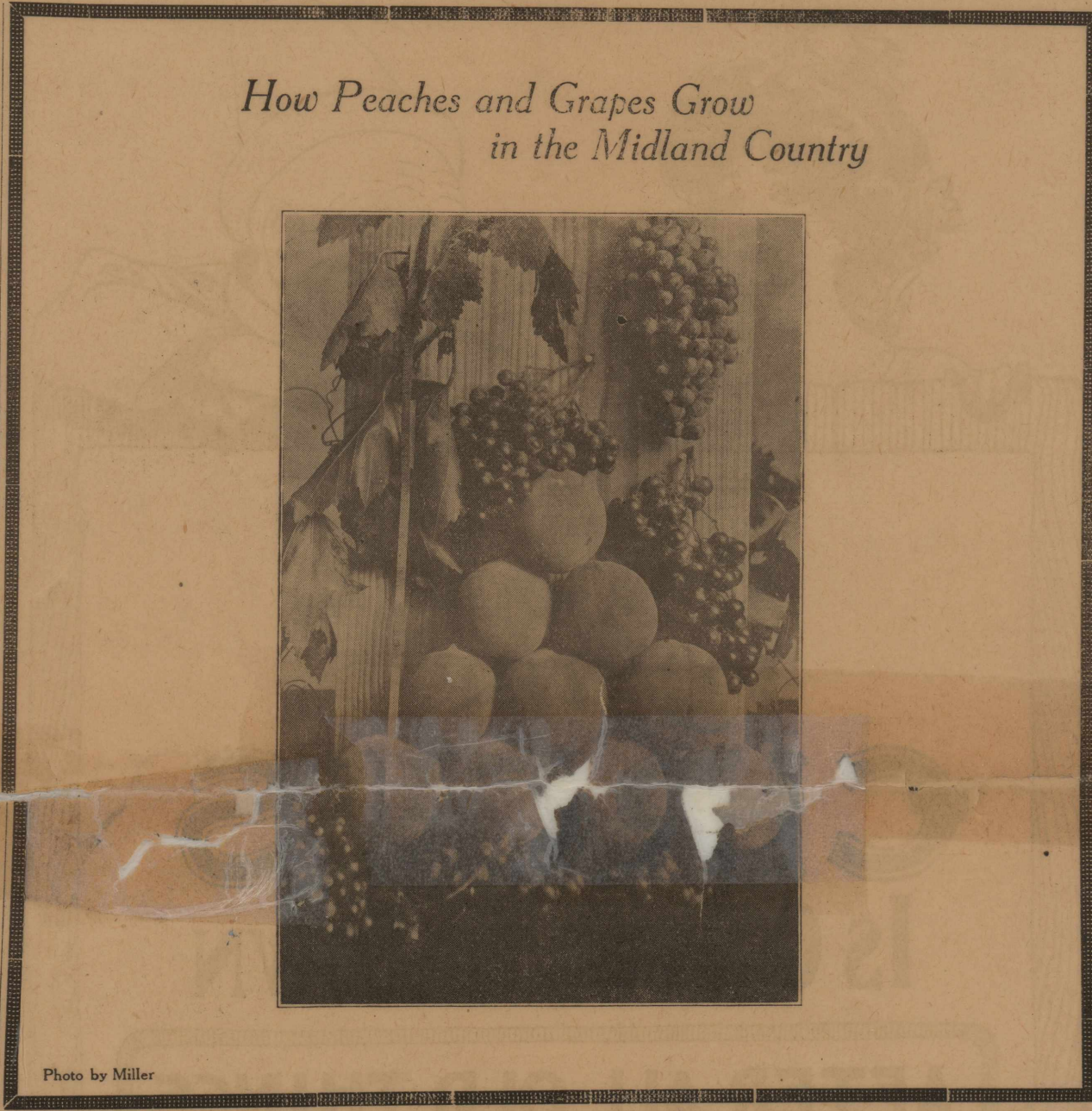
MIDLAND COLLEGE ONE OF MUCH IMPORTANCE

The Christian church, which has established its principal school—Texas Christian University—at Waco with auxiliaries at Hereford, Bonham and Thorp Springs, covering respectively north, east and south Texas, has hit upon Midland as the site for its auxiliary in west Texas. The new school will be known as Midland College.

The site for the institution, comprising 225 acres in a body on the western limits of Midland, was donated by Messrs. H. N. Garrett, J. A. Haley, Frank F. Elkin, Will B. Elkin, F. A. Fannin, A. C. Parker and C. A. Goldsmith. In addition to this magnificent donation of land the citizens of Midland gave \$25,000 by popular subscription and in order that the committee on construction of buildings might have funds with which to meet necessary preliminary expenses, E. F. Elkin gave his check for \$10,000 in addition to any other donation of lands or money he might have made to the new college.

The building is one of the most attractive ever shown for convenience, beauty and capacity. The east front of the building is 144 feet while the south front is 84 feet. The architecture is either classic or colonial, embodying elements of both styles. There are to be three floors in the building. The basement will accommodate the heating apparatus and have a fuel storage capacity of ample dimensions. The first floor will be four feet from the ground, and this floor will be built of red sandstone. From this base the walls will be constructed of buff or gray brick, with handsome brick and terra cotta trimmings.

The first floor will contain the offices, the president's quarters, as well as other officers and teachers rooms. The second floor will have all the class rooms, while the third floor will have twenty-two complete



How Peaches and Grapes Grow in the Midland Country

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dormitory rooms for the young lady students. Each of these rooms will be complete with lavatories and other modern conveniences. On every floor there will be bath and toilet rooms.

At each of the two front entrances there will be placed tall, massive concrete pillars in pairs on each side of the doors. The roof will be of metal slate, which has the appearance of a tile roof. In the center on

top of the building will be placed a clock tower over which will be an observatory tower.

The total height to the top of the tower from the ground will be 80 feet.

The specifications required a bond in the sum of \$10,000 as a guarantee of the performance of the conditions of the contract. The contractor was also required to put up a certified check in the sum of \$400, as a guar-

antee that he enter into the contract and make the required bond of \$10,000 within ten days after receiving notice that his bid was accepted. The Burgland-McDormatt Co. of Walnut Springs, Texas, secured the contract on a bid of \$40,000.00, and have been at work for two weeks.

The specifications are intended to embrace all the material and workmanship necessary in the erection and completion of the building in

all its parts, the whole to be comprised in any contract or contracts that may be made for the same. The entire work is to be constructed and finished in every part, in a good, substantial and workmanlike manner, according to the specifications, to the full intent and meaning expressed or implied in the same and to the entire approval and acceptance of the architects or their appointed agent. Each contractor is to provide all material and labor necessary for the complete and substantial execution of everything shown, described or reasonably implied, including all transportation, scaffolding, apparatus and utensils requisite for the same. All materials to be the best of their respective kinds, and all workmanship of the best quality.

The provision is also inserted in the general conditions that the architect or superintendent may reject any or all material or workmanship which may be determined as defective and the contractor shall replace or material at the expense of the contractor.

At the instance of the building committee the superintendent will be empowered to make alterations or changes in the plans, none of which may be construed to lessen the agreement or vitiate the original agreement between the contractor and the building committee. Each contractor must give his personal supervision to the work.

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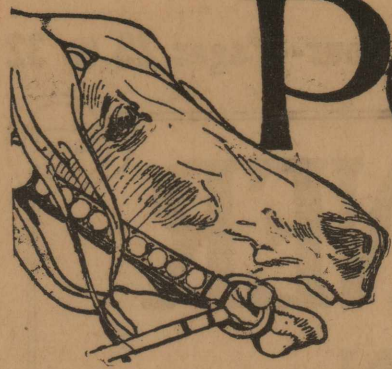
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POLLY of the CIRCUS

BY MARGARET MAYO

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Here is a circus romance redolent of the fresh sawdust of the ring, vibrant with the incessant clamor of the band, panoramic in its ever moving display of clowns, acrobats, horses and captive wild animals. You will read of Polly, the daughter of the circus, and of Bingo, on whose broad back she rode; of the "leap of death" girl; of "Muvver Jim," the boss canvasser, and Toby, the clown, who loved the circus orphan and cared for her like father and mother; of Deacon Strong, who hated a circus, and of Rev. John Douglas, who grew to love a circus girl. You will read of gossip that threatened to divide a pastor and his flock, of Ruth and Naomi, of a show girl's renunciation and of Polly's first and last ride on Barbarian, the circus horse.

CHAPTER I

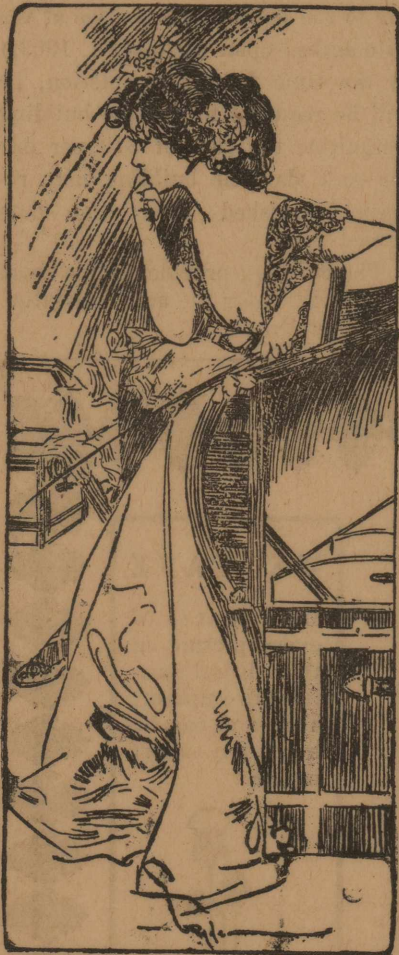
THE band of the "Great American Circus" was playing noisily. The performance was in full swing.

Beside a shabby trunk in the women's dressing tent sat a young, wistful faced girl, chin in hand, unheeding the chatter of the women about her or the picturesque disarray of the surrounding objects. Her eyes had been so long accustomed to the glitter and tinsel of circus fineries that she saw nothing unusual in a picture that might have held a painter spellbound.

Circling the inside of the tent and forming a double line down the center were partially unpacked trunks belching forth impudent masses of satins, laces, artificial hair, paper flowers and paste jewels. The scent of moist earth mingled oddly with the perfumed odors of the garments heaped on the floor. A few shabby women sat upon the high old figure of a robust acrobat or the thin, drooping shoulders of a less stalwart sister. Temporary ropes stretched from one pole to another were laden with bright colored stockings, gaudy, spangled gowns or dusty street clothes discarded by the performers before slipping into their circus attire. There were no nails or hooks, so hats and veils were pinned to the canvas walls.

The furniture was limited to one camp chair in front of each trunk, the top of which served as a tray for the paints, powders and other essentials of makeup.

A pail of water stood by the side of each chair, so that the performers



In the women's dressing tent sat a young, wistful faced girl.

might wash the delicately shaded tights, handkerchiefs and other small articles not to be entrusted to the slow, careless process of the village laundry. Some of these had been washed tonight and hung to dry on the lines between the dusty street gar-

ments. Women whose "turns" came late sat about, half clothed, reading, crocheting or sewing, while others added penciled eyebrows, powder or rouge to their already exaggerated makeups. Here and there a child was putting her sawdust baby to sleep in the till of her trunk before beginning her part in the evening's entertainment. Young and old went about their duties with a systematic, businesslike air, and even the little knot of excited women near Polly—it seemed that one of the men

had upset a circus tradition—kept a sharp lookout for their turns.

"What do you think about it, Polly?" asked a handsome brunette as she surveyed herself in the costume of a Roman charioteer.

"About what?" asked Polly vacantly.

"Leave Polly alone! She's in one of her trances!" called a motherly, good natured woman whose trunk stood next to Polly's and whose business was to support a son and three daughters upon stalwart shoulders, both figuratively and literally.

"Well, I ain't in any trance," answered the dark girl, "and I think it's pretty tough for him to take up with a rank outsider and expect us to warm up to her as though he'd married one of our own folks." She tossed her head, the pride of "class distinction" welling high in her ample bosom.

"He ain't askin' us to warm up to her," contradicted Mlle. Eloise, a pale, light haired sprite, who had arrived late and was making undignified efforts to get out of her clothes by way of her head. She was Polly's under-

study and next in line for the star place in the bill.

"Well, Barker has put her into the 'leap of death' stunt, ain't he?" continued the brunette. "Course that ain't a regular circus act," she added, somewhat mollified, "and so far she's had to dress with the freaks, but the next thing we know he'll be ringin' her in on a regular stunt and be puttin' her in to dress with us."

"No danger of that," sneered the blond. "Barker is too old a stager to mix up his sheep and his goats."

Polly had again lost the thread of the conversation. Her mind had gone roving to the night when the frightened girl about whom they were talking had made her first appearance in the circus lot, clinging timidly to the hand of the man who had just made her his wife. Her eyes had met Polly's with a look of appeal that had gone straight to the child's simple heart.

A few nights later the newcomer had allowed herself to be strapped into the cumbersome "leap of death" machine which hurled itself through space at each performance and flung itself down with force enough to break the neck of any unskilled rider. Courage and steady nerve were the requisites for the job, so the manager had said, but any physician would have told him that only a trained acrobat could long endure the nervous strain, the muscular tension and the physical rack of such an ordeal.

What matter? The few dollars earned in this way would mean a great deal to the mother whom the girl's marriage had left desolate.

Polly had looked on angrily the night that the mother had taken the daughter in her arms to say farewell in the little country town where the circus had played before her marriage. She could remember no woman's arms about her, for it was fourteen years since tender hands had carried her mother from the performers' tent into the moonlit lot to die. The baby was used to seeing "ramsie" throw herself wearily on the ground after coming out of the "big top" exhausted that she went to a woman's side, as usual, but she gazed longingly into the sightless eyes, gurgling and prattling and striking the unresponsive face. There were tears from those who watched, but no word was spoken.

Clown Toby and the big "boss canvasser" Jim had always taken turns amusing and guarding little Polly while her mother rode in the ring. So Toby now carried the babe to another side of the lot, and Jim bore the lifeless body of the mother to the distant ticketwagon, now closed for the night, and hid it upon the seller's cot.

"It'll allus like this in the end," he murmured as he drew a piece of canvas over the white face and turned away to give orders to the men who were beginning to load the "props" used earlier in the performance.

When the show moved on that night it was Jim's strong arms that lifted the little of a Polly close to his stalwart heart and climbed with her to the high seat on the head wagon. Uncle Toby was intrusted with the brown satchel in which the mother had always carried Polly's scanty wardrobe. It seemed to these two men that the eyes of the woman were fixed steadily upon them.

Barker, the manager, a large, noisy, good natured fellow, at first mumbled something about the kid being "excess baggage," but his objections were only half hearted, for, like the others, he was already under the hypnotic spell of the baby's round, confiding eyes, and he eventually contented himself with an occasional reprimand to Toby, who was now sometimes late on his cues. Polly wondered at these times why the old man's stories were so suddenly cut short just as she was so "comfy" in the soft grass at his feet. The boys who used to look sharp because of their boss at loading time now learned that they might loiter so long at "Muvver Jim" was "hikin' it round for the kid." It was Polly who had dubbed big Jim "Muvver," and the sobriquet had stuck to him in spite of his six feet two and shoulders that an athlete might have envied. Little by little Toby grew more stooped, and small lines of anxiety crept into the brownish circles beneath Jim's eyes, the lips that had once shut so firmly became tender and tremulous, but neither of the men would willingly have gone back to the old emptiness.

It was a red letter day in the circus when Polly first managed to climb up on the pole of an unhitched wagon and from there to the back of a friend-

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POLLY of the CIRCUS Is Coming to Town

AFTER ALL OLD THINGS ARE BEST AND WHO IS NOT THRILLED IN THE STRANGEST WAY BY A TALE OF THE GOOD OLD CIRCUS DAYS

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 Three coal dealers
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MIDLAND'S SCHOOL SYSTEM IS GOOD

In the matter of public schools Midland ranks with any other community in the State of like population. The city is the center of an independent school district eight miles square. Of the 450 children of school age in the district nearly all are enrolled. Eight teachers un-

increasing numbers of school children clamoring for an education, and bonds for \$15,000 for building purposes were voted. Owing to the action of the Supreme Court in deciding illegal all bonds issued for school purposes in excess of the 20 cent tax limit imposed by law the

call for a special election for the purpose of voting bonds to any sum not exceeding fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, which law has been passed at the present session of the Legislature, and this election will be held on May 1st. There is little or no doubt in the

the new Midland College and the private academy, conducted by the Misses Moseley, Midland will be regarded as one of the leading centers of education in the State.

In Midland County outside of this city there are ten schools which are attended by nearly 400 pupils.

The present session of the Texas Legislature has authorized the establishment of the West Texas State Normal College in this section of the State, and Midland has a logical as well as a financial opportunity to get it. Her citizens will duplicate any bonus which may be offered by any competing city, and besides will donate land such as no other county in this section can furnish. Everything is in Midland's favor in this enterprise.

A COUNTY SEAT.

Being as it is the county seat and center of a rich district, Midland almost necessarily is the scene of many legal conflicts. The bar of Midland County has a reputation for the high character of the men composing it, the leaders among them being Hawkins & Hackett, S. J. Isaacks, present mayor of the city; Charles Gibbs, present County Judge; G. B. Smedley, present County Attorney, and Caldwell & Whittaker.

While Midland is regarded as a health resort, a number of physicians find opportunity to practice their profession here. It is said that their patients are found among the new comers who bring some ailment with them and who have been so in the habit of being attended by physicians that for the first few months of their stay they indulge the habit to the great pecuniary benefit of the local doctors. It is a rare thing, so the real estate men say, for an old time Midlander to die. He becomes rich as a rule, goes to El Paso, Fort Worth or New York to spend his money and his declining years.

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bonds were not sold. The need for another school building is more keenly felt now than at the time the bond issue was voted, as there has been a constant growth of the school population. The board of trustees on March 26th issued a

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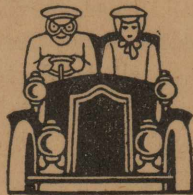
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Nearby farms and vineyards af-

ford had in plenty. Coyotes and lobo wolves are closer home. Ducks, prairie chicken, quail and other feathered game exists in abundance, and can be had without trouble to look for them.

took the amateur championship pennant. Frequent bronco busting and roping exhibitions are given in the baseball park. Some of the best ropers and riders in the world are Midland men.

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UPLAND



The Intended County Seat of Upton County, Texas

Upton County Texas, is adjoined on the East by Reagan, (formerly West Tom Green) on the North by Midland, on the South by Crockett and on the West by Crane, and as it is in the center of the best grazing lands in Texas, has long been known as the Stockman's Paradise. Now, however, the immense pastures are being cut up as the long leases expire, and the State School Land is sold to the actual settler. As has been the case in the Panhandle, as soon as the farmer and stock-farmer gets possession of this land and cattle give way to farms, prices will double up fast.

Cotton, corn, fruit, vegetables and feed stuff grow fine here and while not all the land is suitable for farming there is hardly a section but what contains enough good land for several farms. Hundreds of sections are 100 per cent agricultural.

All the State School Land in Upton County will come on the market by 1910, thus providing cheap land for hundreds of families.

The town of Upland has been laid out on a picked section at the center of the county for the purpose of a county seat. It is the purpose of the citizens to organize Upton County this year.

Fine water is obtained on the town section and the surface has sufficient grade for perfect drainage. The country affords plenty of timber for firewood.

There are two railroad surveys through Upton County and Upland is within a mile of one of these surveys and will not have to wait long for a railroad.

Upland is not promoted for the purpose of speculation but because a town is necessary for the county seat of Upland County and as such county seat it is sure to be a success. Buy lots in Upland and get in on the ground floor.

IS THERE ANYTHING DOING IN UPTON COUNTY? We should say so. More land has changed hands in Upton County during the last six months than in any four other counties. More than fifty sections have been bought up, one section to the man, and will be put into farms. Hundreds of sections of School Land to come on the market in a few months and all of this means development.

Lots in Upland are selling at \$25.00 to \$50.00 each and are a fine investment. See us for terms. While Upland is but a few months old there are at present two general stores, one with a \$10,000.00 stock, a two-story hotel which would do credit to Midland, a good school, postoffice with twice a week auto service, law office, land offices, blacksmith shop, barber shop, amusement hall and lumber yard. Bank and drug store in contemplation. Two church organizations.

Fine fishing within one half day's drive.

If there is anything in newspaper talk, now much in evidence, the Santa Fe Railroad will build the link from San Angelo to Pecos City almost at once. This survey crosses Upton County at Upland. The Orient will come soon after.

WHAT UPTON COUNTY LAND WILL DO.

State of Texas, County of Midland:

Before me the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Lee Breckenridge of Upton County, Texas, known to me, who after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says: "In 1906 my corn crop of six acres (which was all I had in corn,) made 70 bushels to the acre. In 1907 I made 12 bushels per acre; in 1908, my present crop, I will make between 50 and 60 bushels per acre, that I have been living in Upton county for the past eight years and have never failed to make an abundant supply of feed stuff of all kinds and a fair corn crop each year."

Signed: LEE BRECKENRIDGE.
Sworn to and subscribed before me August 27th, 1908. S. O. RICHARDSON,
(SEAL) Notary Public, Midland County Texas.

A DANDY GOOD NEW TOWN. AN INVESTMENT HERE WILL MAKE YOU MONEY

The new town of Upland (intended county seat of Upton County,) contains the only postoffice, schools, churches, stores, hotels, etc., within an area one hundred miles square, and is the distributing point for all this vast expanse of territory.

There are hundreds of thousands of acres of fine level agricultural lands in Upton County, where farming has been tried and fine results have been obtained. Land now selling at \$5 and \$6 per acre will produce with any high priced land in West Texas. Buy now and get in on the ground floor. Residence lots in Upland \$25 each. Business lots in Upland \$50 each.

S. O. Richardson has a line of autos running from Midland.

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Vice-President.

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MIDLAND, TEXAS

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Cashier Midland National Bank, Treas.

S. O. RICHARDSON,
Real Estate Broker,
Secretary.

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ly Shetland pony. Jim and Toby had been "neglectin' her eddication," they declared, and from that time on the blood of Polly's ancestors was given full encouragement.

Barker was quick to grasp the advantage of adding the kid to the daily parade. She made her first appearance in the streets upon something very like a Newfoundland dog, guarded from the rear by Jim and from the fore by a white faced clown who was thought to be all the funnier because he twisted his neck so much.

From the street parade to Polly's first appearance in the big top had seemed a short while to Jim and Toby. They were proud to see her circling the ring in bright colors and to hear the cheers of the people, but a sense of loss was upon them.

"I always said she'd do it!" cried Barker, who now took upon himself the credit of Polly's triumph.

And what a triumph it was! Polly danced as serenely on Bingo's back as she might have done on the concert boards. She swayed gracefully with the music. Her tiny sandals twinkled as she stood first upon one foot and then upon the other.

Uncle Toby forgot to use many of his tricks that night, and Jim left the loading of the wagons to take care of himself while he hovered near the entrance, anxious and breathless. The performers crowded around the girl with outstretched hands and congratulations as she came out of the ring to cheers and applause.

But "Big Jim" stood apart. He was thinking of the buttons that his clumsy fingers used to force into the stiff, starched holes to small for them and of the pigtail's stubborn at the ends, and Toby was remembering the little shoes that had once needed to be laced in the cool, dark mornings and the strings that were always snapping. Something had gone.

They were no philosophers to reason, like Emerson, that for everything we lose we gain something. They were simple souls, these two; they could only feel.

CHAPTER II.

WHILE Polly sat in the dressing tent leaning indifferently to the chater about the "leap of death" girl Jim waited in the lot outside, opening and shutting a small leather bag which he had bought for her that day. He was as blind to the picturesque outdoor life as she to her indoor surroundings, for he, too, had been with the circus since his earliest recollection.

The grass enclosure where he waited was shut in by a circle of tents and wagons. The great red property vans were waiting to be loaded with the costumes and tackle which were constantly being brought from the big top, where the evening performance was now going on. The gay striped curtains at the rear of the tent were looped back to give air to the panting musicians, who sat just inside. Through the opening a glimpse of the audience might be had, tier upon tier, fanning and shifting uneasily. Near the main tent stood the long, low dressing top, with the women performers stowed away on one end, the ring horses in the center and the men performers in the other end.

A temporary curtain was hung between the main and the dressing tent to shut out the curious mob that tried to peep in at the back lot for a glimpse of things not to be seen in the ring.

Colored streamers fastened to the roofs of the tents waved and floated in the night air and beckoned to the townspeople on the other side to make haste to get their places, forget their cares and be children again.

Over the tops of the tents the lurid light of the distant red fire shot into the sky, accompanied by the cries of

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POLLY of the CIRCUS

BY MARGARET MAYO

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the peanut "butchers," the popcorn boys, the lemonade venders and the exhortations of the sideshow spieler, whose flying banners bore the painted reproductions of his freaks. Here and there stood unhitched chariots, half filled trunks, trapeze tackle, paper hoops, stake pullers or other properties necessary to the show.

Torches flamed at the tent entrances, while oil lamps and lanterns gave light for the loading of the wagons.

There was a constant stream of life shooting in and out from the dressing tent to the big top as gayly decked men, women and animals came or went.

Drowsy dogs were stretched under the wagons, waiting their turn to be dressed as lions or bears. The wise old goose, with his modest gray mate, pecked at the green grass or turned his head from side to side, watching the singing clown, who rolled up the painted carcass and long neck of the imitation giraffe from which two property men had just slipped, their legs still incased in stripes.

Ambitious canvassmen and grooms were exercising, feet in air, in the hope of some day getting into the performers' ring. Property men stole a minute's sleep in the soft warm grass while they waited for more tackle to

load in the wagons. Children of the performers were swinging on the tent ropes. Chattering monkeys sat astride the Shetland ponies, awaiting their entrance to the ring. The shrieks of the hyenas in the distant animal tent, the roaring of the lions and the trumpeting of the elephants mingled with the incessant clamor of the band. And back of all this, pointing upward in mute protest, rose a solemn church spire, white and majestic against a vast panorama of blue, moonlit hills that encircled the whole lurid picture. Jim's eyes turned absently toward the church as he sat fumbling with the lock of the little brown satchel.

He had gone from store to store in the various towns where they had played looking for something to inspire wonder in the heart of a miss newly arrived at her sixteenth year. Only the desperation of a last moment had forced him to decide upon the imitation alligator bag, which he now held in his hand.

It looked small and mean to him as the moment of presentation approached, and he was glad that the salesman in the little country store had suggested the addition of ribbons and laces, which he now drew from the pocket of his corduroys. He placed his red and blue treasures very carefully in the bottom of the satchel and remembered with regret the strand of coral beads which he had so carelessly bought to go with them.

He opened the large property trunk by his side and took from it a laundry box which held a little tan coat that was to be Toby's contribution to the birthday surprise. He was big hearted enough to be glad that Toby's gift seemed fine and more useful than his.

It was only when the "leap of death" act preceding Polly's turn was announced that the big fellow gave up feasting his eyes on the satchel and coat and hid them away in the big property trunk. She would be out in a minute, and these wonders were not to be revealed to her until the close of the night's performance.

Jim put down the lid of the trunk and sat upon it, feeling like a criminal because he was hiding something from Polly.

His consciousness of guilt was increased as he recalled how often she had forbidden Toby and himself to rush into reckless extravagances for her sake and how she had been more nearly angry than he had ever seen her when they had put their month's salaries together to buy her the spangled dress for her first appearance. It had taken a great many apologies and promises as to their future behavior to calm her, and now they had again

disobeyed her. It would be a great relief when tonight's ordeal was over.

Jim watched Polly uneasily as she came from the dressing tent and stopped to gaze at the nearby church steeple. The incongruity of the slang that soon came from her delicately formed lips was lost upon him as she turned her eyes toward him.

"Say, Jim," she said, with a western drawl, "them's a funny lot of guys what goes to them church places, ain't they?"

"Most everybody has got some kind of a bug," Jim assented. "I guess they don't do much harm."

"Remember the time you took me into one of them places to get me outa the rain, the Sunday our wagon broke down? Well, that bunch we butted into wouldn't 'a' give Sells Bros. no cause for worry with that show a' theirs, would they, Jim?" She looked at him with withering disgust. "Say, wasn't that the punkiest stunt that fellow in black was doin' on the platform? You said Joe was only ten minutes gettin' the tire on to our wheel; but, say, you take it from me, Jim, if I had to wait another ten minutes as long as that one I'd be too old to go on a-ridin'."

Jim "lowed" some church shows might be better than "that un," but Polly said he could have her end of the bet and summed up by declaring it no wonder that "the yaps in these towns is daffy about circuses if they don't have nothin' better 'an church shows to go to."

One of the grooms was entering the lot with Polly's horse. She stooped to tighten one of her sandals, and as she rose Jim saw her sway slightly and put one hand to her head. He looked at her sharply, remembering her faintness in the parade that morning.

"You ain't feelin' right," he said uneasily.

"You just bet I am," Polly answered, with an independent toss of her head.



"Most everybody has got some kind of a bug," Jim assented.

"This is the night we're goin' to make them Rubes in there sit up, ain't it, Bingo?" she added, placing one arm affectionately about the neck of the big white horse that stood waiting near the entrance.

"You bin ridin' too reckless lately," said Jim sternly as he followed her. "I don't like it. There ain't no need of your puttin' in all them extra stunts. Your act is good enough without 'em. Nobody else ever done 'em, an' nobody 'd miss 'em if you left 'em out."

Polly turned with a triumphant ring in her voice. The music was swelling for her entrance.

"You ain't my mother, Jim; you're my grandmother," she taunted, and with a crack of her whip she was away on Bingo's back.

"It's the spirit of the dead one that's got into her," Jim mumbled as he turned away, still seeing the flash in the departing girl's eyes.

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Don't fail to keep up with "Polly"



POLLY DANCED SERENELY ON BINGO'S BACK.

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MIDLAND'S CLUB AND SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

While not unmindful of the creature comforts so far as the provision of handsome and commodious homes and places of business is concerned, Midlanders are equally ardent in the matter of the cultivation of the social side of life and in promoting for the spiritual and educational welfare of the community. The Midland Club is the leading social organization of the city and made up of the leading business and professional men of the town. Commodious and comfortable quarters, handsomely furnished, are maintained in the Elliott building on Abilene street. The entire second floor is occupied and cut up into library, lounging room and dancing hall. During the winter months the club rooms are the center of social gaiety. Dances are given weekly and the rooms are turned over to the ladies of the city every Friday for receptions, card parties and other functions in which there is a general participation and which require

large space for the accommodation of the many who attend. The Woman's Wednesday Club is

composed of fifteen members, these being among Midland's prominent ladies; was organized in 1903 as a

literary club whose purpose was intellectual benefit and social enjoyment. The club is a member of the

State Federation and belongs to the Northwestern district.

Their course of study is English Literature, and at the close of this club year will have completed the three-year Sorosis course of English Literature. They will then take up special authors and their masterpieces in connection with the current topics of the "World To-day."

The club receptions, which are given at regular intervals during the winter season, are marked for their enjoyable features and add greatly to the social pleasure in Midland.

As a special work, the club has done some civic work toward improving the public school grounds and library work. Anything pointing to the improvement of the educational, social and civic betterment of Midland is studied with interest by the members.

The President is Mrs. I. W. Woolbridge, and the Secretary is Mrs. James S. Day.



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GAINES COUNTY IS MAKING RAPID FORWARD STRIDES

FARMERS RAISE BIG CROPS EVERY YEAR AND ARE HAPPY

Gaines County lies immediately north of Andrews. It is connected by Midland County with an automobile line which carries the mail daily to Seminole.

The western border of Gaines County is on the eastern line of New Mexico and the entire county is level and of high altitude.

An automobile stage line connects



ILLUSTRATION SHOWS WHAT IS BEING DONE WITHOUT IRRIGATION

Seminole with Monument, N. This line has connections in regular automobile communication with Roswell.

The distance from Seminole to Midland is 70 miles and it requires only five hours to make the trip by automobile stage. Many home-owners visiting Midland take this ride for the sake of its attractiveness.



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Interior View of the Retail Store of the Western Windmill Co.

Do You Know What Another Railroad Will Do For Midland?

IT WILL MAKE EVERY DOLLAR INVESTED HERE WORTH 200 CENTS

Town property is today cheaper in Midland than in any other town along the T. & P. of half the size. It is a good investment at any time, and much more so now as that railroad has got to be pulled off inside of twelve months.

I have bought and sold nearly one thousand lots in Midland during the last three years, and never a one turned down on account of flaw in title. I examine titles before buying, and consequently have no trouble in selling. Having made titles and values a study during this time, you can depend on what you get from me being all right. These lots were bought by me while cheap, and I am selling them cheaper than any one else in Midland, all things considered.

Abilene Street Addition

lies one-quarter mile on both sides of our main business street, and is but five or six blocks from our Churches and Public School. In this location is found everything desirable for a fine building site. Soil thirty feet deep, an inexhaustible supply of finest water at sixty feet, a perfectly smooth surface, with just sufficient slope for perfect drainage. This entire tract is already surrounded by some of the best residences in Midland; it will always be one of the choice residence sections.

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More than one-half of these lots have already been sold, but some of the best building sites may yet be had. Buy now and build when you get ready. Lots in Midland will never be any cheaper. If you don't think this, you ought to move to what you consider a better town. Perhaps you thought prices one year, two years, or three years ago were then too high; and yet during these years Midland increased for no reason in particular. You know that money invested here two or three years ago would have earned you money. Take it from me that there are far better opportunities right now.

We have the college, **SHALL HAVE** the railroad. Midland now has cause to grow, and nothing can keep her from it. Good money has been made in real estate in other West Texas towns, it can be done in Midland.

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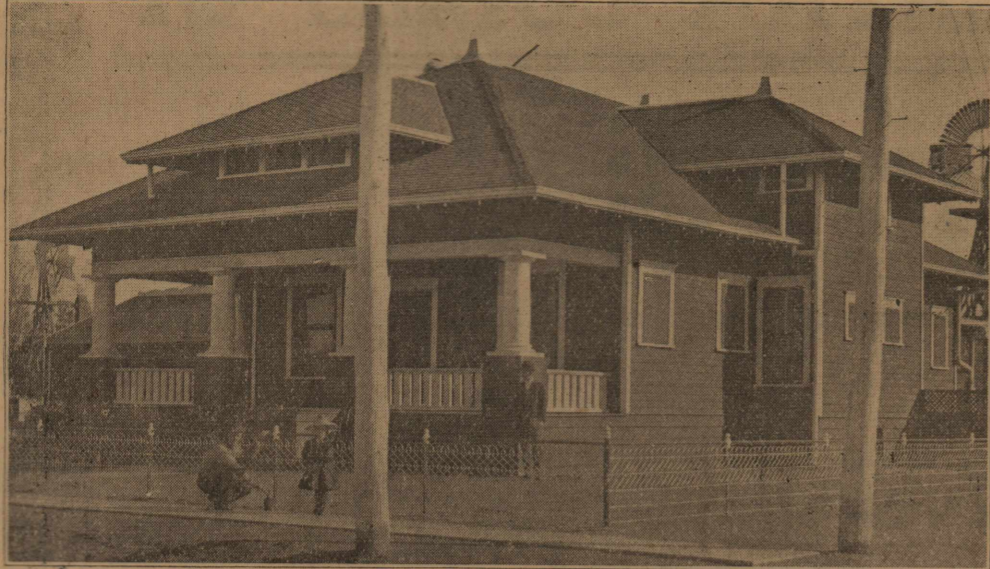
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UPTON COUNTY IS MAKING FAVORABLE PROGRESS

The unorganized County of Upton is attached to Midland County for judicial purposes. It lies immediately south of Midland County and has the same altitude and general characteristics.

The soil is, if anything, somewhat tighter than that of Midland County, running in sections, into a rich black, sandy loam, well adapted to cotton raising

and fruit. The Orient Railroad has been surveyed through the southern part of the county and will give an additional outlet to that obtained by the

Texas and Pacific, which passes through Midland County. At present the way to get to Upton County is to come to Midland and drive south from here. An automobile service has been established to Upland, which is Upton County's prospective county seat. Building has already begun in Upland and the surrounding country is being rapidly settled.

MIDLAND'S SANITARIUM

The Midland Sanitarium is a modest institution, which while not large as to its quarters and extent of its influence, is one of the best equipped institutions in the West. It was built primarily for the convenience of patients requiring medical, surgical, obstetrical, eye, ear, nose and throat treatment. Contagious diseases are not admitted under any conditions.

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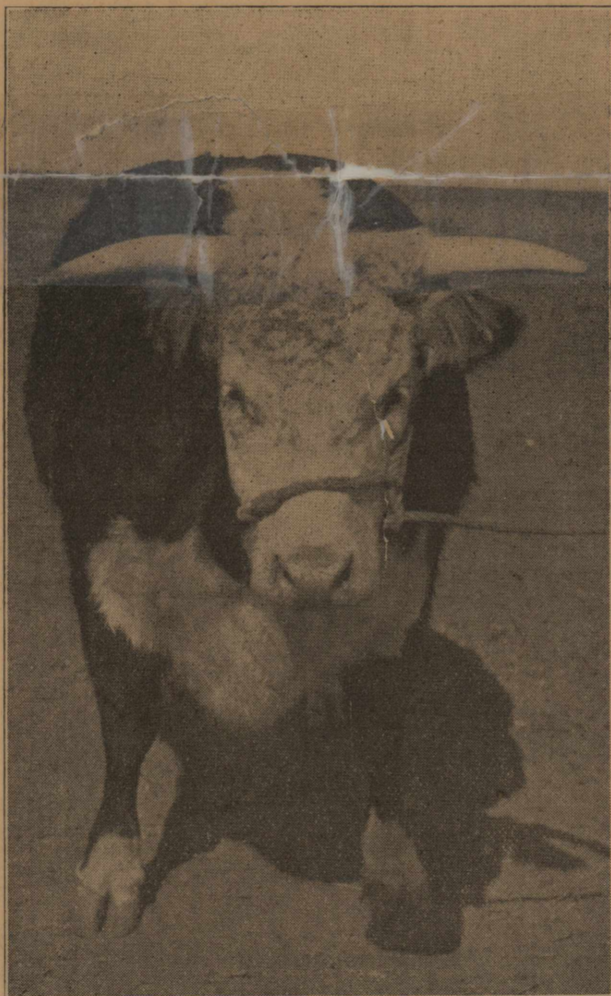


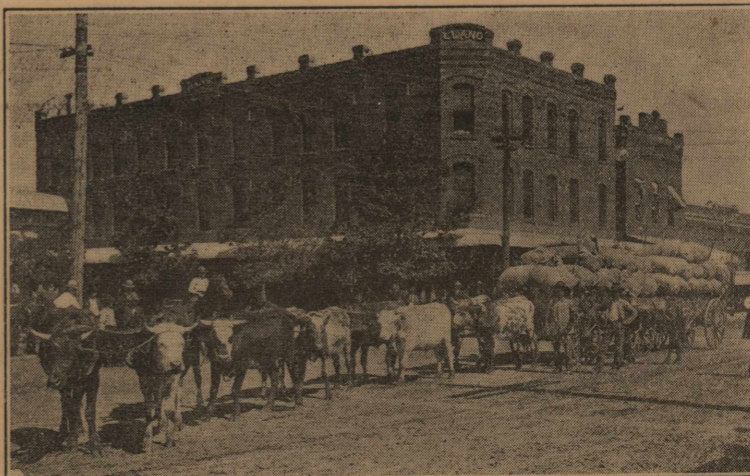
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Grown in Upton County Without Irrigation



The Midland Auto Co.'s Garage



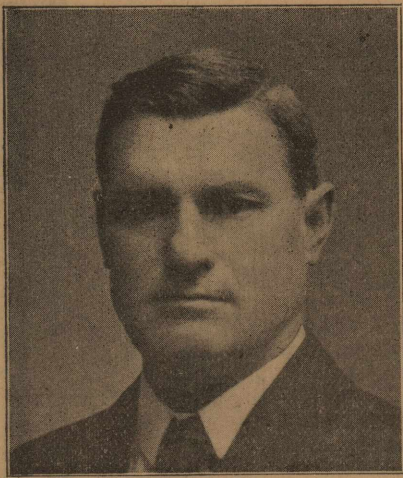
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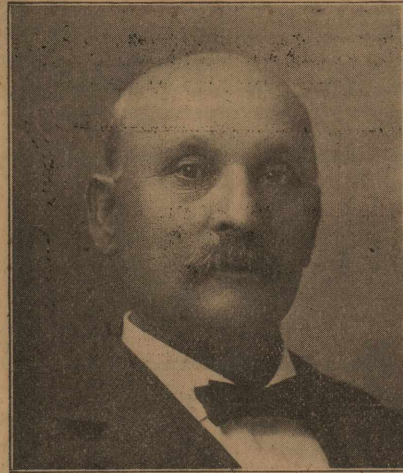
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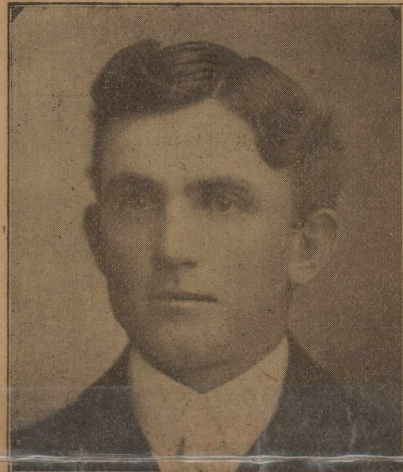
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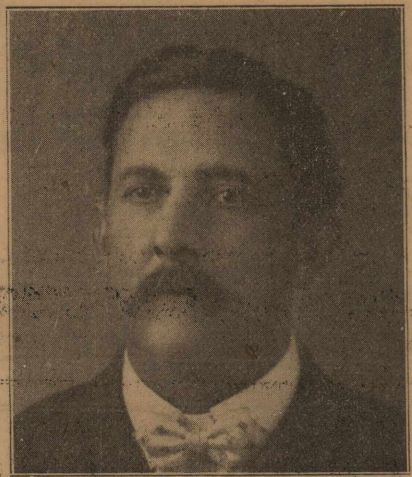
CLARENCE SCHARBAUER, Director

al Bank, as it is commonly called, was organized June 16, 1890, with A. W. Hilliard as president, W. H. Cowden, vice president, and W. C. Connell, as cashier, and the following as additional directors: John R. Hoxie, W. P. Mudgett, John Scharbauer, G. W. Elliott and R. W. Johnston. Its capital at that time was \$60,000.

As the country became more populous this bank has kept abreast with the times, and on January 10, 1899, increased its capital stock to \$100,000 and its surplus to \$20,000. Since that time they have gradually set aside a great part of their earnings, until at the present time they are carrying \$100,000 capital and \$100,000 surplus, besides a neat sum carried as undivided profits. This to-

als up about a quarter million dollars representing the amount of the bank's own capital invested, which in itself is ample protection to its customers.

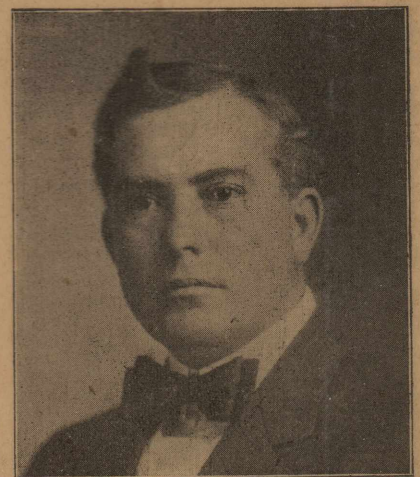
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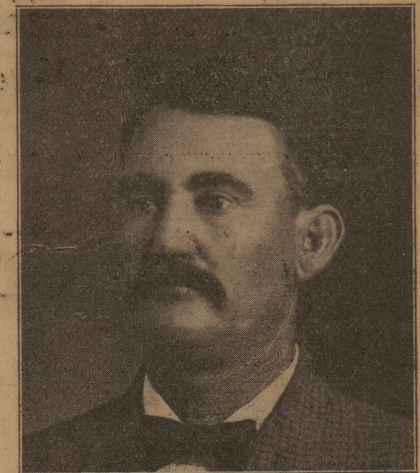
W. H. COWDEN, President

as a very conservative bank—safe as the government itself—yet being progressive, accommodating and loyal to the extent that they are now the possessors of over one thousand customers, who are so well satisfied that it would require a lot of effort to cause these accounts to go elsewhere. This bank is an exception in staying with its customers through prosperity and through panic, being both willing and able to do all that is consistent with sound methods and the absolute safety of its customers' funds.

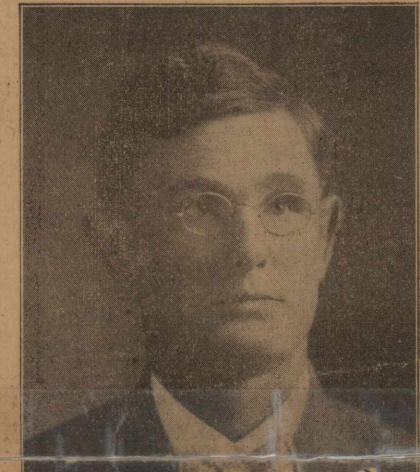
By their loyalty to their patrons, strict adherence to sound banking principles, loaning their funds to depositors rather than to their officers, at all times refusing to speculate, the men in this bank have placed its



JAS. S. DAY, Assistant Cashier



JNO. M. COWDEN, Director



G. F. COWDEN, JR., Director



HOMES RECENTLY BUILT IN THE NEW TOWN OF ANDREWS, IN ANDREWS COUNTY

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ANDREWS COUNTY GROWING RAPIDLY

The southeast corner of Andrews County touches the northwest corner of Midland County. Andrews' two towns are Andrews and Shafter Lake. The automobile stage and mail line from Midland to Seminole, passes through the towns of Andrews and Shafter Lake daily.

Between Andrews and Shafter Lake there is a wholesome rivalry which is both helping develop and build.

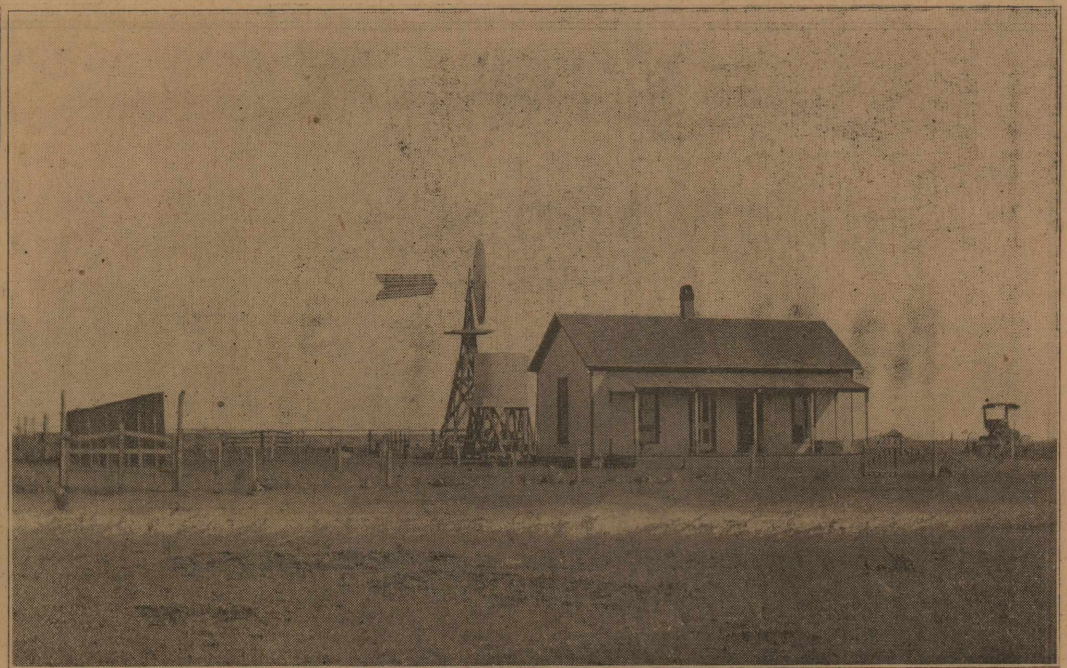
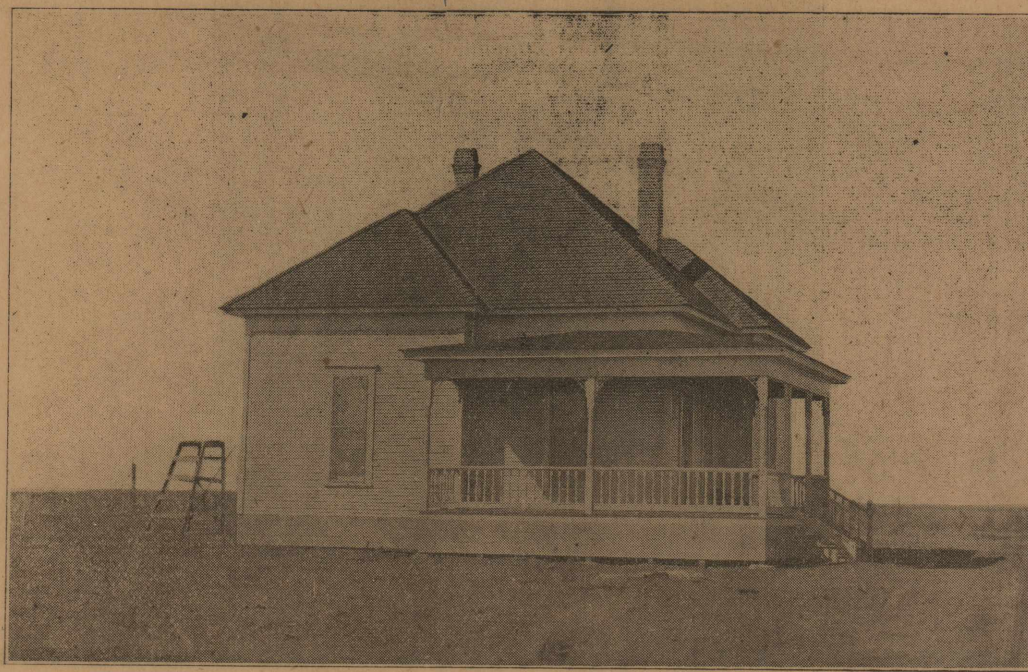
Andrews County has the same altitude as Midland County. Its sur-

COUNTY SEAT MAY BE AT ANDREWS

face is level and the general character of the soil that of high, alluvial plain.

A feature of Andrews County that appeals to the homeseeker of small means is the large amount of school lands it contains that are just coming on the market. This land includes part of the big ranch founded several years ago by the late Nelson Morris.

The county has long been famed as a rich grazing county for cattle and agriculture is just beginning to be general.



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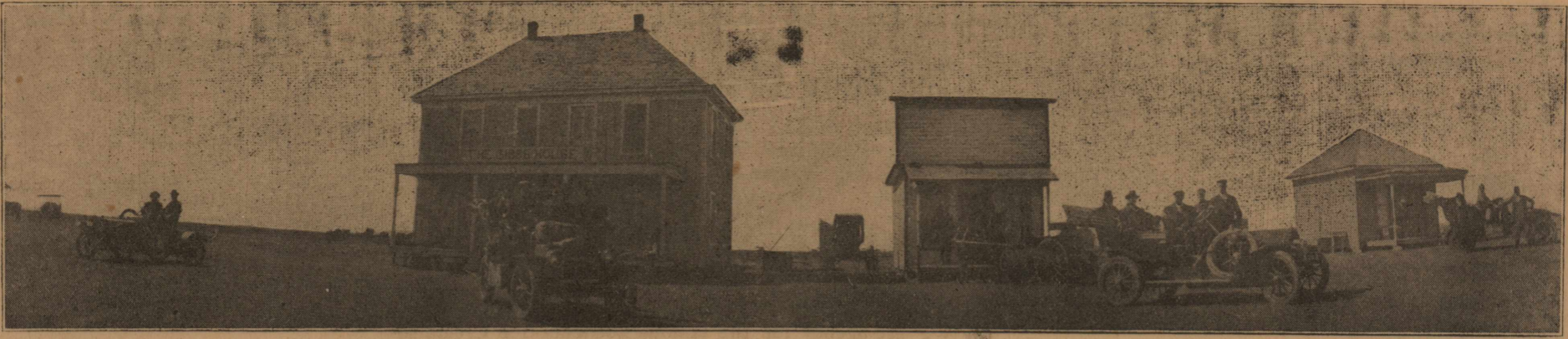


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Business Section of Andrews

ANDREWS - THE NEW TOWN OF - ANDREWS

THE INTENDED COUNTY SEAT OF ANDREWS COUNTY.

Situated four miles southwest from the center of the County of Andrews. Forty miles northwest from Midland, Texas. Only seven months old, but has one grocery store, feed store, livery stable, barber shop, two hotels, two land offices, good school, postoffice, and various churches have services here. The trade now demands a drug store, hardware store, lumber yard and gin.

Andrews county will doubtless be organized within two years, and the town of Andrews is the logical place for the county seat. Ask those who know. Finest climate anywhere and good water at shallow depth. The town was laid out September, 1908 by T. M. White on his four sections in Andrews county, and since then over thirty-five houses have been erected, are now occupied, and other stores and residences are under construction.

Mr. C. C. Dallarhide

of Denison, Texas, who is associated with the citizens of Andrews county, has let the contract for material to construct a bank building in the town. This bank will be ready for business by the time the settlers on school lands in Andrews county will be ready for such an institution. There are over 200,000 acres of state school lands in Andrews county that will be placed on the market by State of Texas during 1909. These lands are being bought up and settled just as fast as the long leases thereon expire.



Pupils of the Andrews School

The Town is Surrounded by State School Lands

The lands contiguous to it are the most fertile in Western Texas. The universal verdict of those who know, is that it is supported by the largest and best territory of any inland town in the west.

The Andrews Townsite is a splendid location on a good cotton gin.

Andrews county is unorganized, and the promoters of the town of Andrews intend to locate the county seat here when the county is organized.

The Conservative and Business-like Manner

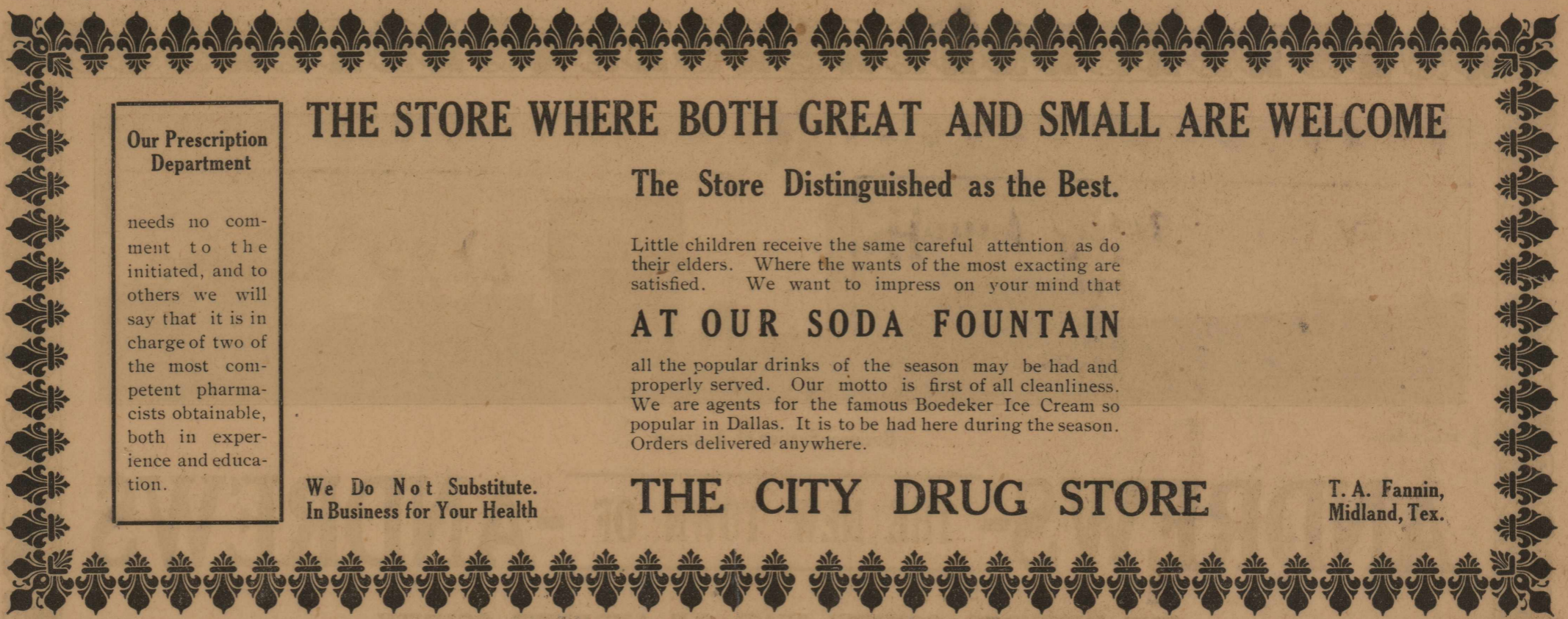
¶ In which the promoters of this little town have brought it to its present popularity and has won the confidence and good will of all who have had occasion to investigate the claims of the Andrews Townsite Company. ¶ The automobile mail line from Midland, Texas, to Carlsbad, New Mexico, passes through this town, and the hotel at Andrews is the noon eating station for passengers on this route. The automobile fare from Midland to Andrews is \$8.00 for the round trip. The Andrews Townsite Company are not townsite "boosters" but conservative business men of Andrews and Midland, Texas. They live here and expect to stay and do business with the citizens of Andrews, and for this reason, as well as a sense of duty,

They Make No Claims They Cannot Support!

¶ Andrews county has the greatest percentage of tillable land of any county in Texas!

¶ Investigate the advantages of Andrews county and incidentally ask some one who knows about the outcome of the town of Andrews. Write to

The Andrews Townsite Company, Andrews, Texas



Our Prescription Department

needs no comment to the initiated, and to others we will say that it is in charge of two of the most competent pharmacists obtainable, both in experience and education.

THE STORE WHERE BOTH GREAT AND SMALL ARE WELCOME

The Store Distinguished as the Best.

Little children receive the same careful attention as do their elders. Where the wants of the most exacting are satisfied. We want to impress on your mind that

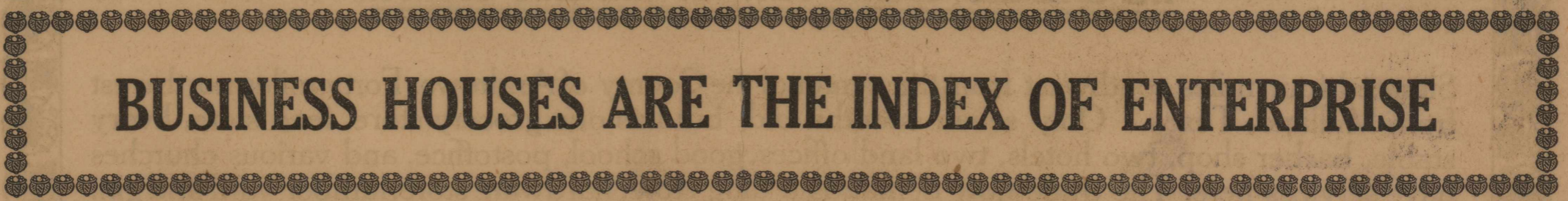
AT OUR SODA FOUNTAIN

all the popular drinks of the season may be had and properly served. Our motto is first of all cleanliness. We are agents for the famous Boedeker Ice Cream so popular in Dallas. It is to be had here during the season. Orders delivered anywhere.

**We Do Not Substitute.
In Business for Your Health**

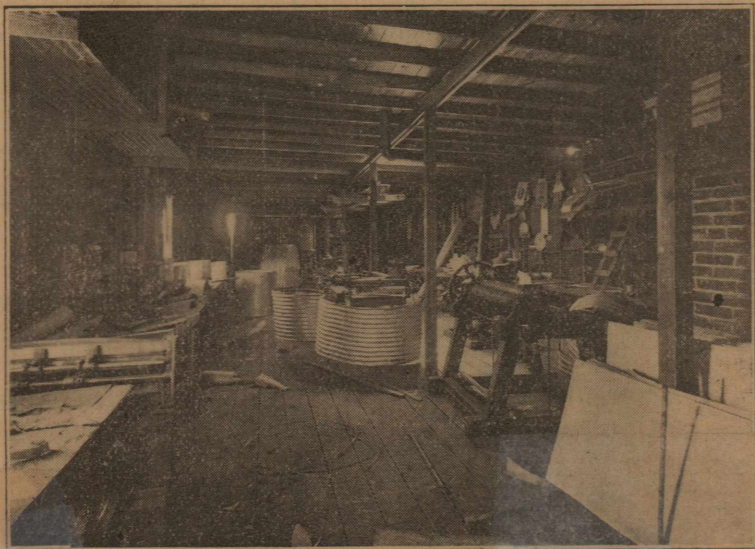
THE CITY DRUG STORE

**T. A. Fannin,
Midland, Tex.**

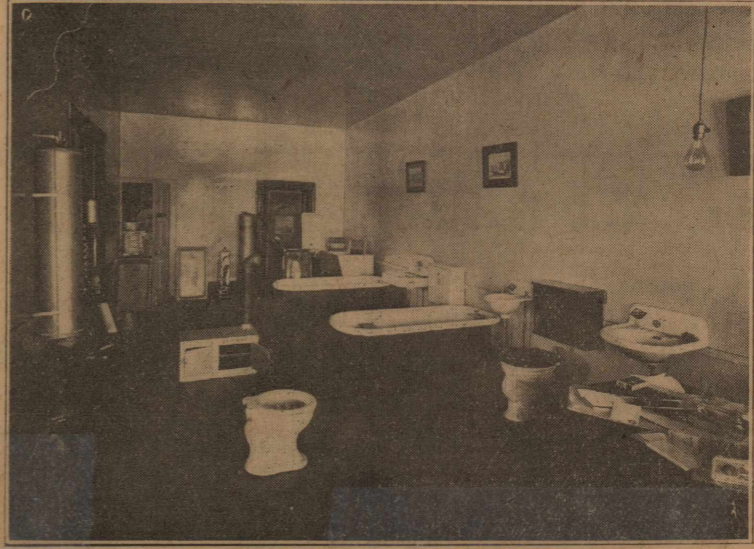


BUSINESS HOUSES ARE THE INDEX OF ENTERPRISE

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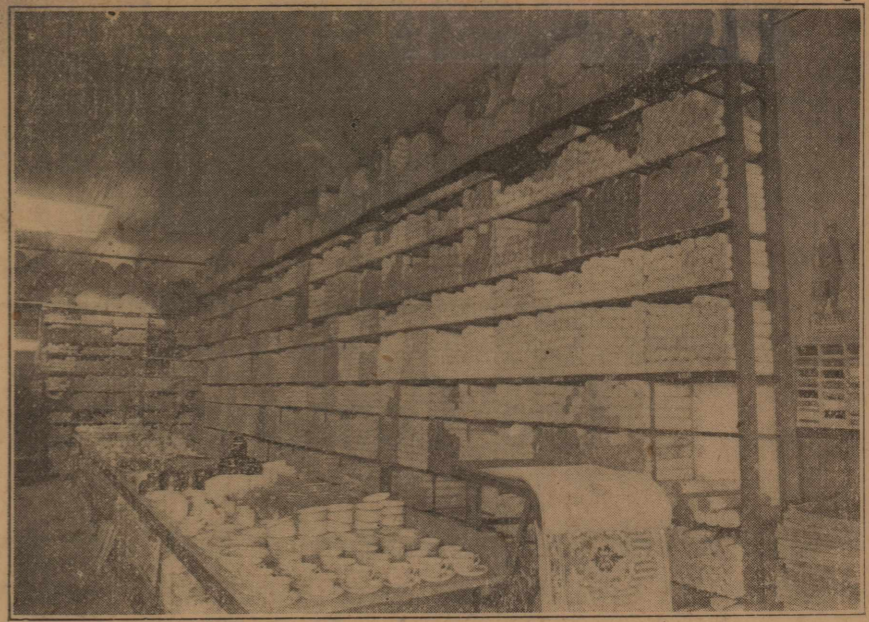
Sheet Metal Shop



Hooper & Co.'s Show Room



Exterior of Basham, Shepherd & Co.'s Store



Interior West Texas Wall Paper Co. showing 100,000 rolls of wall paper



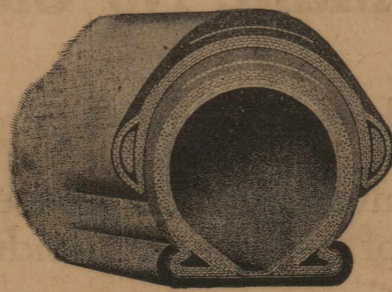
BUICK AUTOMOBILES

ARE THE BEST

(ASK ANY OWNER)

PEGUES, GARY & DAY

Standard Tire Protectors



Are a Proven Success

(Ask Him Who Uses Them)

Henry & Day, State Agents