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Another New Business Building for Friona

Ground was broken Monday for H. Jones' new business building between J. G. Weir's store and the Friona Hotel. The building will be a brick structure 25x40 feet and will be used by H. Jones for his mensorial parlor and cleaning and pressing plant. Henry has built up a very desirable patronage in his tailor and barber shop and has purchased a pressing machine with the intention of doing pressing and cleaning and finds his present quarters too small. He has accomplished this by prompt attention to business and courteous treatment of his patrons and his many friends are proud of his success. Mr. Jones is one of the regular patrons of the Star advertising columns.

RADIO ON THE FARM.

Uncle Sam has taken a census of the radio owners of the country and he finds that 9 per cent of the farmers own radios. He says the 550,000 farmers own radios and that more than one-half of the total is concentrated in six states, mostly those lying in what we call the "Corn Belt." Illinois leads with 46,000, New York is second with 39,000, Iowa has 38,000, Missouri has 37,000, Kansas 35,000, and Nebraska 34,000. Today the progressive and prosperous farmer is in close touch with the outside world through his radio set, and he counts it a blessing and an investment instead of a luxury. He farms better when he knows what is going on around him; he is in closer touch with the country's problems, and with weather and market conditions. We hope to see the day when the radio set will be found in every farm home around Friona, and we don't believe that time is very far distant.

MRS. HOULETTE WILL RETURN TO IOWA SOON

Mrs. Estelle Houlette, who spent last winter in Canada with her daughter and returned to her home here last spring, has decided to return this winter to Des Moines, Iowa, and live with her sister. Mrs. Houlette has a neat little home in Friona which she has rented to John T. Burton. She is one of the earliest settlers of this locality and one of our most worthy citizens and has a host of friends here who are loathe to see her leave us. Mrs. Houlette also has a son living in Des Moines whom she will be near.

HOLLENE HAPPENINGS AND SCHOOL NOTES

Our school is busy taking examinations this week. Mr. Arno Metcalf gave us a very interesting talk Monday morning in assembly on the "Story of Joseph." Our basketball boys and girls are going to play Ranchvale boys and girls Friday, Oct. 16th. Pleasant Hill postponed the game we were to have had last Saturday night in the gym. We are expecting to play them soon. Rev. I. A. Metcalf filled his regular appointment Sunday at 11 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. John Foster took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Black Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Osborne, A. P. Lofton and daughter, Annie, W. H. Foster and daughter, Goldie, and J. L. Ung attended church at Clovis Sunday.

John Lofton spent Sunday night with Johnnie Foster. One Sagely called at the Robt. Sagely Sunday night. B. J. Pett and family of Texico visited with his sister, Mrs. M. J. Shepherd's father, mother and sisters from Oklahoma are here with him. Metcalf and family, Will and children and Miss Marie took dinner with Mrs. Sloan Sunday. Seashorn and family had as guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. W. H. Foster and daughter, Gladys. Mrs. Chandler spent the day with her sister, Mrs. Robert "Happy Jack."

FRIONA OIL COMPANY BURGLARIZED LAST WEEK

Owing to the hurry occasioned by a rush of work we failed to get in an account of the burglarizing of the Friona Oil Company, which occurred on Monday night.

Early Tuesday morning, Rube Carter, who is one of the employees of the company and who boards at the hotel just across the street, noticed that the front door was open. Thinking it had been left unlocked accidentally he went across the street to close it. Having done so he went through the office room to let himself out at the front door, his feet struck something on the floor and turning on the light he found it to be the inner door of the safe, which had been broken off the hinges.

The company lost about \$50 in cash, a battery and some other small articles. A few of the cars in the garage were opened and some of the articles taken from them. One of the cars rifled was the Hudson Coach belonging to Miss Carmen Brewer, from which a robe, a small lighter and about five dollars in cash which was in a purse in the car. No trace has yet been found of the thieves.

MR. GISCHLER RETURNS FROM TRIP THROUGH NORTH

Mr. John Gischler, Friona's veteran grain buyer, returned last week from a visit of a few weeks with relatives in Minnesota, the Dakotas and Canada. Mr. Gischler's condition of health has been such that he has spent a great part of the summer and fall traveling, having returned from a few weeks' stay at a health resort in Colorado, only a short time before starting on his trip through the northern states. He feels that he is in much better state of health and his many friends hope it may be permanent. He, with his son Reuben, will continue in the business of buying and shipping grain and handling coal and salt. Reuben will also continue the sale of the Durant and Star cars in connection with the grain business.

SUCCEEDS WEEKS



Dwight F. Davis, of Missouri, is President Coolidge's selection for secretary of war, and was appointed to the office Tuesday. Davis succeeds to the position held by Secretary Weeks, who has been inactive for some months because of illness. Davis, it is generally conceded, attracted favorable attention when he pointed the way out of the dilemma created by Col. Billy Mitchell. Davis told President Coolidge an impartial board of inquiry would solve the problem, it is said.

ANOTHER WORK RECORD HARD TO BEAT

About two weeks ago two young men from Roaring Springs, Texas, came to the Winkston Implement Co. and bought a tractor and began breaking sod about two miles west of Friona. When the ground was measured they found it to be 105 acres which they had plowed, tandem-disked and harrowed with a peg tooth harrow and the time consumed was 127 hours. They used a 15-30 McCormick-Deering and a P. & O. six-disc plow. We consider this a record for work that is hard to excell, yet during this time many incidents occurred which caused a decided loss of time, most of them due to oversight on their part. This shows what may be done with efficient machinery and staying on the job. These boys have contracts ahead for plowing over 600 acres of sod land.

More Well Drills; More Wells to Drill

MR. POPE TO LOCATE NEAR HOMETOWN

Mr. Oscar Pope and family of Tip-ton, Okla., were here Tuesday morning and expect to locate before the close of the year.

Mr. Pope has purchased a half section of land two miles east of Hometown and is preparing to build on it at once. He says he comes here from a good country but no better than that near Friona, and that he needs more land than the quarter section he owns there and the country being thickly settled it is hard to acquire more land there. He has thus come to the Panhandle where good land is yet cheap and where he could secure enough for himself and sons.

He will have four children to enter school here, one of whom, a son, will be in high school. Mrs. Pope and the son visited school while here.

A GOOD HOME TALENT PLAY LAST WEEK

A good play entitled "The Path Over the Hills" was rendered in the school auditorium before a fair sized audience.

The play was presented by a group of our young people, mostly of the Congregational Church. The characters all depicted themselves creditably and Miss Thelma Scoggins as a colored cook and William Guyer, her husband, and Miss Nelda Goodwin represented the star characters. Miss Thelma's representation of a colored girl could scarcely be improved upon.

The very disagreeable condition of the weather was evidently a direct cause for many people remaining away, but considering the inclement weather there was a good turnout. The Friona orchestra under the direction of Miss Brewer, enlivened the program with many choice selections, which were highly appreciated by the audience.

OUR BURDEN GROWS LIGHTER.

Tuesday evening "ye editor" transferred his contract for unloading cars for Rockwell Bros & Co. to D. E. Ashcraft. We have had the pleasure of working for this firm for nearly two years and can truthfully say that we have found Mr. Lange one of the finest men to do business with that we have ever dealt with. He has been fair, prompt and courteous at all times.

The task of harvesting a good crop, moving and rebuilding the home, drilling a new well unloading cars for one of our leading business institutions and editing the Star was too burdensome for our time and ability, and although loathe to do so, we felt it our duty to transfer a part of our burden to other shoulders; and as the other parts of the work drop off we hope soon to be able to give our undivided attention to the Star and thank our readers for their indulgence during the past few weeks.

Elton Hix, who spent the past two weeks visiting relatives in Oklahoma and Arkansas, returned to his home in Friona Monday.

IF WE HAD BUT A DAY

By Mary Lowe Dickinson

We should fill the hours with the sweetest things,
If we had but a day;
We should drink alone at the purest springs
In our upward way;
We should love with a lifetime's love in an hour
If the hours were few;
We should rest, not for dreams, but for fresher power
To be and to do.
We should guide our wayward or wearied wills
By the clearest light;
We should keep our eyes on the heavenly hills,
If they lay in sight;
We should trample the pride and discontent
Beneath our feet;
We should take whatever a good God sent,
With a trust complete.
We should waste no moments in weak regret,
If the day were but one;
If what we remember and what we forget
Went out with the sun;
We should be from our clamorous selves set free,
To work or to pray;
And to be what the Father would have us be,
If we had but a day.

THE LOST PILOT.



Charles H. Ames, pilot of a night airmail plane, disappeared while flying over Pennsylvania enroute from New York to Chicago. He was found dead in his crashed plane this week.

Schools

IS OUR SCHOOL SERVING ITS PURPOSE?

This question is asked numberless times each year by the patrons of the school—and rightly so. It is not an evidence of lack of co-operation with the school but an evidence of thought in the right direction to make our school progress. We cannot answer this question until the purpose of the school is understood and it is known what the school is doing to accomplish this purpose.

The modern conception of the purpose of the school is to have the student live in the best way possible both while in school and after school life is over.

Colonel Parker says: "Habits of continuity of action is one direction, of patience, persistence, courage, self-control, are formed by the exercises of the will in the actual doing of what there is to be done." We believe that this statement is true.

Our domestic science department furnishes the home atmosphere for the girls; the manual training department helps the boys solve their home problems; vocational problems are discussed in all classes. These problems are solved by the students themselves.

In the domestic science class the girls solve problems that worry every mother and housewife. School lunches are planned and prepared, menus worked out, the foods cooked and served.

The social side also of the home is not neglected. Each girl becomes a "Gracious Hostess." A tea was given by the class a short time ago, to which were invited the teachers and parents of the girls in the class. The refreshments, consisting of tea or coffee, sandwiches and chocolate nut patties, were prepared by the girls and served by them in a very graceful and dainty manner. The affair would have been a credit to one who had had years of experience in entertaining. Miss Bowman is to be commended very highly for thus causing the girls to live a life of good citizenship while they are at school.

Habits of safety are impressed on the students by fire drills, posters and programs. We are able to empty the school building in less than thirty seconds after the fire alarm sounds. A week was set aside recently as "Fire Prevention Week" during which time the teachers gave instructions in fire prevention. A short drama was presented at the end of the week. It was a mock trial in which the causes of destructive fires were tried before a court of justice. The verdict of the court was that these causes were not to blame but were merely agents of carelessness which is an outstanding characteristic of the American people.

During the past week a subscription contest has been carried on by the students for the benefit of the library. In the time of this contest more public spirit, school loyalty and honest effort for the benefit of the social group was demonstrated by the contestants than is ordinarily exhibited by the average citizen during a whole year. They did not miss an opportunity to boost the community, the churches, the schools and the Friona Star. Neglecting the financial

Friona Will Broadcast on Eve of Nov. 7

Mr. Harry Howard of the Martin Broadcasting station in Amarillo, was in town Friday and Saturday of last week making arrangements to broadcast a program prepared by local talent of Friona.

Mr. Howard had the arrangements all completed before leaving town and it will be broadcast from station WDAG at Amarillo on the evening of Nov. 7, at about 8:30 o'clock.

The program will consist of music, both vocal and instrumental, and a thirty-minute talk by some Friona citizen setting forth the advantages of the town and the surrounding country, including the natural resources as to fertility and productivity of soil and healthfulness of climate.

It is planned to have a loud-speaker radio set installed at the school auditorium so that all the home people who care to do so, can hear the program as well as the outside world.

OLD KING COTTON.

A half dozen foreign countries are trying hard to snatch Uncle Sam's title as the king of cotton growers, but it does not seem possible. Last year America produced 13,619,000 of the world's 24,700,000 bales of cotton, and this year it is declared that a greater yield will be produced. Corn and cotton are kings in American crops and as long as our soil and climate in the west and south remain about as it is they will continue to be. As yet cotton is not grown extensively around Friona, but that does not mean that we do not know its value as a crop. We know it brings millions of dollars into the localities that do raise it, and that it is a commodity that we cannot get along without. The time will probably never come when we will have to go abroad for our cotton.

THIS WEEK A HUGE TURNIP.

On coming into the Star office on Monday morning, the editor beheld the largest turnip he has ever yet had the pleasure of viewing.

The turnip was of the purple top variety and was grown by Mrs. Steevick in her garden here in town and was brought to our office by her son Otha. It measured just 21 3/4 inches in circumference and weighs 4 lbs., 14 oz.

Mrs. Steevick did no extra petting or coaxing to get this monster turnip. She simply planted the seed and it just grew. Like Mr. Finny's famous turnip in Longfellow's boyhood poem, "It grew and it grew, 'till it could grow no taller."

gain the contest was infinitely worth while.

But while these things are being done by the students the other subjects are not neglected. Perhaps we can again quote Colonel Parker to advantage: "History, the account of the human spirit striving through the long ages to find the truth; pure literature, the reflection of noble souls, and the interpretation of nature; biography, the record of the lives of men and women who have lived and died for humanity; civics, the science of community life; science, the search for the natural laws revealed through the universe by the Creator; mathematics, the weighing and measuring of His work; all are moral." We try to teach these subjects in this light.

In all of this work students are placed on their honor. They are entirely responsible for their own behavior both in class and in study hall. They are citizens of a democratic school in much the same way that you are citizens of a democratic nation.

We trust that these habits of correct living will follow our students throughout life.

In the light of this information you can probably formulate your own answer to your question.

HOWARD, R. BOLES,
Prin. Friona Con. School.

A very interesting trip has been made by the seventh grade geography class. But perhaps you were not aware that any of our children had left town? Neither were we until Miss Bowman explained it to us.

She is having each student in the class make a suitcase and fill it with the various products of South America. They will visit Argentina next week.

THREE DEAD IN BUILDING BLAST

ST. LOUIS ROCKED BY EXPLOSION OF AMMONIA TANKS IN BASEMENT

MORE THAN EIGHTY INJURED

Fire Started After the Explosion, But Was Soon Put Out by Firemen Who Assisted the Police in the Rescue.

St. Louis, Mo.—The death toll of a terrific explosion that rocked the ten-story Laclede Gas Light building in the downtown business district here stood at three after the ruins of the first floor and basement had been searched carefully.

The list of injured who received hospital treatment stood at forty, seven of whom were in serious condition. The number of persons cut by falling debris, overcome by ammonia fumes and otherwise slightly hurt in the confusion police estimated at forty or more.

Officials of the company still were at a loss to account for the cause of the explosion. Bursting ammonia tanks in the basement spread the ruin, but what caused them to explode was unexplained.

Likewise, the firm's official temporarily were unable to estimate the damage from the blast, the fire which followed, and the streams of water played upon the flames.

The dead: Mrs. Anna Stoll, a widow, clerk; Carl T. Brewer, engineer; Armand Marquardt, maintenance man.

Caused Great Furore. The explosion and fire caused great excitement. Vast crowds gathered on the streets and traffic in all directions was stopped.

The clock over the cashier's cage on the first floor, directly above the point of the explosion, stopped at 2:03 o'clock, indicating the exact time of the blast. It was in the cashier's cage that a woman's body was found. The other dead were in the basement.

Stifling ammonia fumes soon filled the building, choking both the escaping employes and firemen and police men.

So severe was the detonation that windows for a block around were shattered and a section of concrete pavement was torn up.

The fire was confined chiefly to the tenth floor. The blast virtually wrecked the first floor. A section of the rear wall was torn out near the eighth floor and a bulge was caused in the rear wall near the sixth floor.

"All at once everything went black," said one, who was working in the basement, "and then I felt somebody pushing me through a hole. That's all I know about it."

DEATH CALL PITCHING STAFF

Mathewson of the N. Y. Giants Loses In Short Fight For Life.

Saranac Lake, N. Y.—Christy Mathewson, "Big Six," pitching star of baseball and president and part owner of the Boston Braves, died here.

Death, according to his physician Dr. Edward N. Packard, was due to tubercular pneumonia. Until several days ago, Mathewson was in excellent condition, his friends here were told, and his death was unexpected.

Mrs. Mathewson, who has been in constant attendance at the bedside of her husband ever since he was forced to give up active participation in the affairs of the Boston club, was with baseball's great idol when he died. His son, Christy Mathewson Jr., is at college.

"WOLF" RETURNS HOME

Spectacular Financier Gives Self Up Makes Will, and Prepares for End.

Chicago, Ill.—John W. Worthington the "Wolf of LaSalle street," who for two years has evaded a federal prison sentence, returned to Chicago voluntarily to settle his score with the government.

He returned to make his will, peace with his government, and to resign himself to death behind prison bars.

LABOR SPURNS "RED" ACTS

President Green Roars "No" To Soviet Invitation Made by Briton.

Atlantic City, N. J.—An appeal to American labor by Arthur A. Purcell, member of the British parliament, to establish close relations with the organized workers of Russia was spurned by President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, at its annual convention.

Czar's Death Must Be Proved.

New York, N. Y.—The rumors of the death of Czar Nicholas II of Russia and his immediate family following the Russian revolution, must be sifted until actual proof of death has been presented before local courts will take action.

N. Y. Exchange Seat Price \$125,000. New York, N. Y.—A record high price of \$125,000 for a seat on the New York stock exchange was paid by Arthur L. Kerrigan of New York City for the membership of Hugo Blumenthal. This was \$2,000 above the previous

LOUIS PHILIPPE



Louis Philippe, duke of Orleans, pretender to the French throne, head of the French house of Bourbon, is preparing another hunting expedition into the heart of central and southern Africa in search of the famous "Valley of Ivory," or elephants' graveyard. Its possibility of existence is known, as very few people know where the elephants go to when they are about to die. The duke is an experienced hunter, and is not going for the wealth, he says, but just to get important data for zoologists.

MACMILLAN EXPEDITION BACK

WORST KNOWN SUMMER TO MEN IN ARCTIC

Dogs Still King of Northland For Air Planes Cannot Find Landing Places, He Says.

Sydney, N. S.—The conviction that airplanes are not practical for use in the far north was expressed by Commander Donald B. MacMillan after the arrival of his schooner Bowdoin here on the return trip from his arctic expedition.

MacMillan came out of the northland after three months of "the worst summer known to men in the Arctic," and announced that he would return to Labrador next summer to search for evidences of the route the Norsemen were supposed to have taken in coming to New England.

Found Evidence of Norsemen. MacMillan drove his little auxiliary schooner Bowdoin into Sydney and sailed away again in four hours to join the Peary, companion ship on his latest Arctic expedition, for the last leg of their journey to Wisconsin, Me., MacMillan's home port.

The boat stayed here only long enough to take on twenty barrels of fuel oil and to tell newspapermen he was convinced that the dog still was "king of the Arctic," and more valuable as a means of transportation "above the circle" than the airplane.

He also said he was certain he had found evidence of Norsemen visiting the American continent many years ago.

U. S. 1923 TAX REPORTS

Number of Individuals and Firms Paying Levy Increased Over 1922.

Washington, D. C.—Completing its study of the 1923 income of American taxpayers, the bureau of internal revenue announced that 7,698,321 individuals and 398,933 corporations had filed returns for the year, the individuals contributing \$608,651,505 and the corporations \$367,167,798 toward support of the government.

Preliminary figures on these returns previously had been made public but the announcement covered complete income statistics, showing that receipts from these sources for 1923 represented a decrease of \$197,465,901 from individuals, but an increase of \$153,330,530 from corporations over the preceding year. The number of individual taxpayers increased from 1922 to 1923 by 910,840.

Taxable income of individuals was placed by the bureau at \$2,849,137,364, an increase of \$3,506,924,834 over 1922. Only 233,339 of the corporations were subject to taxes in 1923, the other 155,594 reported no taxable income for the year. The taxable returns of corporations amounted to \$8,321,529,134 as compared with taxable income of \$6,963,811,143 from 212,532 corporations in 1922.

Umpires Chief Mourners.

Sorta, Spain.—Nacional Second, one of the famous bullfighters of Spain, died, the victim of a pop bottle hurled at him by a disgruntled spectator during a corrida.

Gang Loots Mail Truck.

Los Angeles, Calif.—A gang of masked men, numbering five or more, held up a United States mail truck here and escaped with registered mail of undetermined value. The truck was on its way to the Santa Fe station with registered mail for Chicago and the east, when the robber gang, traveling in a big automobile, intercepted it not far from the depot, and forced it into the curb. They then drove the truck into a dark side street and stripped it of its registered mail pouches.

U. S. SHORT CHANGE HALTED

PRAGUE GOVERNMENT DESIRES TO CUT DEBT

Czecho-Slovakian Commission Opens Conference with Secretary Mellon and American Officials.

Washington, D. C.—A phase hitherto absent from America's international debt funding negotiations—a sharp controversy over the amount of the obligation—stands out as the chief problem confronting the American debt commission and representatives of the Czecho-Slovakian government, in their forthcoming funding discussions.

Treasury Prepared. The treasury is ready now with complete plans for dealing with the Czecho-Slovakian debt, and officials there expect to see the question speedily settled, believing that satisfactory adjustment of the amount can be accomplished.

Treasury records show the Czecho-Slovakian debt to be \$91,879,671 in principal and \$25,799,424 in interest to May 16. Communications from the Prague government, however, have sought to pare down the total of \$117,679,095 thus shown, and there have been frequent exchanges on the subject between officials of the two nations since 1922. The Czecho-Slovakian government sent a delegation here in 1923 to attempt an adjustment, but the conversations were futile.

FORD DEVELOPING PLANE

Auto Magnate Describes New Motor That Will Make Aircraft Common.

Detroit, Mich.—Graphically illustrating his idea of the value of aircraft with a jab of his hand and the words, "Zip—and you are there," Henry Ford described work being done in his laboratories toward developing an airplane for common use.

His laboratories at Dearborn, Ford said, already are developing a motor for this type of airplane. It will be an eight-cylinder, air-cooled X-type motor, developing 200 horse power and weighing about two pounds to the horse power. It will have, he said, all the commercial characteristics of automobile motors.

The motor, as designed and now in process of construction, will have accessible and interchangeable parts and no adjustments, he continued. If a part wears out, it can be thrown away and another one put in.

The manufacturer said the new motor would be tested out in a plane within a short time.

Commenting on the value of the airplane, he said it would enlarge the work of the automobile.

23 INJURED IN SMASH-UP

Texas Passengers Collide, Head-on; Confusion Of Orders Blamed.

Houston, Tex.—Twenty passengers and three trainmen were injured and many other passengers received bruises of minor nature when two passenger trains on the Houston and Texas Central railroad collided, head-on, in the yards at Bryan.

The Sunbeam, No. 13, northbound from Houston, and southbound train No. 16 were the two trains which went together. No. 13 was piloted by Engineer McCarthy and No. 16 by Engineer Charley Torrence, both of whom were hurt slightly. The fire man on the Sunbeam sustained a bad injury.

The Sunbeam was running a lift late and a confusion of orders is said to have resulted in the crash. Train No. 16 was standing still at the time it was struck by the Sunbeam. The pilots of both locomotives were smashed and the baggage, express car and diner of one train were badly damaged.

BAGS MANY ASIA BEASTS

Collection of Specimens From Himalaya Fastnesses on Way Back.

Chicago, Ill.—A cablegram received here from Kasanzar, the crossroads of central Asia, reported that the James Simpson-Roosevelt expedition for the Field museum had bagged in the glacier-capped Tian-Shan mountains hundreds of birds and mammals "which undoubtedly include new species."

In addition to the species believed to be new, the party had slain such rare big game as the Asiatic bear, bigger than the grizzly, the giant of all bears, with curling fifty-inch horns, and the goitered gazelle. Theodore and Kermit Roosevelt, with George K. Cherrill, have been exploring fastnesses of Russian and Chinese Turkestan which were wrapped in mystery until Marco Polo, medieval venetian protégé of Kublai Khan, told Europe the true stories which unjustly branded him the greatest liar in Christendom.

New Song Vodka'll It Beski?

Moscow, Russia.—For days the Russian people have been celebrating with unabated rejoicing and conviviality the country's return to alcohol. After eleven years of partial prohibition, Russia let down the restrictions on strong liquors. In Moscow nearly 100,000 quarts of the new 40 percent vodka was sold in one day and a correspondingly heavy sale was reported throughout Russia. From early in the morning, lines of eager Russians, four deep extending for a whole city block, waited patiently outside the wine shops for their share of the pomelur

Texas News

A potato curing plant is being erected at Lindale.

A commercial colliery has been established at Mount Pleasant.

Estimates place the total cotton receipts this year at Lindale at 5000 bales, or 2000 bales more than the receipts in 1924.

Tentative plans have been made by members of the American Legion in Wood county for an Armistice Day celebration to be held at Mineola Wednesday, November 11.

An issue of \$5000 Henderson Independent School District bonds, bearing 5 1/2 per cent and maturing serially, has been approved by the attorney general's department.

According to statistics released by the state department of education, during the last year there were more than a million school children—1,194,655—enrolled in the public schools of Texas.

Construction of the first link of the Timpson-Mount Enterprise highway through Rusk county is being supervised by Contractor Bob Leath. The part of the road in Rusk county extends from Concord to the Shelby county line.

Fifty thousand pounds of candleilla wax was shipped from Brewster county to New York by one firm last week. It was the largest single shipment of this wax leaving the county in several months. The wax comes from a plant which grows in profusion in Brewster county. It is used for the manufacture of rubber.

The state of Texas can not collect a franchise tax from a state bank that becomes a national bank, after the change is made, an opinion from the attorney general's department, rendered recently to the state banking department, held. This means that a state bank has to pay its franchise fee until it enters the federal system, at any period of the fiscal year.

Cassiterite, the oxide of tin, has been found in a mass of pegmatitic granite, on the northeast flanks of Mount Franklin, El Paso. The mineral occurs in veins of quartz and disseminated in the granite. The formation is similar to the tin deposits of England. There has been some desultory prospecting, insufficient to determine the commercial possibilities.

Complete data on the composition of Willacy county soils will be made available to the public as the result of a survey which is to be conducted by Herman W. Hawker, soil expert of A. and M. College, under the direction of that organization, and at the expense of the state. Mr. Hawker has arrived and expects to make Raymondville his home during the 18 months which he will remain in finishing the survey.

The Texas Railroad Commission has called a hearing for October 13 on the application of the St. Louis-Southwestern Railway Company of Texas, for an order fixing a charge of \$3.50 per car for stop for planing or dressing of lumber in transit. A schedule of charges varying from \$7.20 per car for 15 miles, up to \$14 for over 45 miles for backhauls involved in the planing or storing-in-transit privilege, is also proposed.

Eight permits looking toward irrigation of 5505 acres were granted the past week by the state board of water engineers. Permit for largest acreage was given to G. S. Combs of Marathon, who purposes to irrigate 3040 acres by pumping from Mariavillas Creek, a tributary of the Rio Grande in Brewster county. J. Lee Davis of Waco was granted a permit to irrigate 1042 acres in Falls county by pumping from the Brazos river.

In 1923, the latest period for which figures are available, based upon the regular five-year official census, the fisheries of Texas yielded about 19,560,000 pounds of products valued at \$782,000, as compared with 25,000,000 pounds of a value of \$667,000 in 1918, a decrease of about five and one-half million pounds.

Application of the Quanah, Acme and Pacific railroad to extend its line from Macabin, in Motley county, 24 miles northwest to Floydada, in Floyd county, will be heard October 19, at Fort Worth, Chairman Gilmore of the railroad commission has announced.

Ten Texas towns will be visited during this month by A. L. Dopmeyer, assistant sanitary engineer of the United States public health service, who is investigating water supplies in interest of the interstate water certification for railroads and vessels. Approximately 30 towns have been visited by Mr. Dopmeyer since September 10. Towns to be visited are: Corpus Christi, Laredo, Crystal City, Eagle Pass, Del Rio, Amarillo, Dalhart, Texline, Spearman and Canadian.

Only a few counties in Texas will have any surplus feed to sell this year, H. H. Schutz, government statistician, said this week. Counties others than those in the northwest, northeast, west center and extreme south will have barely enough for their own needs or hardly any at all. "Thousands of carloads of feed have been shipped in from other states," Mr. Schutz said. He advised farmers who do not have enough feed for their stock to obtain the names of those who have feed to sell from the county agricultural agent.

CONDENSED AUSTIN NEWS

The Texas State Library has received more than 600 pages of transcripts of material in the archives of Mexico City bearing upon Texas history.

Blue sky permit was granted by Secretary of State to the Greater Texas Speedway Association of Dallas to sell \$395,000 worth of stock, 2,950 shares at \$120 a share, increasing the stock from \$5,000 to \$390,000.

H. E. Wattinger of Austin was recently awarded by the State Board of Control contract for construction of three new buildings at the Austin State School (colony for feeble-minded), his bid being \$65,620. The buildings include a dormitory, employe's home and doctor's cottage.

Constitutionality of the act of the Thirty-Seventh Legislature fixing a standard weight for a loaf of bread is attacked in an appeal filed in the Court of Criminal Appeals in the case of C. H. Ford, from Harris County, convicted of violating the statute and fined \$110.

A total of \$315,887 tax on gasoline was paid the State in August by the Gulf Refining Company, the Texas Company, the Magnolia Petroleum Company, Pierce Petroleum and Humble Oil and Refining Company. This is \$277 less than the amount paid by these companies in July.

As a result of a shake-up in the State Industrial Accident Board, three long-time clerks will retire on Oct. 15. Two of them are men and the other a woman. The clerks who are to be displaced are said to have long been recognized as among the most efficient employes of the State government.

Peanuts grown in China are imported into this country, pay a duty and then are transported half way across the continent and sold in Dallas at a cent per pound cheaper than Texas-grown peanuts, according to testimony adduced before the Railroad Commission by peanut experts, who declared that the local rates are choking the Texas industry.

While banks desiring to become State depositories have until Oct. 13 in which to make application for State funds, nearly all of the funds which can be placed in State depositories have already been applied for, according to State Treasurer W. Gregory Hatcher. The applications came from banks in every section of the State, Mr. Hatcher said.

Robert Lee Daniel, newly appointed Commissioner of Insurance, has been in Austin and announced that few, if any, changes will be made in the office force when he assumes charge. He authorized the statement that T. E. Werkentin will continue as deputy commissioner and that Miss Vera Swann, stenographer, will be made his secretary.

It has been learned here that Dr. George Pendleton Day of Madisonville is to be the next assistant State health officer of Texas. This place had not been formally filled by Dr. H. O. Sappington, State health officer, and while he was out of the city it was understood from other sources that Dr. Day will accept the place and assume his duties at once.

Fees for freshmen students at the University of Texas will vary from \$43 to \$60, according to a statement from the University registrar's office. The imperative need of additional funds led the board of regents to make a new service and maintenance fee of \$20. The matriculation fee of \$15, the library fee of \$7 and a gymnasium fee of \$1 make up the \$43.

No artist ever worked with a larger and more itinerant "gallery" observing than Miss Margaret Brishine of Houston, who is making a large reproduction of Huddle's famous painting of the surrender of Santa Anna at San Jacinto. The original hangs in the main corridor of the Capitol and perched some dozen feet above the floor, Miss Brishine is copying the painting.

The Railroad Commission granted the petition of the Fort Worth & Denver Railroad and certain connecting lines for the storage of butter in transit when moved in carload shipments. Elaborate rules are prescribed for the single stop allowed for storing and reshipment within "twelve months." This might seem to make stale butter, but cold storage saves it.

The teachers' college of Columbia University, New York, has written Gov. Ferguson requesting full information about the budget system used in this State, and reply will be made by the Board of Control, which builds the budget every two years. The college advised that it is making a survey of the entire United States. The inquiry was addressed to "Governor M. A. Ferguson," and the salutation was written "My Dear Sir," evidently the writer not knowing that Texas has a woman Governor.

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