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Silverton Up In Arms Over Railway Delay

Telegrams Sent by Chamber of Commerce Getting Action

D. M. Morgan and N. M. Lawler, members of the committee appointed Monday night by the Chamber of Commerce to send telegrams to various officials relative to the railway situation, went to Lockney Tuesday afternoon to dispatch the messages. They began getting results Wednesday afternoon. Morris Sheppard wired that he would do all in his power to help expedite matters. Earl B. Mayfield wired that he immediately consulted with the secretary of the Interstate Commerce Commission and was informed that "Decision will be made on the Ft. Worth & Denver Railroad into your country in something like four weeks." As to whether his information means that the commission is favoring the Denver exclusively is not known.

Congressman Marvin Jones, wired that he would use his influence in an effort to get immediate action by the Commission. Other replies are expected today.

While Messrs Morgan and Lawler were in Lockney they conferred with officials of the Lockney Chamber of Commerce who were greatly interested in what Silverton was doing and stated that they were anxious to cooperate in every way toward the same goal. They told of the meeting held in Lockney and of their plans to get representatives of the various towns along the proposed railroads to meet with them at an early date so that concerted action might be taken to rush the matter of securing permits.

BOLES TO MAKE REPORT SOON SAYS BARWISE

From the Plains Journal

The report of Examiner, C. E. Boles in connection with the application of the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway company for authority to construct lines from main line of the road to the South Plains, probably will be filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission some time in January, A. B. Davis told the Lubbock Daily Journal Thursday following his return from Fort Worth and Dallas, where he has been for several days on business for the chamber of commerce and seeking information in connection with the new work as City Manager which he is to assume.

Mr. Davis was in conference with Judge J. A. Barwise, Jr., chief counsel for the Fort Worth and Denver, and said that Judge Barwise was exceptionally optimistic in regard to the application of his company. The Judge offered defense of Examiner Boles, however, for the apparent delay in filing the report, according to Mr. Davis, explaining that he was waiting to ensemble all the data in connection with the several proposals on South Plains, so that they could all be sent in together.

It was explained further that several applications from as many different railroad organizations are now pending, and that it was nothing but natural for the Examiner to wait until all data had been compiled. All this data, the Judge said, is now in, however, and it is his belief that the report will be filed shortly.

Following filing of this report Mr. Davis said Judge Barwise told him, it will then be some time before a final hearing can be rendered on the proposition, for the workings of the Interstate Commerce Commission are such that time is required to handle the reports.

It was explained that after the report of the Examiner is filed, a certain time, about twenty days, is allowed by the I. C. C. for opponents of the application to file exceptions and briefs voicing their opposition, and that after this time, a hearing would be called before a sub-division of the I. C. C. when preliminary action would be taken. After this, the company which lost the plea—say for instance the Denver is granted authority by the sub-committee—then the Santa Fe or any other opposing companies would have the right to appeal the hearing to the entire Commission, when final decision would be made in the matter.

All this, the Judge said, takes time, but he went on to say that Fort Worth and Denver officials are making every effort to expedite matters and bring them to a head as soon as possible. No intimation was made by Judge Barwise as to whether or not Examiner Boles would approve the Denver's application. Mr. Davis said, except that he felt a great deal of optimism in connection with the matter.

REV. ORLICK TO PREACH AT BAPTIST CHURCH HERE EACH NIGHT NEXT WEEK

Arrangements have been made for Rev. Orlick of Plainview to preach at the Baptist Church each night next week. Rev. Draper, the local pastor, wishes that all who can and especially the members, come as often to these services as possible.

A good sized crowd attended services at the church Sunday and the pastor will again hold regular services next Sunday.

Horace Simpson of Hale Center visited his parents and other relatives here recently.

I. D. King has been doing some surveying in Quitaque this week.

Awaiting Their Turn



NEW THEATRE FOR SILVERTON SOON IS PROBABILITY

The announcement of the building of a new theatre in Silverton is expected to be made soon. Raymond Patton has acquired a lot east of the Orange Cafe, on the south side of the square. He has sold a half interest in his theatre and holdings to U. M. Meeker and if things work out at all as the new firm is planning, the announcement will be made in the very near future. If the theatre is built, it will be modern in every detail, according to Messrs Patton and Meeker.

CHARLES CLEMENTS ANNOUNCES FOR DISTRICT JUDGE

We are glad to announce the name of Charles Clements for District Judge for the 64th Judicial District of Texas, subject to Democratic Primary. Judge Clements is at present our District Attorney, and has made a clean, fearless record as prosecutor. He has also filled the offices of County Attorney and County Judge of Hale County. He is by education and experience fully qualified for the office of Judge, and as he has prepared himself for this place, and is now in line for same, and as his record deserves a promotion, there should be no objection to him being promoted. He has been faithful in the offices he has filled and has held sacred the trust of the people, and has made a record all can get behind. He feels that he should not stop, and wants to continue climbing in his profession and doing something worthwhile; just what we all stand for. He is well known, always knows and greets everyone he meets, and his friends will be glad to give him their support. Judge Clements will appreciate your vote and influence.

COUPLE THOUGHT TO BE ECLIPING ONLY VISITING

Elaine Haygood, 17, of Quanah decided that she wanted to come to see her mother, Mrs. Earl Simpson in Silverton. Alton Balfiff, 17, her boy friend volunteered to help her gratify her wish. He had been in the habit of using his father's Buick Touring car to take Elaine to school, so Tuesday morning instead of going to school they proceeded in a westerly direction toward Silverton. All went well and the young

W. E. HUFFHINES ANNOUNCES FOR DISTRICT ATT'Y.

W. E. Huffhines, who is now County Attorney of Floyd county is making his announcement today for the office of District Attorney. Mr. Huffhines, prior to his election as County Attorney had had eight years experience in the private practice of law. He has been prosecuting attorney in the district for three years and claims that he is qualified for a promotion. He says that he has had the necessary experience before the courts as a criminal lawyer and pledges to devote his time and best efforts to law enforcement and the duties of the office.

CRAP SHOOTERS CONTRIBUTE TO COUNTY TREASURY

Six men were assessed a fine of \$31.70 each Wednesday morning by Justice of Peace Morton. The game was discovered Tuesday evening about nine o'clock in the rear of a local business house by Sheriff Garrison and Deputy Jim Busby who observed the game for several minutes, from a rear window before breaking it up. When Busby entered the front door he was greeted by name in a loud voice which was the signal, according to the Sheriff, who was still watching, for the galloping dominoes to be corralled. The county funds will be \$160.20 better off when all the fines are paid and some of them were paid Wednesday.

SNOW IS FALLING

Just now the snow is slowly falling and has been since the early morning hours. Not enough has fallen to bring much moisture, but this with the small amount of moisture which had come the past week will help the wheat and probably carry it over until more moisture arrives.

The couple was probably having the time of their lives until late that afternoon when in ascending the cap rock they stripped the gears on the car. They secured a ride on into Silverton and shortly after their arrival the sheriff's department received a call from the sheriff of Quanah stating that Alton's father thought that the couple was eloping and wanted them locked up. Sheriff Garrison talked with the couple and after their explanation decided that he would not make an arrest, however Alton slept with the deputy sheriff that night. As soon as the car is fixed they have agreed to go home as was their intention all the time so they say.

Telegrams Sent to Various Officials Urging Aid to get Quick Action from I.C.C.

LET'S ALL HAVE A GOOD LAUGH—IT'S ON US!

The following is an Editorial which appeared in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram:

The Governors—Jim and Ma—have decreed that January shall be "Laugh Month" in Texas. It's not just an idle suggestion, as you would naturally think on reading the mere announcement; it's not a passing statement of either or both of the Governors. It's serious and solemn. A proclamation, in the stilted, formal language of all government proclamations, carrying the official State seal, too, we presume, has just been issued to that effect. If you doubt it, here's the language of the official edict:

"Believing that a cheerful, happy outlook is the best antidote for gloom, as well as the greatest assurance of future well being, and with the most heartfelt conviction that it is better to laugh than to mourn and 'we must laugh to live.'"

"I hereby proclaim the month of January, 1926, as laugh month for the State of Texas; and I recommend to the people of this great and glorious commonwealth that they start the year with happy laughter and good cheer, with the assurance of a happy and prosperous new year."

We can easily see wherein the Fergusons have ample cause to laugh as the New Year starts off; but wherein they expect the people to join with them is something else again. Perhaps through the aim of the proclamation is to get the people to laugh with them, instead of at them, so together they may laugh off a few of the things that have happened during the year just past, while the Fergusons were in control of State affairs.

There are many things to laugh about, it's true, but laughing them off as the Fergusons would have us to do in order to start the New Year right, we fear will take more than the one month they have so solemnly set aside for that purpose. Let's see what it is that the Fergusons see as such great cause for hilarity.

We have had the highway scandal and the spectacle of one company making \$900,000 profit on \$1,330,000 worth of work; work let without contract, without bond, and at a price the courts held unreasonable, excessive and a waste to the state. We have seen this same company plead guilty to every charge brought against it; forfeit its right forever to do business in Texas, and return \$600,000 to the State. Let's call that laugh No. 1. It ought to be good for a merry ha ha on the people of Texas at least.

Another suit is scheduled for trial too, wherein the State only seeks the return of a measly \$300,000 in exorbitant highway profits. That ought to be good for a little laugh anyway. Let's call it No. 2.

And then Governor Jim, with all the confidence and the arrogance that have marked his political career, had the audacity to insist that the highway Department was economically managed, the cancelled contracts good for the State, and a real loss was suffered when Attorney General Moody had the permit forfeited, the unfinished contracts revoked, and recovered the \$600,000. Not a bad laugh on the people itself. That will do for No. 3.

The Highway Department also paid out approximately \$300,000 in freight bills to bring into the State \$30,000 worth of Oklahoma "chats" for use on the roads, when Texas chats are so plentiful that little hauling is necessary to reach any road construction job. As an evidence of common sense, sound business judgment and economical operation of the Highway

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At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, and others interested in a railroad in Silverton, Monday night in the District Court Room the report that Examiner Boles had announced an extended delay in making recommendations to the Interstate Commerce Commission was thoroughly discussed. It was decided that something should be done in an effort to get him to speed up the work and to see if pressure might not be brought to bear to have an early decision on the railway permits. Those present voted unanimously to send telegrams to various officials including: Senators Morris Sheppard and Earl B. Mayfield; Representatives Marvin Jones, Thomas L. Blanton and Guinn Williams; Commissioners Lon A. Smith, C. V. Terrell and Clarence E. Gilmore; Attorney General, Dan Moody and Pres. R. Q. Lee, of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, urging their aid in the matter. D. M. Morgan, Paul I. Odor and N. M. Lawler were appointed as a committee to write and dispatch the telegrams.

The matter of completing the work of securing pledges and right-of-way so that the contract with the Denver officials might be signed was discussed and it was the opinion of the body that no time should be lost in doing this. It was pointed out that only a small additional amount was necessary as practically enough had already been raised to protect the signers of the contract. The committees agreed to get busy and to have a meeting Thursday morning at which time reports will be made and additional plans made for finishing their work.

SON-IN-LAW OF JNO. BURSON WINS FAME AS ARTIST

In Sunday's Dallas News appeared a full page, feature write up of Leslie Turner, formerly of Wichita Falls, Texas, and a student in Southern Methodist University at Dallas. He is now a successful artist, being a regular illustrator on the staff of the Saturday Evening Post, the most widely read magazine in the world. He married Miss Bethel Burson, of Silverton, daughter of Jno. Burson, March 23, 1923. Miss Burson was a student at S. M. U.

Mr. Turner has been drawing since he was nine years old and during his college career did practically all the illustrating for the student publications. He did some professional work before leaving Dallas, but felt that there was a larger field for his line in New York and left four months after his marriage for that place. The article tells of his early struggles to get recognition and how at times he had barely enough to support himself and bride from the sale of an occasional picture. He managed to sell a few pictures to newspapers and to the Judge magazine and finally became an illustrator for the Saturday Evening Post in March 1925, since which time he has been illustrating as many stories as he could possibly handle.

While Mr. Turner has not reached the perfection of Henry Raleigh or Norman Rockwell, he has a distinctive style of drawing old fashioned pictures that without doubt has a decided appeal.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Douglas entertained very delightfully New Year's night for members of the 42 club and guests. About thirty were present to enjoy the occasion. Delicious home-made candy was served throughout the evening.

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THE RAILROAD SITUATION

The announcement of examiner Boles that his report would probably be delayed several weeks, or months, is the straw that has broken the camel's back. Silverton and the south Plains as a whole is up in arms. A short delay was probably necessary but an unending amount of political red tape such as railroads are forced to go through with in order to get a permit to build a railroad is not only silly and uncalled for but is absolutely damaging and disastrous.

The announcement of proposed railway extensions brought on a justified boom in our county. New people came in, new business enterprises were started, farmers actually planted a larger acreage with the hope of better transportation facilities. A further delay by the I. C. C. will stop present development and cause citizens to suffer actual financial loss.

Silverton believes that something drastic should be done to speed up action by the commission and the Chamber of Commerce has wired, asking the various congressmen, senators, state railway commissioners, Pres. Lee, of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, Attorney General Dan Moody and others to lend their influence to bring pressure to bear on the proper authorities to get something definite immediately. A delay of a few more weeks will mean that Briscoe County farmers will have to haul their 1926 wheat 25 to 45 miles to market.

LET'S ALL HAVE A GOOD
IT'S ON US!

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Department, that ought to provoke at least a broad smile from the taxpayers, whose money was so wisely and judiciously spent. That's laugh No. 4.

Maintenance contracts in 33 counties also have come under the Attorney General's attack on the ground that the prices in these, too, were exorbitant and that only 33 cents out of every dollar spent went on the roads. Paying the contractors 67 per cent profit, in itself ought to make the contractors join with the Ferguson's in observance of "laugh" month, if it doesn't enlist the risibilities of the taxpayers. Laugh No. 5.

And if all of these aren't sufficient to make Laugh Month an uproarious success, take a glance at the pardon record. Ma's clemency proclamations as the year ended totaled only 1,214, believed to be the Nation's record. Of those freed, 145 had been sentenced for murder; 101 for burglary; 97 for theft; 47 for robbery with firearms (a capital offense) 41 for criminal assault, and the rest for less serious offenses, including 271 for liquor law violations.

All of which is ample justification for the proclamation of Laugh month—laughter for the Ferguson's and the Nation—but not for the people of Texas. We can expect the Ferguson's to laugh just as long as Texas stands for it; and we can expect the Nation to laugh as long as we stand for it. But neither the Ferguson's nor the Nation should expect Texas to join the laughing chorus. That would be expecting the impossible, expecting a keener sense of humor than any citizenship possesses.

But the Ferguson's say laugh, so let's do it. Just laugh at ourselves. The joke is on us—the things that have happened and the proclamation too.

Junior B. Y. P. U.

The Junior B. Y. P. U. met Sunday night Jan. 3. Mrs. Draper leader.

Song No. 129

Prayer

Election of Officers were: Mildred Patton, President; Ardine Miller, Vice-President; Sudie Lee Foust, Secty.; Lallie Haynes, Sec.; Lee Dickerson, Treasurer; Group Captain No. 1, Louise Buchanan; Group Captain No. 2, Lorena Strange. Several committees were appointed, then the lesson and closing prayer.

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brought out this morning," he said, "and I forgot all about it until this minute."

It was from Bradshaw, Harris opened it indifferently, but the first few lines aroused his interest, and he read it eagerly to the end.

"My dear Harris," it ran, "on receipt of your telegram I immediately opened negotiations through my connections looking to the sale of your farm with its crop and equipment, complete as a going concern. I succeeded in getting an offer of the \$40,000 you set on it, and had all the papers drawn up, when I discovered that among us we had made a serious omission. You will remember that, a good many years ago, when you were taking on some fresh obligations, you transferred the homestead into your wife's name. I assured the purchaser that there would be no difficulty about setting title from your wife, but as all the buildings are on the homestead quarter he would agree to nothing better than paying \$20,000 for the rest of your land, leaving the homestead quarter, with the buildings, stock and implements out of the transaction. As his price seemed a fair one for the balance of the property, and as I assumed your need of the money was urgent, I closed a deal on that basis, cashed the agreement and remitted the proceeds to you at once by wire. I trust my actions in the matter meet with your approval.

"Yours sincerely,
"GEORGE BRADSHAW."

Harris placed the letter in the hands of his wife. She tried to read it, but a great happiness enveloped her as a flood and the typewritten characters seemed to swim before her. "What does it mean, John?" she asked, noting his restrained excitement. "What does it mean?"

"It means that the homestead quarter was not sold—after all—that it is still yours, with the buildings and machinery, and stock, and this year's crop just ready for cutting."

She raised her eyes to his. "Still ours, John, you mean. Still ours."

In the rapid succession of events everyone seemed to have forgotten, or disregarded, Gardiner. But at this moment the doctor came rushing out of the house.

"Gardiner's gone!" he exclaimed, as he came up to the men.

Some of the party removed their hats.

"Oh, not that way—not that way!" exclaimed the doctor. "I mean he's gone—skipped—beat it, if you understand. Most extraordinary! I was taking his pulse. It was about normal, and he seemed resting easier, so I slipped downstairs for the antidote. When I went back—I was only gone a moment—there wasn't a sight or sound of him."

Sergeant Grey conducted a swift examination, not of Gardiner's room, but of the one in which Allan was lying. He was rewarded by finding the little slip of paper, with a few crystals of powder still clinging to it. The coroner examined the crystals through his magnifying glass; then, somewhat dubiously, raised them on a moistened finger to his tongue, and after a moment's hesitation swallowed in an impressive, scholarly fashion.

"Saccharum album!" he exclaimed. "Common white sugar! Most extraordinary!"

But Sergeant Grey was at the open window. It was only an eight-foot drop to the soft earth, and to the policeman there was no longer any mystery in Gardiner's disappearance. The mock suicide was a carefully-planned ruse to be employed by Gardiner if the worst came to the worst.

"I want all of you men, and a horse for each," said Grey, quickly, turning upon them like a general marshaling his officers. "There are a dozen different trails he may follow, and we must put a man on each. I will give immediate pursuit, in the hope of riding him down before he can throw us off the scent and I will leave it to you, Mr. Arthurs, to organize the posse and scour the whole country until he is located."

Grey knew that the main road, if followed far enough, dwindled into a pack trail, which in turn seemed to lose itself in the fastnesses of the mountains, but in reality opened into a pass leading through the range. He gave Gardiner credit for knowing as much, and concluded that the fugitive would make a bolt straight through the mountains.

An hour's hard riding brought him into a tremendously rough country, where the trail at times was nothing more than a narrow dell or ledge, and sheer walls of rock rose thousands of feet above, their giant edges cutting the blue sky like the teeth of a mighty saw. Far below, a ribbon of green and white, the river rolled in its canyon. Here and there a thin stream of water sprayed down the mountain side, cutting a damp, treacherous belt across the trail. But at one such spot Grey's heart leaped within him, for there, unmistakably clear in the thin soil and soft rock, were the marks of

a horse's shoe, not an hour old. A few minutes later he saw Gardiner swinging round a spur of rock half a mile further up the pass.

Suddenly, at a turn in the path, his eye caught a sight which made him throw his horse back on his tracks. A sheer precipice fell away a thousand feet below him, and beetling cliffs cut off the sky above. Across the path trickled a little stream. And there in the stream, so clear they could not be misread, were the marks cut by a horse's feet sliding over the precipice.

The policeman dismounted carefully. There was scarcely room for him to pass his horse on the narrow ledge. Where the stream had worn it it sloped downwards at an uncomfortable angle. He knelt beside it and traced the marks of the shoe-nicks with his finger. They led over the edge. Eighteen inches down the mountain side was a fresh scar. A steel had struck a projecting corner of rock.

A thousand feet below the green water slid and swirled in the bed of the canyon.

THE END.

RAIL MATTERS DISCUSSED
AT LOCKNEY MEET

From Amarillo Daily News:

Lockney, Jan. 4.—The Lockney community chamber of commerce was host to a large delegation of visitors and local business men at luncheon today.

A. B. Davis, city manager of Lubbock, made the principal address. Davis stated that Lubbock was glad to call Lockney her friend and that Lubbock was willing to co-operate with Lockney in securing the things that helped to make better towns and counties. The chamber of commerce discussed at length the statement of Examiner Boles, that it would be sometime before his report would be made to the interstate commerce commission.

A. B. Brown, president of the chamber, stated that the people of the Plains were up in the air over the statement of Examiner Boles and that up to this time had been patient, but now they were demanding that some kind of action be taken at once. Resolutions were adopted inviting Lubbock, Plainview, Petersburg, Quitaque, Silverton, Turkey and other towns along the proposed new Denver line to meet in Lockney at an early date and discuss the means and ways of handling the proposition, with the interstate commerce commission, urging that body to use its good offices to the extent that an early conclusion may be reached.

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES
PAY LAST AND BEAUTIFUL
TRIBUTE TO GR'MA FRIEZE

A record number of saddened friends and relatives gathered at the Presbyterian Church Monday afternoon at two o'clock to pay tribute to Mrs. M. J. Frieze, a citizen of Silverton for 35 years and known to every one as "Grandma Frieze." She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dr. J. Ed. Crawford, at Tulia, Sunday afternoon, Jan. 3 at 5:10 o'clock, at the ripe age of 84.

Mrs. Frieze was born in Critendon County, Kentucky, Dec. 13, 1841 and moved to Missouri in 1849 where she lived until 1890. She then came to Texas settling in Baylor county where she remained a few months, coming on to Briscoe county in 1891. She was married twice, having two children by her first husband, one of whom is still living. His name is Harvey Hall and he lives in Linnecreek, Mo. She had four children by her second husband, two of whom are still living, Mrs. Crawford, of Tulia and A.E. Frieze, postmaster at Silverton. She had 18 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. She was a sister of J. B. Porter, of Silverton. She had been a widow for 47 years. She was typical pioneer lady and in the early days operated a hotel and rooming house here. How well she was loved and respected was fully demonstrated by the large number at her funeral which was conducted by Rev. Solon Johnson, of Tulia. The Siegler Undertaking Company had charge of the burial which was in the Silverton cemetery Monday afternoon.

SUMMERS SISTERS PRAISED
FOR RECORD AT W.T.S.T.C.

Special to Briscoe County News: Canyon, Texas, January 2, 1926. Misses Anna and Sadie Summers, daughters of M. K. Summers, of Silverton, find their names on the student honor roll of the West Texas State Teachers College for the fall quarter of 1925. Only forty-seven students out of almost one thousand enrolled won this distinction.

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In the English Department, of which Miss Mary Moss Richardson is head, Miss Anna tied Edmund Dyche, of Amarillo, for 1st place out of 113 students and Miss Richardson, who is considered an unusually good instructor in English has written a personal letter to Mr. and Mrs. Summers stating that fact. She also states that it is unusual for two such honors to go to the same family. The Misses Summers are graduates of the Silverton High School.

TULIA TEST WELL IS UNDER CONTRACT

From Plainview News.

The new oil machinery (a complete new outfit through) has arrived and is being unloaded and moved to the site selected on the L. M. Woodward farm two miles southeast of Tulia.

According to management Messrs. John Kegans and Ove E. Overson, this new equipment is the latest word in well machinery and is thoroughly equipped with everything to put down a 2,000 foot well and casing.

Soon the sound of the drill shall be heard piercing the stubborn earth and stone as down down it goes to strike rich sands stocked and laden with liquid treasure unbounded. Then the oil and gas shall gush forth causing consternation and awe. Then the lips of the knocker and the mouth of the doubtful shall be closed and no more shall they have a place in this progressive move of development of this resource of our land.

There are a few names that should be chisled in the monument of memory in this great cause. The first of which if cred it should be rightly placed is Judge Ove E. Overson, a prominent young lawyer of the firm of Griffin & Overson of Plainview who for years was connected with the oil developments in Eastland and Stephens counties, is the legal advisor and moving character in the management and plans of this progressive move.

Mr. Joe Joiner, of Plainview, brother of District Judge R. C. Joiner, assisted materially and used untiring efforts in creating an interest and did much in the procuring of geologist and drillers and obtaining leases to further this important matter.

John Kegans of the oil fields of Texas, and experienced and most successful operator and driller, one who has had many years experience in the development for oil and gas, is the man upon whose shoulders rests and depends the most important events and responsibility in the success of reaching production. He shall personally supervise the drilling of the first test well two miles south of Tulia.

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ODDITIES IN THE NEWS

Shawnee, Oklahoma—Mrs. Frankie Weldfeldt of this city recently married Louise Hamrick. She is 104 years old and he is 77. It is the fifth wedding for each.

Haverstraw, N.Y.—George H. Howarth, postmaster here, has 32 bits of shot in his brain but still lives. Howarth refuses to explain the mystery of his shooting, but the revolver was not more than four inches from his temple when fired.

Baltimore, Md.—A bull, who was being led through the streets here, saw his own image in a store window and attacked it. The window was wrecked and a dozen persons put to flight; then the beast calmly walked off.

Steubenville, O.—Charles McLeish covered his horse with gasoline in an effort to rid the animal of flees. He then lit a cigaret and the horse caught fire. Three companies of firemen saved its life.

Eland, Wis.—The stork has been good to Mr. and Mrs. John Roth of this city. Two sets of twins have been born to them within a year.

To the Voters of the 64th Judicial District:

In announcing my candidacy for the office of District Attorney for the 64th Judicial District, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, I wish to state that it has been my intention ever since first announcing for the office of County Attorney of Floyd County in 1922 to be a candidate for District Attorney in the Primary of 1926; and although I had already had eight years experience in the private practice of the law, it was for the purpose of better preparing myself for the duties of the District Attorney's office that I first sought to serve in the capacity of County Attorney. The office of District Attorney is a direct promotion from that of County Attorney, and the work of one is very closely connected with that of the other.

During the three years I have been County Attorney of Floyd County, I have represented the State in all examining trials and courts of inquiry held in the County, have worked just as diligently in the Grand Jury room as has your District Attorney, and am just as familiar as is he with every felony case now on the Docket of the District Court of Floyd County, therefore I believe that I now have certain qualifications for the office of District Attorney that no man can claim to have who has not already seen service as such, or who is not now a prosecuting attorney within this district. In view of the fact that your District Attorney many times finds himself, single-handed and alone, up against an array of some of the most able lawyers of the State, I do not believe that any man can conscientiously feel himself fitted for the duties and responsibilities of the District Attorney's office until he has had considerable experience before the courts as a criminal lawyer.

You should be, and I believe are, more interested in law enforcement than in merely helping a personal friend get an office, and will therefore vote for the man whom you believe to be best qualified for the place. No candidate has a right to expect you to do otherwise. I have no promise to make you other than if elected I will give my time and my best efforts to the duties of the office, regardless of who it may affect. May I ask of you a full and fair consideration, and if, of those who may aspire to the office, you feel that I am the best qualified, and then by your support help me to attain that which has, for three and one-half years been the goal of my ambition, I shall humbly seek through faithful service to repay you for the confidence you will have shown in me.

Respectfully submitted,
W. E. Huffhines.

Call out the League

It was at the restaurant, and the negro waiter had just dropped the platter containing the turkey. "Well," said a bystander, "the world has just seen four great catastrophes." "Four catastrophes?" replied his companion, "what are they?" "The downfall of Turkey, the breaking up of China, the overthrow of Greece, and the humiliation of Africa," was the reply.

Candidate ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following named candidates are asking for the office under which heading their name appears; subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held July 3, 1926:

FOR DISTRICT JUDGE:
Charles Clements.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY:
W. E. HUFFHINES.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER:
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CHEVROLET PRESIDENT PREDICTS CONTINUED PROSPERITY IN 1926

W. S. Knudsen, president and general manager of the Chevrolet Motor company, predicts continued prosperity for the automotive industry during 1926.

"My opinion is that 1926 will be a good year in the automobile industry," he said.

There will be as many passenger cars sold at retail as in 1925. That there will be more trucks sold at retail than in 1925.

That dealers will improve their merchandising methods and the dealers who do will increase their turnover.

That used cars will have to be treated as merchandise and dealt in as such at fair prices and in running order.

That dealers' improvements in shops and tools will help to reduce the maintenance cost of automobiles.

That people will never stop buying good motor cars at the right price.

The Department of Commerce has just released the 1925 farm census of Briscoe County with comparative figures for 1920. While the report may be far from accurate it brings out many interesting facts. There were 546 farms in the county Jan. 1, 1925 as against 397 Jan. 1, 1920, 208 of them being operated by tenants. There was one colored farmer reported in 1925. The report shows that there were 39,219 acres in cultivation in 1925 and that there were 493,391 acres in pasture. The value of farm land and improvements in the county in 1925 is placed at \$14,975,505 an increase of nearly 100 per cent over that of 1920. The total livestock reported in 1925 was: Horses, 3,201 head; Males 1,863 head; Cattle 23,906, of which 1200 were dairy cattle; Swine 2,363. There were almost three times as many hogs in 1920 as in 1925, the report shows. The principal crops are given in 1924 as reported Jan. 1, 1925, as: Oats, 3,150 acres producing 65,225 bushels; wheat, 16,580 acres, producing 264,855 bushels; Sorghum for grain, 5,975 acres producing 165,210 bushels; Hay 2,112 acres, producing 42,663 tons Sorghum for silage and fodder 25,830 acres; Cotton, 25,431 acres 10,488 bales.

The following poem was given the News for publication, which was written by the daughter of J. R. Steele, and in memory of him. Mr. Steele died Dec. 13, 1925 at the age of 49 years 3 mo. and 21 days:

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.

God in his wisdom has recalled,
The boon his love had given,
And though the body slumbers here,
The soul is safe in Heaven.

We have lost our dear husband and
Father

He has bid us all adieu,
He has gone to live in heaven,
And his form is lost to view.

Ah! that dear one, how we loved him,
Oh! how hard to give him up,
But an angel came down for him,
And to Heaven took him up.

Precious father he has left us,
Left us, yes once more,
But we hope to meet our loved one,
For the meeting will be great.

Through all pains he would smile,
A smile of heavenly birth,
And when the angel called him home,
He smiled farewell to earth.

Heaven retaineth now our treasure,
Earth the lonely casket keeps,
And the sunbeams love to linger,
Where our darling father sleeps.

Dearest father you have left us,
And our loss we greatly feel,
But it's God that has loved us,
He can all our sorrows heal.

Yet again we hope to meet you,
When the day of life has fled,
When in Heaven, in joy to greet you,
Where no farewell tears are shed.

'Tis hard to break the tender cord,
When love has found the heart,
'Tis hard! so hard, to speak the word—
We must part, yes we must part.

Dearest loved one we have lain thee,
In the peaceful graves embrace,
But the memory will be cherished,
Till we see thy Heavenly face.

Farewell dear father, sweet thy rest,
Weary with suffering, worn with pain,
Farewell till in some happy place,
We shall behold thy face again.

'Tis ours to miss thee all of our days,
And tender memories of thee keep,
Thine in the land to rest,
For so, he giveth his beloved sleep.

Beyond the doubts and hopes and fears,
Beyond the cares and joys and tears,
Beyond the smiling and the weeping,
Beyond the waking and the sleeping

Our loved one rests in slumber deep,
In silent and eternal rest,
With the great silent and eternal God,
Who knows and does what's best.

Carnegie Corporation Will Foster Art Institution

Income from \$1,000,000 has been set aside by the Carnegie Corporation to establish a system of scholarships and fellowships in the arts. The purpose is to enable candidates of promise to prepare themselves to be college teachers of art.

In addition, \$100,000 has been set aside for the purchase of teaching equipment for departments of fine arts in colleges and universities.

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LOCALS

D. E. Dunlap and son arrived here Sunday from Post and paid Rev. Draper and family a visit of a few days. Mr. Dunlap has rented his farm out near Post and will move to Silverton in the near future.

NOTICE

Pure Blood R. I. Red Roosters for sale. \$1. each. Six miles east of Silverton—Bryant Brooks. 39-3

Lumber Building Materials
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Mrs. C. M. Huckabay of Wichita Falls spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Simpson, and other home folks.

See Manty Woods for J. R. Watkins Products.

For Sale—Few R. I. Red Roosters going at \$1.50 each—W. N. Edwards. 39-3

Mrs. R. M. Carter returned home Monday after spending the holidays with folks in Channing.

For Windmill Repair Work—Call Phone No. 10—42nd Divinoy. 39-2

Al Hickman of Brice was a trader in Silverton Saturday. Mr. Hickman wished to keep abreast with the times and had his name put on the waiting list of the News for a year.

Clarence Sheets who farmed on the Q. E. Brown place last year has moved to the Charlie Dickerson residence in Silverton. Mr. Dickerson is building a residence at Quitaque and will move to it as soon as completed.

H. R. (Hard Run) Brown recently made a deal for the S. C. Woods residence located about one block north of the northeast

corner of the courthouse square. This is one of Silverton's nice new residences and Mr. Brown and family got moved into it the past week. Mr. Woods and family have returned to Okla.

Mrs. J. D. Warren returned last week end from a trip to Greenville and other points where she visited relatives and friends.

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Gene Simpson returned to Plainview Sunday afternoon to attend Wayland College.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Carter and Son, R. M., motored to Petersburg in Floyd county New Year's day.

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C. J. and "Sweet" Witherspoon returned Sunday from a visit with "Mammy" Witherspoon, who is spending the winter in Breckenridge at the home of L. F. Boone. They also visited with W. A. Boone in Mineral Wells and report that Mr. Boone's health is not extra good at this time.

For Sale—Good Bundle Maize.—W. J. Poe. Six miles southeast of Silverton. 35-3

Roscoe Stevenson has gone to Breckenridge where he will be connected with the L. F. Boone Co.

A. B. Comer, of Clinton, Ill., a son of Tom Comer, who died here last Jan., was in Silverton Wednesday. Mr. Comer is here relative to settling affairs connected with his fathers estate.

G. W. Tubbs, Baptist Missionary for Floyd, Briscoe and Crosby counties, was a visitor in Silverton Wednesday.

Miss Tresa Bomar has accepted a position as bookkeeper for the Silverton Lumber Company of which N. M. Lawler is local manager.

S. C. Gregory, who settled in the Milo community in 1895 was in town on business Wednesday.

The school board of Silverton's Independent school district announces that the Northeast Ward School will be opened again Monday, Jan. 18. Miss Jagers is teacher of the school.

Luther Fowler, who has been under the weather for the past two weeks and was in bed for eight days is able to be up and about again.

Clem Woods and Miss "Bill" Thomas, of Quitaque, were visitors to the courthouse Wednesday. They secured a license, but not the kind you get from the county clerk. This license was secured from the sheriff and was for a Ford roadster.

John F. Wrasse, who has been in the county jail on a liquor charge, was released Saturday on a \$1,000 bond secured for him by his attorney in Amarillo. Frank Brown who was arrested at the same time has not been released yet but is expected to make bond probably by the last of the week.

A. Mr. McConnaughey, charged with concealing liquor in a truck load of apples, has made bond for \$1,000.

A negro, alleged to have badly cut up another of his race at Gasol Monday afternoon is no wone of Jim Busby's boarders.

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The City Council passed an order Monday night to have eighth street opened up through to the west line of the town section. The matter of a road north and south on the west side of town was not finally settle upon.

"Togo" Gammon and Willie Hardcastle went to Tulia Tuesday morning where Hardcastle had an

examination made of his knee hurt in playing football.

Tom Hodges returned Sunday from Munday where he had been a few days.

Ambrose Worthington and Mr. Offett, of Munday were here looking after their places the first of the week. Mrs. Daughtery and her two grandchildren, children of Edwin Heald came with them for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Heald.

G. Tunnell and son E. B. Tunnell, of Quitaque, were business visitors in Silverton Tuesday.

Chas Clements, who has announced for District Judge was in town shaking hands Tuesday. Chas is a great handshaker and he will about shake himself into office too.

Herbert Gunter, of the Gunter Drug Store at Claude, spent Monday with his brother, Jeff, Gunter, of the City Drug store.

Amos Persons and Jim Wise, of Quitaque, were in Silverton Tuesday.

Porter Underwood and family spent a few hours in Silverton Tuesday. Mr. Underwood is a prominent Amarillo Attorney and was here on legal business.

Cecil Gunter, of Panhandle, Roland Johnson and Watson Bryant of Shamrock, spent New Year's here visiting their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Gunter.

Mrs. R. A. Hodges and children of Swisher county and Mrs. T. S. Stevenson, of Floydada, spent Christmas with their sister, Mrs. W. W. Melton; Phillip Penn and family from Oklahoma also visited Mrs. Melton during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Penn announce the arrival of a baby girl Dec. 31.

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T. E. L. CLASS REPORT

The T. E. L. class of the Baptist church met Sunday with 12 members present and 2 visitors. The class adopted a shut in sister to visit and cheer, whose name is grandma Riddle. We have formed new resolutions for 1926 which are: Be a class to do something more the coming year than we have the past year for our Master and humanity. Come join our class and help us and you will be happier.—Reporter.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Womens Missionary Society met in regular session, Jan. 5th, 1926 at the Methodist Parsonage. Scripture reading—13 chapter 1st Corinthians by Mrs. M. C. Potter. Prayer, Mrs. Jenkins. A business meeting was called and officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Roscoe Fort; Vice-Pres. Mrs. A. A. Potter; Secty. Mrs. C. W. Norrid; Treas. Mrs. M. C. Potter; Press Rpoter, Mrs. Paul Odor; Corresponding Sec., Mrs. Bert Douglas; Voice agent, Mrs. Jeff Simpson.

A number of New Year resolutions were made by the members for the good of the Society; Such as, "Loyalty to Society Membership Campaign," "Being on Time, Closing on Time," "Making a Special Effort to Bring up our Part on Program," and feel that without our Presence the Program will not be the Success that it would be if we were there.

There were nine present. Next meeting will be Tues. Jan. 12 at the home of Mrs. A. A. Potter.

To look nice your clothes must be nicely pressed and cleaned—Try City Tailor Shop.

The Movies

Rudolph Valentino and his wife Natacha Rambova, seem to have definitely split. She has signed to act for F.B. O., and her first film will be a society drama.

Glenn Hunter, who won fame in "Morton of the Movies", has quit pictures for a time and is on the stage in New York.

Lon Chaney was born in 1883 and went into pictures about 13 years ago. Before that time he was on the stage. Mr. Chaney is married.

TEXAS COMMISSION APPROVES DENVER

Recommends that I.C.C. Grant Right to build to Plains towns

Austin, Dec. 23—Granting the application of the Fort Worth and Denver railway for the building of an extension to Plainview and Lubbock was recommended today to the Interstate commerce commission by the Texas railroad commission.

Announcement followed the request of the Interstate Commerce Commission of the Texas commission to express its views on the pending application.

"Public convenience and necessity does demand the granting of the application of the Fort Worth and Denver South Plains Railway company authorizing it to build its line of railway from a connection with the Fort Worth and Denver at or near Estelline, Texas in a westerly direction to the cities of Plainview and Lubbock. This brief expression is given with the understanding that at a later date the railroad commission of Texas may file a more extended statement giving in some detail its reasons for reaching the conclusions.

Both the Pecos and Northern Texas railway company and the Fort Worth and Denver South Plains railway company have an application in this preceding to construct a line of railroad from Plainview to Dimmitt and from Plainview to Silverton on the part of the Pecos and Northern Texas railway company and from a point of intersection with the proposed line from Estelline to Plainview by the Fort Worth and Denver South Plains Railway Company to Silverton.

"At this time the railroad commission of Texas expresses no definite opinion as to this portion of the application. We are of the view that one of the companies should be permitted to construct a line both to Dimmitt and to Silverton, but we do not believe the sound public policy would call for the building of both the lines applied for."

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Simpson and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Patton enjoyed a fish fry at the home of W. W. Melton last Sunday a week ago. The fish came from an artificial tank on the Melton farm.



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