

THE SLATON SLATONITE

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FIFTH YEAR

TREMENDOUS CROWDS ATTEND CELEBRATION AT SLATON; TWO DAYS PICNIC ENJOYED BY ALL

The big celebration at Slaton when you free-day and Tuesday proved a splendid success, both from the standpoint of attendance and from the entertainment furnished by the city.

The visitors began to throng the streets early Monday morning, despite the fact that the program did not start until after dinner. Between the sports, shows, amusements and various attractions the crowd was well entertained until the time for the ball game between the Slaton Monograms and the Lorenzo team. The Slaton boys played a loose game and the Lorenzo team, which had gathered strength from neighboring towns, walked off an easy winner by a score of 10 to 5. Vaughn pitched for Slaton, and he pitched a much better game than the score indicates. Pressley pitched for Lorenzo, and had behind him the three best players of Post.

The morning of the second day was given over to political speaking at the big tent of the Blair shows. The program opened with the reading of the Declaration of Independence and of Lincoln's address at Gettysburg, and after these numbers all the candidates present for county and district offices were introduced to the voters. Each of them made short announcements and held the close attention of the audience. There was quite a large crowd out to hear what the candidates had to say. R. Baldwin presided as chairman of the speaking.

Judge Fred Cockrell of Abilene was introduced and he made an address in behalf of Judge Thos. L. Blanton, who is a candidate for congressman in this district. Mr. Cockrell is a nephew of the late Senator Francis Cockrell of Missouri and is a son of Judge Cockrell who was congressman from this district twenty-five years ago. Mr. Cockrell is managing Mr. Blanton's campaign this year, and he is sanguine of a sweeping success for

Judge Blanton in the primary.

He is an interesting speaker and his presentation of the claims of Mr. Blanton for the voter's preference received much favorable comment. He spoke of Mr. Blanton as a neighbor and friend, and as one who watched him attain the high position in public life that he now holds as judge of the Abilene district. He spoke of Judge Blanton as a man of much ability, a man of untiring energy, of unquestioned integrity, and of the resourcefulness of mind to accomplish and take an active part in the making of our national laws. Judge Blanton is a man who sees ahead and originates ideas and is never content to remain solely passive to other men's suggestions.

The Hon. L. Gough of Hereford was next introduced, and he spoke in behalf of the candidacy of Chas. H. Morris for governor. Mr. Gough is also an interesting speaker and he presented Mr. Morris' candidacy in a very able manner.

Promptly at 12 o'clock noon the crowds were invited to the tables in the center of the park where the barbecue dinner was waiting. The crowd lined up all around the big tables from five to ten deep and after an invocation by the Rev. Cole of Lubbock were invited to help themselves to the dinner. The meal was very prettily arranged, and was faultlessly served. The success or failure of every barbecue is the way in which the meat is cooked, and this one was all that could be desired in splendidly prepared meat. The meat was cooked to a turn and was well seasoned, and the satisfied yum yums of the picnickers brought joy to the hearts of the Slaton Commercial club members who secured the beefs, and to S. H. Johnston and his corps of assistants who were the chefs of the occasion. The coffee came in for a lot of commendation, also, as it was indeed ambrosia of a rare vintage. At least so say the

the coffee drinkers.

It is estimated that there were over two thousand visitors served at the barbecue tables. The dinner was a success of an unusually high degree, and Slaton is proud of it.

After the dinner came the second ball game between Lorenzo and Slaton, Lorenzo again winning, this time by a score of 2 to 1. This was a fine game and the attendance was a record one for a South Plains ball game. Towers and Duren of Post City made the battery for Lorenzo, and Taylor and Ashley for Slaton.

The Slaton High School baseball team played two games with teams from neighboring towns during the big celebration.

Bronco riding followed the ball game, and then came other amusements and "a Big Time" for all until the shows and dances closed that night.

SIDE LIGHTS ON CELEBRATION

There was lots of meat to go round, and a little left over.

Candidates on the grounds? Oh, my. Hungry? Tell it to us.

There were no accidents. It was a successful day for Slaton and a good day for those who came to Slaton.

Slaton entertained all the prominent public officials and public notables of the South Plains on the Fourth.

"Allee samee like Chicago," said a business man as he elbowed his way through the crowds on the sidewalks Tuesday.

Foreman E. B. Lee let the Santa Fe boys off Monday in time for the ball game, and gave them a whole day's holiday Tuesday.

Every business man we have approached expresses himself as more than pleased with the celebration. It was worth the money.

"My," said a visiting lady, "I ate my dinner at the hotel but I heard so much about this splendid barbecue meat that I just to come and eat same anyway."

The Mexican section hands did not appreciate the big flag raised over the Santa Fe round house Tuesday. They no sabb the stars and stripes until they hear from Carranza and Villa.

There were over one hundred automobiles parked in the principal business blocks all day Tuesday. There were fifty more cars on the move all the time, not counting Slaton cars.

One elderly gentleman from five hundred miles east of Slaton said to the editor: "My boys got in on the train this morning, and I sure am glad of it. I wanted them to see how they pull off a celebration in the West. This is certainly fine and a lot different from the celebrations down our way. The people here are orderly and in all this big crowd you don't see any negroes."

We could not pass the celebration without mentioning the fact that Mr. W. T. Knight deserves much credit for the success of the two days. He had to assist him two dozen or more good active, public spirited citizens of Slaton, but it was Bill who kept the circus on the move and had the success of the event on his mind from start to finish. Mr. Knight was the general manager of the celebration and he has been right on the job for three weeks.

"Slaton certainly acquitted herself with glory in this celebration," said one visitor from a neighboring town as he munched a nice, tender slice of barbecue meat. "Slaton never does anything by halves," said a visitor

from another town, "and you can always depend on Slaton delivering the goods."

The celebration at Slaton was held with very little disturbance of any kind and no unpleasantness. There were no drunken men nor rowdies on the streets. It was a big two days of joy and sane celebration.

The weather could not have been more favorable and the conditions more ideal for a celebration. There was just enough of the delicious Plains breeze to make the weather cool, but the wind was too gentle to raise any dust.

There were a large number of visitors from a long ways in Slaton on the Fourth, visiting friends and relatives in this city and partaking of Slaton's hospitality. One car was noticed from Marfa, Texas, and several from places one hundred miles or more away.

The one day's use of the park on the city square Tuesday to house the big barbecue dinner amply repaid the citizens of Slaton for the trouble and expense of raising the trees. Four years ago a barbecue was held on the same place, but the only trees were the wild mesquite sprouts. This year the splendid little grove sheltered the picnickers nicely, and every tree furnished shade for a group of banqueters. It was a big day all the way around.

"Say, you people have better crops around Slaton than we have in our vicinity," was a remark that at least a dozen visitors from as many different localities in all directions from Slaton said to the Slatonite editor. "You have had more rain than we have, and your crops are both more advanced and looking better." While we wish that the entire South Plains was in just as good shape as is Slaton, yet these remarks help us a lot in sustaining our boast that we have just a little the best part of the universe around our city.

The first horse ridden at the bronco busting had notions of his own about the entertainment he was supposed to furnish. Instead of performing for the delight of the crowd, he took a notion for the pretty girls in the grand stand, and also acquired a taste for the red lemonade at the cold drink booth. There was an exciting few seconds while he scattered the crowd and took charge of the booth, but before he could be introduced to the girls he was roped and ignominiously dragged forth to the open. It was a miracle that no one was hurt in the melee.

The excellent and courteous conduct of the dense crowd at the barbecue table was remarked by more than one visitor from other cities. The tempting plates were piled high on the tables but no one touched them until the invocation had been pronounced and the invitation extended to "help themselves." And then it was a polite selecting of dishes, and there was no resemblance of a scramble. With such a big crowd of people to handle this circumstance was indeed remarkable. It was an exemplification of Western culture and neighborliness. And again, one visitor's comment explains another sentiment prevailing: "Slaton knows how to take care of a crowd and do it right." They knew that Slaton was there to see that everybody had plenty to eat.

Pay your coal bill and make the coal man happy. We want to close our coal books on the winter's business.—Houston Lumber Company.

We Close Our Big Sale the 15th of This Month

These remaining days are your opportunities to make savings. If you could only foresee the advance a great many articles will take you would certainly act now on your purchases, while the time is ripe.

Our Men's Suits are among the greatest bargains we have now. It will pay you to come and see this line.

We give receipts with every purchase—\$20.00 amount of these will entitle you to a cash discount, save them.

DRY GOODS CLOTHING
ROBERTSON'S
BOOTS SHOES
YOUR HEADQUARTERS
Slaton and Southland

C. C. Dana Succeeds J. Brinker as Gen. Freight and Pass. Agent

Northwest Texas and New Mexico will be materially benefited by the recent consolidation of the colonization and industrial departments of the Santa Fe Railway. C. L. Seagraves, for many years in charge of the colonization work, is exceptionally well informed on conditions in this section and is therefore in position as head of the new industrial department to promote development still more effectively.

Fully as important is the announcement that C. C. Dana, for years industrial commissioner, has been appointed general freight and passenger agent at Amarillo to succeed J. Brinker, transferred to Chicago. Mr. Dana has been in the service of the Santa Fe Railway many years and is well qualified to continue the development work in this section, so well begun by Mr. Brinker. Through his work as industrial commissioner Mr. Dana is familiar with the resources of this country and his transfer to this territory is most opportune.

It is further announced that the Santa Fe Railway will concentrate in a new movement for the development of the resources in the territory it serves with a view of attracting settlers and men with capital to invest in industrial enterprises. Due attention will no doubt be given this

section where there still are opportunities of a new country with splendid climatic conditions and virgin soil for the production of bread and meat and a wide new field for many industries.

"The attention of the man who is looking to establish a home in the west, naturally is drawn to the section that shows evidence of prosperity," says Mr. Seagraves. "Every effort will be made to assist in the upbuilding of the territory served by our lines."

42 Bushels of Wheat to the Acre

The largest yield of wheat so far reported this year is that of Mr. Martin who lives ten miles northwest of Ralls near Estacado. He threshed 42 bushels to the acre last week. Owing to the unusually dry spring this yield is considered remarkable, the average over the country being from 15 to 20 bushels.

The key to the success of this crop lies in the fact that he prepared the land the previous year for a row crop and kept it cultivated up to the time he planted the wheat in the fall. The weeds were kept off and a dust mulch kept on top of the soil, thereby catching and retaining all the moisture that fell during the spring and summer.—Ralls Banner.

Suits for the seasons mean summer suits now. We have the line you want.—DeLong, the Tailor.

You've Got to Be Satisfied

Every Sale at Forrest Hardware is a Satisfaction promise. We sell good goods and are not satisfied with the sale unless you are. This applies to our DIAMOND EDGE POCKET KNIVES. A new lot just received. Numbers of people in Slaton know the quality of our knives and won't use anything else. They cut better and stay sharp longer. Be "curious" enough to look them over.

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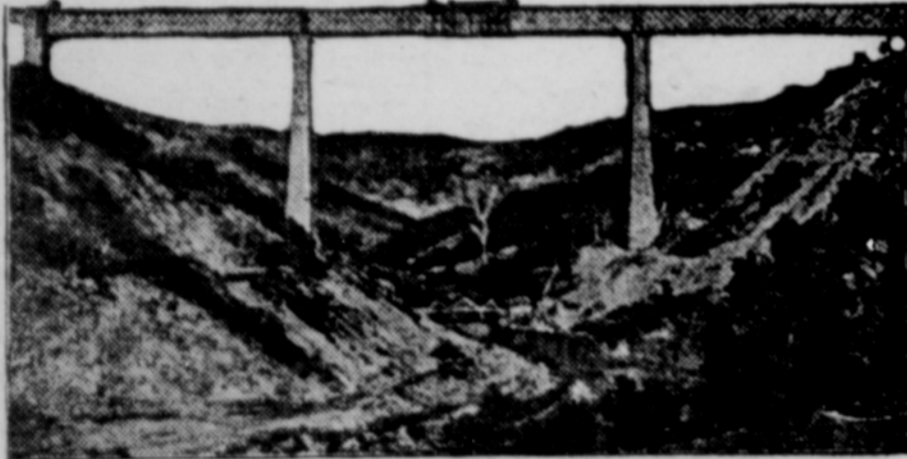
Young men are invited to start their reserve fund by opening a savings account with us. The amount is not important—making the start is. And the establishing of a good banking connection, as well as the money saved, will be well worth while.

The First State Bank

Slaton, Texas

J. S. EDWARDS, President - J. H. BREWER, Cashier

HIGH VIADUCT FOR FRENCH RAILROAD



Fades Viaduct, in Southern France—The Cagelike Frames at the Center Are the Traveling Derricks used in Building the Span.

A railroad bridge remarkable for its height and the length of its spans is the Fades viaduct, built across the River Sioule in southern France. The track is 437 feet above the water, while the masonry piers stand 305 feet above the ground and 245 feet above the foundations. The central span, 47 feet in length, was built out from the piers as two cantilevers to a junction at the center.—Popular Mechanics.

LODGES.

I. O. O. F.

Slaton Lodge No. 861 I. O. O. F. meets every Tuesday at 8.00 p. m. Visiting brothers cordially welcome. J. C. Stewart, N. G. L. P. Loomis, Secy.

A. F. AND A. M.

Slaton Lodge A. F. and A. M. meets every Thursday night on or before each full moon, at 7.30 o'clock. Joe H. Smith, W. M. Joe Kuykendall, Secy.

O. E. S.

Slaton Chapter No. 556 O. E. S. meets the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month, in the Masonic Hall. Mrs. Lula Butler, Worthy Matron; Mrs. Janet B. Lee, Secretary.

WOODMEN.

Slaton Camp No. 2871 W. O. W. meets 1st and 3rd Friday nights in the month at the MacRea Hall. W. E. Olive, C. C. B. C. Morgan, Clerk.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

Slaton Grove Woodmen Circle No. 1320 meets every other Thursday at 2.30 o'clock in the MacRea hall. Visitors cordially welcomed. Mrs. Pearl Conway, Guardian. Mrs. Nellie Wade, Clerk.



The Brotherhood of American Yoemen meets every second and fourth Fridays at 8.00 p. m. at the hall. J. C. Stewart, Correspondent.

CHURCHES.

METHODIST CHURCH.

T. C. Willett, Pastor. Preaching services every Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m., and at 7.30 p. m. Sunday School every Sunday at 9.45 a. m. C. C. Hoffman, Superintendent. N. A. Terrell, Asst. Supt. Womans' Missionary Society meets every Monday at 3 p. m. Union Prayer Meeting every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at the Methodist church. Everyone welcome.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

W. J. Durham, Pastor. Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m. D. J. Hubbard, Supt. Prayer meeting Wednesday nights. Preaching services every first and third Sundays in the month at 11 a. m., and at 7:30 p. m. Ladies Aid Society meets every Monday at 3 p. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

The Church of Christ meets every Lord's Day at 2.30 o'clock for communion. Preaching every Fourth Lord's Day in each month at the Methodist Church at 3 o'clock p. m. by Elder Liff Sanders.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

At the McRea Hall. Sunday School at 10 a. m.

Slatonite want ads get results.

WEEKLY NEWS LETTER FROM THE MORGAN COMMUNITY

Morgan, Lynn County, Texas, June 26.—We have made two or three futile attempts to get some local items to you and failed, but will try again.

Miss Rebecca Graham, who has been visiting Etta Shaw for several days, returned to her home in Post Saturday.

The Norway rats are also playing havoc among the chickens. Had a rat killing at Mr. Ed Milliken's a few days ago and killed seventy-five of them.

Mrs. Beulah Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Milliken, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Shaw, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shaw visited with Mr. and Mrs. Don Hatchett, west of Wilson, Sunday.

Mr. Herbert Kornegay, Miss Etta Shaw, Mr. Bryan Shaw, and Miss Sennie Kornegay took Sunday dinner with Miss Lucy Robison, and all went to Southland to singing in the evening.

Last Thursday the Gordon boys (Lewis and Loyd) moved their big tractor plow from W. A. Lichey's place to the Scott & Hill land south of Slaton, and will break all the sod that is possible until the 15th of July.

Down here we have been having some rain nearly every day, but more wind than water, and the wind has kept most of the chicken houses in the neighborhood turned bottom side up, and the good ladies complain of losing a great many chickens.

The County Line Embroidery Club met last Thursday with Mrs. Beulah Shaw. The afternoon was spent in doing fancy work. Refreshments of ice cream and cake was served. Those present in addition to the hostess were Mesdames Kornegay, Hammous, Fletcher, Cowdry, Anderson, Ward, Massingill, Cecil Shaw, Smith, Robison, Milliken; the Misses Ruth and Fay Carter, Marie Anderson, Cecil Ward, Sennie Kornegay, Lucy Robison, Rebecca Graham; Messrs. Herbert Kornegay, Barney Ward and Bryan Shaw. The young men swiped one freezer of cream and ate it all. Mrs. Anderson says that boys that will swipe ice cream from a lot of old ladies can't come to see her daughter. The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. Sims of Southland.

All feed crops and corn are looking fine, and the prospects are good for another bumper crop. —Marks.

A letter from J. T. Pryor, the popular engineer formerly on the Lamesa train, to the Slatonite a few days ago says to send the paper to him at Waynoka, Okla. Mr. Pryor added: "I am getting along all right and have a pretty good day job, but am in a country that is not as good as that around Slaton. We had a washout here a few days ago, but gee whiz, that was the first time it had rained in three months."

A party of about fifteen young folks drove to the large Santa Fe lake near Justiceburg Sunday for a picnic and to enjoy bathing in the delicious waters. They had a big time, but oh! the sunburns the morning after. The man who invented mentholatum never had more devoted servants at his shrine than these same picnickers.

Judge J. M. Boren of Post City was in Slaton Tuesday in the interests of his candidacy for representative in the state legislature. Judge Boren was accompanied by Messrs. C. D. Morrell and R. E. Edwards and others of Post City who are helping him in his campaign.

Suits for the seasons mean summer suits now. We have the line you want.—DeLong, the Tailor.

W. M. Knight Candidate for Associate Justice of Amarillo Court

The Meridian Tribune; June 16: "The Tribune has noticed that the Hon. Wm. M. Knight of Hereford, Texas, who was for many years a prominent and useful citizen of Bosque County, is a candidate for the judgeship on the Court of Civil Appeals at Amarillo. Mr. Knight while residing in Bosque County, served us as county attorney, special judge several times, member of the State Legislature and as assistant attorney general under Gen. Crane. In addition to these positions he served us as a member of the county board of examiners, member of our city council and otherwise. It is but just to say that in every position occupied by Mr. Knight while he lived here, he faithfully and satisfactorily discharged every duty as an honest and conscientious man. He is a ripe scholar, thoroughly grounded in the law by both study and an active practice of more than thirty years, which, combined with his sobriety, integrity and high sense of honor, most peculiarly fit him for the place he seeks. The Tribune can but hope that the good people of that district will elevate Mr. Knight to this judgeship, and we feel sure none of them will ever regret supporting him."—Political advertisement.

Jesse Blair's Comedians presented the play, "The Call of the Woods," at the Movie Theater Monday night, and every one present was delighted with the entertainment this troupe gives. Jesse Blair's company is a strong one, and their program is strictly high class and deserving of a crowded house every time they return to Slaton.

Mrs. W. E. Melton has returned to her home at Houston, Texas, after a visit in Slaton with her mother, Mrs. M. Ochse, and with her brother, H. A. Ochse.

Notice to the Public:

Our Telephone Service is for our subscribers only.

Non-subscribers using our telephones take the time of the operator and injure the service of our subscribers. If you need telephone service we will be glad to install service for you.

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Special Notice

to Slaton Folks

We wish to announce we are exclusive Slaton agents for the simple mixture of buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Adler-i-ka. This remedy, used successfully for appendicitis, is the most THOROUGH bowel cleanser we ever sold. It is so powerful that ONE SPOONFUL relieves almost ANY CASE of constipation, sour or gassy stomach. Adler-i-ka never gripes, is safe to use and the INSTANT action is surprising. Anderson & Blanton, druggists. D-1

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Our stock of Accessories has been largely increased. Whenever you need any supplies or repairs come and see us.

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What's the temperature?

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That's our idea of SUMMER WEAR

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SECOND MODERN PARENT: "Yes, indeed. They go away to school for thirty-eight weeks; then they go to camp for ten. That leaves FOUR whole weeks when I don't know where to send them."—Life.

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The present employees in the engine, train and yard service on the A. T. & S. F. are to be called upon by their Brotherhood officers for a strike vote. It is hoped that the vote on our territory will be in the negative but it is necessary for the company to be ready.

Applications will therefore be received from experienced men for positions as engineers, conductors, firemen, and brakemen and switchmen, and from inexperienced men for positions as firemen and brakemen. Applications should be made to the undersigned and should give experience, former employer, reasons for leaving service, and present address. These applications will be considered confidential and the applicant, if his application is approved, and his services are required will be notified where and to whom he should report.

F. C. FOX, General Manager A. T. & S. F. Railway Company

Amarillo, Texas

(Paid Advertisement)

CLASSIFIED LOCALS

FOR RENT—House and five acres of land. See DeLong.

FOUR Jersey Cows for sale, cash or good notes. All young cows and now giving milk. See A. C. Benton.

LOST—Two \$10.00 bills in Slaton on the Fourth. Finder please leave at Slatonite office and receive reward.

FOUND—Baby's ring in Slaton on the Fourth. Owner may have same by paying for this notice.—Slatonite.

HORSES FOR SALE—I have four horses for sale. Inquire at our home in Wilson, Texas.—Mrs. Emily Pertsch.

SEVEN-EIGHTHS PERCHERON Bay Stallion to trade for live stock or good automobile. Address box 412, Slaton, Texas.

FOR SALE—A scholarship in the Tyler Commercial College. We can save you money on a business course.—Slatonite office.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mercer of Slaton on Saturday, July 1st.

Ties, collars, shirts, Sox or suits? Look our line over.
DeLong.

W. S. Adams visited his farm in Floyd County last week, returning home in time for the big celebration.

J. C. Bean and family of Marfa, Texas, are visiting Mr. Bean's brother, J. R. Bean, in Slaton for several days.

Make your credit gilt edge by taking care of your obligations. Pay your coal bill today. The winter is over.—Houston Lumber Company.

Two new houses started in South Slaton this week, and contracts will be let in the next few days for three more. Watch Slaton grow.

Just put on display, some bright, snappy samples of Kool Clothes. Come in and measure up for a comfortable summer suit.—DeLong, the Tailor.

Messrs. Floyd and Orb Coffman and the Misses Norris and Allen and Beatrice Terry of Goree, Texas, visited Miss Terry's sister, Mrs. J. H. Brewer, in Slaton the first of the week.

J. E. Nicholson of the Bargain Land Company left Tuesday with his family and effects for New Mexico where he will make his future home. Rev. Nicholson has a bonus in New Mexico and a bunch of cattle in Texas, and makes this move to get the two together.—Tahoka News.

Briggs Robertson, proprietor of Robertson's Dry Goods Store, says that the sales at his store on Monday broke all previous records for the total amount of sales in any one day, and that he is well satisfied with the celebration. Robertson's ad this week announces the closing of their special sale on July 15th.

Shoppell-Hudgens Wedding Reported From Dallas Friday

Word was received in Slaton the first of the week telling of the marriage of Mr. E. Shoppell and Mrs. Thelma Hudgens in Dallas last Friday.

The Slatonite has not received further particulars of the wedding, but we take much pleasure in joining a host of Slaton friends in extending congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Shoppell. Mr. Shoppell has been one of the leading and most highly respected citizens of Slaton from time that the town was first established, and has always been a heavy property owner. He is one of the leading contractors of the South Plains, and he has erected many of Slaton's best business blocks.

Mrs. Shoppell is a charming and accomplished lady, and she is a popular and prominent member of the social and church circles of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Shoppell will return to Slaton in a few days to be at home to their friends.

Monograms Play Three Closely Contested Games at Roswell

The Slaton Monograms wandered into a far country last week, driving over to Roswell, N. M., to play a series of games with the as yet unbeaten 1916 team of the Pecos Valley city. Roswell won the game Thursday by a score of 4 to 2. Vaughn pitched and allowed only 4 hits. He struck out 7. For the Monograms Burrus got 1 hit, Petty 2, and Vaughn 1.

Friday Roswell won again, but it took them 15 innings to do it. Taylor pitched for Slaton and allowed 11 hits. For Slaton Rouse got 3 hits, Diamond 1, DeLong 3, Vaughn 3 and Taylor 3. The Roswell Morning News said of this game:

"Roswell defeated the Slaton, Texas, players yesterday afternoon at Baumer Park in one of the best games ever played on the local diamond, taking 15 innings to decide the winner. This was one of the longest and, no doubt, the best game ever witnessed at Baumer Park. Slaton kept the grand stand guessing all the time, and there was wild cheering when Jennings scored in the 15th on a three base hit and a sacrifice."

The teams played Saturday, and the Roswell champs again pushed out a victory with a one run lead. The score was 2 to 1. Burrus pitched this game.

The Grand Leader closed its penny guessing contest on the Fourth and secured the services of three visitors from Lubbock to act as judges and count the pennies. They found that there were 1127 pennies in the quart jar and they awarded the ten dollar gold piece to Noel Loomis whose guess was 1126. The next nearest guess was 1129. Mr. Olin, proprietor of the Grand Leader, reports a large volume of business on celebration days.

J. M. Daugherty, the land man of Wilson, returned Monday from an extended business trip into the northern states looking up immigration. Mr. Daugherty is figuring on transferring his offices to Slaton so he can handle the immigration business to the Green lands more expeditiously. He is a live wire and the Slatonite would be glad to welcome him to our city.

The Slaton Gun Club fell down on its batting average at the shoot held on the fourth, but the boys had a big time anyway. The score for twenty-five birds was: T. A. Worley 10, W. E. Smart 8, F. M. Vermillion 16, Tom Overby 13, J. D. Butler 13, E. P. Bowen 18, W. E. Olive 14, Berry Atwood 9.

If you are going to build a house, barn, or even a chicken coop, we have just the kind of lumber you need. Figure with us.—A. C. Houston Lumber Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Foster of Denison, Texas, visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom McCollum west of Slaton this week. Mr. Foster is Mrs. McCollum's brother.

We want to figure your bills for lumber and we will be glad to help you with your plans of a building.—A. C. Houston Lumber Company.

J. G. Wadsworth has sold his new residence in South Park. He will build on his lots in South Slaton.

Kool Clothes for hot weather. Select a suit today at DeLong's place.

Wanted—Light Hauling

Trunks, baggage, express light loads of all kinds. Have had several years experience and can please you. The wagon is at your call at any time. Phone 16. G. L. Sledge.

Brotherhoods Discuss Strike Situation

Dallas, July 5th.—Texas railroad men of the four brotherhoods—engineers, firemen, conductors, and trainmen—met here today to discuss the situation between the employees and the railroads.

The Texas chairman will meet the other state chairmen in New York on July 31 when the vote on the proposed strike will be tabulated and announced. A final conference between the men and general managers will be held in New York August 1st.

Cotton is well advanced in the Slaton country. E. P. Nix had a stalk of cotton from his field Monday that was eighteen inches tall, and well developed. A. L. Hoffman says that the cotton on his place is already blooming and that the plants are loaded with squares.

An Open Challenge

To Messrs. E. R. Haynes, J. H. Moore, and P. F. Brown, Candidates for County Judge of Lubbock County:

I hereby challenge the above named gentlemen to a joint debate.

To discuss before the people our claims for their votes for the office of County Judge of Lubbock County, in the City of Slaton on Tuesday, July 18th.

The Commissioners' Court's powers are executive, and absolutely control the county's finances, and the County Judge is the presiding officer of the court.

Locally this is the most important office within the gift of the people, and they (the people) have the right to hear from the aspirants for this high office, that is, high, when the interest and welfare of the county and people are considered financially.

The hour, place and method of debate to be agreed upon by the three named gentlemen and myself.

At this time any citizen can ask each candidate direct and open, any question they wish.

In case my challenge is not accepted, then on the 18th inst. I shall deliver an address at Slaton in the interest of my candidacy, subject, "County Finance and Taxation."

Lubbock, Texas, July 3rd. GEO. L. BEATTY.

Popular Voting Contest
Diamond Ring, Gold Watch, Columbia Phonograph, Piano and Other Valuable Articles Given Away
By Certain Firms in Slaton

Commencing June 12th A number of enterprising business men of Slaton, Texas, have interested themselves in giving away absolutely FREE a beautiful Diamond Ring, Gold Watch, Piano and other handsome gifts.

The Piano is to be given to the organization outside of Slaton receiving the greatest number of votes (no organization in Slaton being allowed to enter contest) and the diamond ring and other articles to the individuals from time to time, receiving the most votes.

The plan is a novel one and at once commends itself to the public, there being no outlay on the part of anyone other than the people who are doing this to stimulate cash trade, and at the same time bestow valuable gifts that will be a permanent advertisement for them. Briefly stated, the plan is this: Each firm that is interested in the contest is provided with voting tickets, and for ten cents worth of goods purchased or work done, issues a ticket entitling the holder to one vote. The tickets can be voted for the church, school or lodge and an individual of the purchaser's preference.

A 10 cent purchase entitles the holder to one vote, 20 cents to two votes, \$1 to ten votes, \$5 to fifty votes and so on. Tickets can only be had from firms who have secured an interest and on cash purchases.

No charge whatever is made for tickets. You vote for the organization and individual of your choice on each ticket. Each week the votes will be counted and the standing of the contestants announced in the Slatonite. A disinterested committee will be selected to count the vote.

At the close of the contest, date to be announced later, the Piano will be awarded to the organization having received the greatest number of votes, and the diamond ring to the individual receiving the greatest number of votes from the beginning to end of the contest.

The following firms will supply tickets free of charge and explain all about the contest:

- ROBERTSON DRY GOODS CO., Everything in Dry Goods.
- SIMMONS GROCERY, Staple and Fancy Groceries.
- A. E. HOWERTON, Furniture and Racket Goods, Columbia Phonographs.
- RED CROSS PHARMACY, Drugs and Jewelry.
- A. L. BRANNON, Hardware and Implements.
- TEAGUE'S CONFECTIONERY, Candies, Cold Drinks, Cigars.
- LEE GREEN & SON, Garage, Gas and Automobile Accessories.
- MORGAN & PETTY, Tanners, Windmills, Piping, Sheet Iron Work.
- MOVIE THEATER, Tickets Given Commencing August 1st.
- GROUNDS CAFE, Something Good to Eat All the Time.
- ALEX DeLONG, Gents' Furnishings, Tailoring, Cleaning, Pressing.
- CAPP'S HOTEL, Slaton's Leading Hotel.
- THE SLATON SLATONITE, Subscriptions, Printing.
- FIRST STATE BANK Solicits and Appreciates Your Patronage. No Votes Given.

REMEMBER That you can get tickets only at places above mentioned, that all tickets voted will be kept until close of contest and will be subject to investigation at any time, insuring an honest and fair contest. No lady connected with any firm in contest will be permitted to enter the contest as a candidate, and no salesman is permitted to solicit votes from customers. Piano goes to some organization in the country. Any person married or single is eligible to enter contest. Only two gifts can be won by any one person—a special gift and diamond ring. Soliciting votes inside stores prohibited.

SPECIAL GIFTS During the life of this contest some special gift will be given every thirty days. The first gift will be a handsome gold and pearl handle umbrella for person getting the most votes by July 20th, 6 p. m. The next gift will be announced at that time in the Slatonite. Subscribe for the Slatonite and keep posted, as full particulars will be published in this paper each week by the contest management. Keep in mind that you can enter the race at any time and have an equal chance to get one of the special prizes with those already in the race as votes counted on one special prize do not count on next special gift. All votes count for diamond ring. Persons securing special gifts are not dropped from list of contestants, but continue in race for the diamond ring.

Diamond Ring, Watch, Umbrella, and Voting Box at Red Cross Pharmacy. Phonograph at Howerton's Furniture Store. Cut Glass set at Brannon's Hardware Store. Piano soon to be on exhibition.

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SLATON SLATONITE

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Entered as second class mail matter at the post office at Slaton, Texas, on Sept. 15, 1911, under the act of March 3, 1879.

A half of an inch of rain fell at Slaton Wednesday afternoon.

The Seminole Sentinel says that the bonus for the Midland road is all subscribed by Seminole and that grading on the roadbed has begun.

A two-story addition of forty feet to the west end of the passenger depot at Clovis, N. M., is to be constructed by the Santa Fe, says the Clovis News. The Nelson boys have the contract.

In the midst of columns of news there is almost a dearth of news this week. Everyone is resting up from the two days of celebration, and there is consequently nothing much besides picnic news this week.

J. S. Lanham has figured it out that if he had had an acre of Irish potatoes where he only had a few rows across his truck patch this season, he would have realized \$150 from the acre. And yet some people have the audacity to tell us that Irish potatoes can't be raised successfully on the South Plains.

Automobile Accident at Post on July 4th Results in One Death

A very distressing automobile accident at Post on the Fourth caused the death of Mrs. Wells, the wife of Coleman Wells, assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Tahoka.

The automobile ran into the passenger train and was wrecked. There were seven people in the automobile, and Mr. Wells and one of his children were quite seriously but not fatally injured. The car was on its way to the picnic at Two Draw Lake, one mile northeast of Post, and approached the crossing to the railroad just as passenger train 922 from Slaton was nearing the depot. The driver of the Wells car seemingly lost control of it, and ran into the train, hitting it one or two cars back of the engine. The auto was turned over and wrecked. Mrs. Wells was killed instantly by being struck by a coach of the train.

There were a large number of people saw the accident, and there were several cars waiting at the crossing for the train to pass so they could go on to Two Draw Lake.

CHECK ON ROTTING POTATOES

Thousands of Bushels of Tubers May Be Saved by Application of Slaked or Hydrated Lime.

From many places comes complaint of potato rotting. It seems not generally understood that by the proper application of slaked, or, hydrated lime, this rotting can be checked and thereby thousands of bushels saved. It is, however, generally understood that potatoes should never be stored in a place too damp to allow what earth adheres to them to dry and rub off.

Having them first well dried and all rotten ones thrown out and those besmeared carefully wiped dry, they may be put into bushel baskets, a handful or about a pint of lime poured upon them, the basket shaken until the lime has penetrated every crevice of its contents. They may now be placed on small piles to remain there until the final sorting. Ordinarily at this final sorting it will be found that some have taken a dry rot which does those lying against them no harm. The drying up is due to the action of the lime.

The writer has for many years used lime in some way or another and always with good results. The question will no doubt be asked, "What amount of lime can be used without injury to the potatoes?" The writer's answer is, "I don't know, that depends upon how wet the potatoes are."

The Hon. Geo. W. Riddle of Dallas has withdrawn from the senatorial race and has endorsed the candidacy of Dr. S. P. Brooks of Waco. This leaves two pros and three antis in the field, with Brooks in the lead to take first place on the ticket in the first primary.

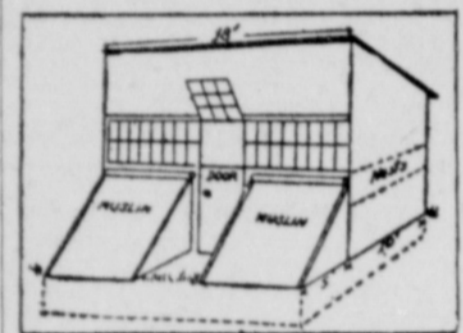
Says Santa Fe Will Give Free Insurance to Men

Beginning this month, the Santa Fe railroad has arranged to furnish free life insurance to its employees. The amount of insurance is determined by the salary and term of service in each case, with a minimum of \$250 and a maximum of \$3,000. The new feature will be continued for a period of two years, and President Ripley expresses a hope that conditions will enable the road to continue it.

SCRATCHERS IN A BASEMENT

Plenty of Sunlight Afforded Fowls While Hunting Through Litter—Muslin Used for Cover.

I have a basement three and one-half feet deep in my poultryhouse where the birds get plenty of sunlight while scratching. We keep about eight inches of straw in this basement. The house is 10 by 18 feet in size, but the basement extends five feet in front. A frame was built over the openings in front on either side of the door and these



Basement for Scratchers.

were covered with muslin. At the top a strip of oilcloth on a roller is provided for each side, to be unrolled in case of storm or rain, writes A. A. Neufeld of Inman, Kan., in Farmers' Mail and Breeze. The north side of the house is four feet high and the south side seven feet high. In the morning we scatter wheat in the straw, at noon the hens have corn, bran and mash with a little salt and red pepper, and at night whole corn. They have all the grit, green stuff and oyster shells they want to eat and rabbit twice a week.

Announcements POLITICAL

Price for carrying political announcements in the SLATONITE. District Offices \$15.00 County Offices \$10.00 Precinct Offices \$5.00

The following named candidates have authorized the SLATONITE to announce their campaign for office before the Democratic primaries held July 22, 1916. They solicit your support to their candidacy and will appreciate your vote at the polls.

For District Judge of 72nd Judicial District:

W. R. SPENCER RE-ELECTION.

JAS. M. ROBINSON

For Representative of the 122 Legislative District:

J. M. BOREN of Post City

For County Treasurer of Lubbock and Attached Counties:

CHRIS HARWELL RE-ELECTION.

W. R. BUCHANAN

For County and District Clerk of Lubbock and Attached Counties:

SAM T. DAVIS RE-ELECTION.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector of Lubbock and Attached Counties:

W. H. FLYNN RE-ELECTION.

VAN SANDERS

For Tax Assessor of Lubbock and Attached Counties:

R. C. BURNS RE-ELECTION.

For County Judge of Lubbock and Attached Counties:

E. R. HAYNES RE-ELECTION.

J. H. MOORE

GEO. L. BEATTY

P. F. BROWN

For County Commissioner Precinct No. 2 of Lubbock County:

JAS. L. BENTON

Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Relating to Levying Tax for School Purposes

H. J. R. No. 30.] HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing the levy and collection of an ad valorem county tax not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property for the maintenance of the public schools of the county, and authorizing the levy and collection of an ad valorem district tax not to exceed one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation of property for the maintenance of the public schools of the district.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended to hereafter read as follows:

SECTION 3. School Taxes.—One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes, and a poll tax of \$1.00 on every male inhabitant of this State between the ages of 21 and 60 years shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools, and in addition thereto there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount, not to exceed 20 cents on the \$100.00 valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources will be sufficient to maintain and support the public free schools of this state for a period of not less than six months in each year. The Legislature may authorize the levy and collection of an annual ad valorem county tax within the counties of this State not to exceed 50 cents on the \$100.00 valuation of property situated within the county; provided, a majority of the qualified property taxing voters of the county voting at an election to be held for that purpose shall vote such tax, for the purpose of maintaining the public free schools of the county, and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law, without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation, and all such school districts, whether created by general or special law, may embrace parts of two or more counties, and the Legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such district, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts heretofore formed, or hereafter formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein; provided, that a majority of the qualified property taxing voters of the district, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax not to exceed in any one year one dollar on the \$100.00 valuation of the property subject to taxation in such districts, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns, constituting separate and independent school districts.

SEC. 2. The Governor of this State is hereby instructed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Texas at the next general election to be held in November, 1916, at which election all voters favoring this amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to the levy of ad valorem school taxes not to exceed fifty cents on the \$100.00 valuation in the county and not to exceed one dollar on the \$100.00 valuation in the district, for the purpose of maintaining the public schools of the county or of the district." And those opposed to this amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to the levy of ad valorem school taxes, not to exceed fifty cents on the \$100.00 valuation in the county, and not to exceed one dollar on the \$100.00 valuation in the district, for the purpose of maintaining the public schools of the county or of the district."

SEC. 3. The sum of \$5,000.00, or as much thereof as may be necessary therefor, is hereby appropriated to pay the expenses of carrying out the provisions of this resolution.

[NOTE.—H. J. R. No. 30 was adopted by the House March 6, year 104, says 12. Was adopted by the Senate, with amendments, March 19, year 25, says 2. House concurred in Senate amendments March 19, year 78, says 19, present and not voting 1.]

Approved April 1, 1915.

(A true copy.)

JOHN G. MCKAY, Secretary of State.

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In GROCERIES will be found at the Sanitary Store. A trial will convince you of the superior service we render to our customers.

Telephone 19

and note the promptness with which your order is delivered, and the quality of goods you will receive.

Slaton Sanitary Grocery

W. E. SMART, Proprietor

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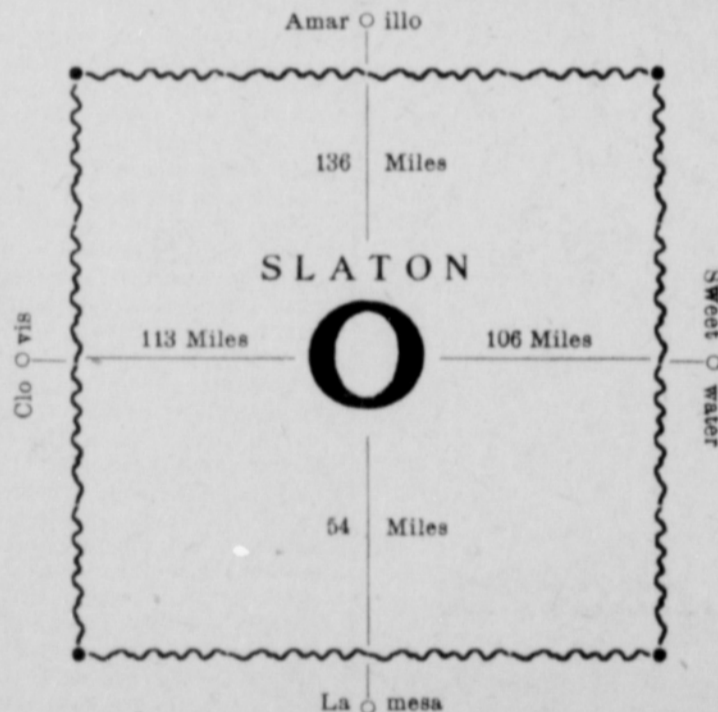


comes a keener appreciation of the superiority of our soda. The real fruity flavor, the icy coldness, the bubbling life of the water itself combine to make a beverage which when once tasted lingers pleasantly in the memory. Don't miss having a glass TO-DAY.

RED CROSS PHARMACY

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4-Way Division Santa Fe System



SLATON LOCATION

SLATON is in the southeast corner of Lubbock County, in the center of the South Plains of central west Texas. Is on the new main Trans-Continental Line of the Santa Fe. Connects with North Texas Lines of that system at Canyon, Texas; with South Texas lines of the Santa Fe at Coleman, Texas; and with New Mexico and Pacific lines of the same system at Texico, N. M. SLATON is the junction of the Lamesa road, Santa Fe System.

Advantages and Improvements

The Railway Company has Division Terminal Facilities at this point, constructed mostly of reinforced concrete material and including a Round House, a Power House, Machine and Blacksmith Shops, Coal Chute, a Sand House, Water Plant, Ice House, etc. Also have a Fred Harvey Eating House, and a Reading Room for Santa Fe employees. Have extensive yard tracks for handling a heavy trans-continental business, both freight and passenger, between the Gulf and Atlantic Coast and the Pacific Coast territories, and on branch lines to Tahoka, Lamesa and other towns.

BUSINESS SECTION AND RESIDENCES BUILT

3000 feet of business streets are graded and macadamized and several residence streets are graded; there are 26 business buildings of brick and reinforced concrete, with others to follow; 200 residences under construction and completed.

SURROUNDED BY A FINE, PRODUCTIVE LAND

A fine agricultural country surrounds the town, with soil dark chocolate color, sandy loam, producing Kaffir Corn, Milo Maize, Cotton, Wheat, Oats, Indian Corn, garden crops and fruit. An inexhaustible supply of pure free stone water from wells 40 to 90 feet deep.

P. and N. T. Railway Company, Owners

THE COMPANY OFFERS for sale a limited number of business lots remaining at original low list prices and residence lots at exceedingly low prices. For further information address either

J. C. Stewart

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DEADLY, BRUTAL RAIDS ENLIVEN TRENCH WARFARE

Monotony of Existence Broken by
Preparing for Assaults or
Against Them.

RIFLE IS OF LITTLE USE

Sandbag or an Indian Battle-ax or Spiked Club the Better Weapon—Inventions Fight Snipers and Trickery—Many Saved by Steel Corsets.

By FREDERICK PALMER.
British Headquarters, France.—In today's modern machine warfare, where every man was supposed to have become a pawn without initiative of his own, has been developing the deadliest form of sport imagination can conceive, where every combatant places his cunning, his strength and his skill in hand-to-hand fighting against those of his adversary.

Hardly a day passes that there is not a trench raid. No subject is more tabooed in its details by the censor. Commanders do not want to let the enemy know why their raids succeed or fail, or why the enemy's succeed or fail. Invention fights invention; secrecy fights secrecy.

All the elements of boxing, wrestling, fencing and mob tactics plus the stealth of the Indian who crept up on a camp on the plains, and the teamwork of a professional baseball nine, are found of value.

The weapon least needed is the rifle. A sandbag or an Indian battle-ax or spiked club is better. A good slugger without any weapon at all may take an adversary's loaded rifle away from him and knock him down and then kick him to death.

The monotony of trench existence these days is broken by preparing for raids against them. Battalion commanders work out schemes of strategy which would have won them fame in smaller wars. Fifty men or a thousand may be engaged in a raid. It may be on a front of fifty yards or a thousand.

Its object is to take as many prisoners and kill and wound as many of the enemy as you can in a few minutes; and then to get back to your own trench. If you try to hold on to the piece of trench you have taken, the guns are turned on you, the bombers close up on either side, and machine guns and rifles are prepared to sweep the zone of retirement.

An uncanny curiosity gives the soldiers their incentive for the raids. Ordinarily they never see their enemy hidden in his burrows across No Man's Land from their own burrows. Unseen bullets from unseen snipers crack overhead. Unseen guns suddenly concentrate in a deluge of shells.

Grim Monotony Continues.
For months this sort of thing goes on, and the trenches of the adversaries remain always in the same place; grim monotony of casualties and watching continues.

This arouses the desire to "get at" the enemy which the trench raid satisfies. It means that you are going to spring over your parapet and rush across No Man's Land into the very houses of the enemy, and man-to-man on his doorstep prove whether you are a better man than he is.

To go over the parapet ordinarily means death. In order to make any rush there must be "interference," as they say in football, and the barb wire in front of the enemy's trench must be cut. This is usually done by the guns, which become more and more deadly in their ability to turn accurate sprays of destruction on given points. They cover the rush and they cover the return of the raiders with their prisoners.

But the guns are not all; there are all kinds of organized trickery in order to enable a body of soldiers to get into the enemy's trenches for a few minutes of activity, when the invaded throw themselves on their invaders at such close quarters that it is a question if even a revolver is now a practical weapon.

You cannot throw it over a traverse and you can a bomb. Running into a German around the corner of a traverse, a blow may be better than a shot.

There have been trench raids where every man who went out was responsible for a casualty or a prisoner, while the raiders' own loss was not one in ten to the enemy's. There are also failures.

Success requires that every detail should work out right. The British inaugurated trench raiding, which the Germans promptly adapted. Where its development will end no one dares venture to say. One advantage of any raid is that those who return are bound to bring back some information of value to the intelligence corps.

Steel Corsets Save Lives.
"Score one for breastplates," said an officer who had been doubled over by a shell fragment which hit him in the abdomen. Instead of a flow of blood crimsoning his blouse, all that was visible through the rent in the cloth was an abrasion on a steel surface.

But for your new corset your aorta would have been opened, and you

would have been dead by now," the surgeon told him.

Early in the war an officer who wore protection of this kind would have been frowned on by his fellows as unsoldierly. A type of corselet of small plates of highly tempered steel joined together by steel wires is being more and more worn by officers.

Its structure adapts itself to the movements of the body, it weighs only a few pounds, and, fitting snugly as a vest, it is not cumbersome. If the son of Lord Shaftnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific, who was killed recently, had been wearing one, his life would have been saved. Since then Canadian commanders have strongly urged all their officers to buy corselets. This is at any rate better than no protection against bullets, unless they are spent. Such is their power of penetration that they go through the thin steel, "mushrooming" and making a larger wound than if nothing had been in their way. But in the trenches, unless one shows his head above the parapet and in moving about in the shell zone in the rear of the trenches, one is rarely exposed to bullets. When an officer goes into a charge in face of machine gun and rifle fire he takes off his corselet.

On average days in the trenches the main danger is from shrapnel bullets and fragments from shell explosions, which may inflict ugly and fatal wounds preventable by comparatively thin protection to such a vulnerable substance as human flesh. Together a corselet and steel helmet pretty well shield vital parts from missiles of low velocity.

The use of the corselet is practically limited to officers, who pay for them out of their own pockets. The expense and labor of supplying all ranks of a great army with them would seem out of the question.

But gradually all the British soldiers are being supplied with the steel helmet after their successful use by the French, who first introduced them. The French pattern is quite graceful beside the British, which is round and somewhat the shape of a toadstool. The British is heavier

than the French, and there is method in its soup-plate grotesqueness. Thanks to its form, a bullet which strikes it in front, instead of going through the head, as is the case with the French helmet, glances and follows the inside of the helmet, passing out at the rear.

Curate Gets Victoria Cross.
The Victoria cross is rarely given even in this war of countless deeds of bravery. The Rev. Noel Mellish, a London curate, is the first chaplain in the British army to receive the cross since the second Afghan war of 1879.

On the occasion of the presentation the units of the famous fighting army were drawn up in division, forming a hollow square on the spring green of an open field. In the center stood Mr. Mellish with another officer, who received the distinguished service order. In the front lines stood other officers who were to receive lesser decorations.

Before pinning the ribbon on Mellish's breast the general read a brief account of the deed of gallantry that won him the honor. When the clergyman came forward those witnessing the ceremony were agreeably impressed with an extremely slender and boyish figure scarcely looking his thirty years, and indeed, looking more a gentle and reserved man of peace than a fighting parson.

The general told how again and again, fighting at St. Eloi under a murderous fire, Mellish had risked his life to attend the wounded and bring them to places of safety. Then there was a call of three cheers from the troops and these were given with a mighty roar.

As already told in dispatches, Second Lieut. Arnold Whitridge, Yale 1914, son of F. W. Whitridge of New York, was among those receiving the military cross for gallantry in continuing to direct the fire of his battery in the face of some of the hottest fighting recently experienced, and with the enemy trenches but a few hundred yards away.

Whitridge is one of a group of young American college men who joined the British artillery early in the war.

the day and night he would not have destroyed as much money as Mr. McKenna is adding every fortnight to the national debt."

Selling Their Estates.

Mr. Hirst's view is fully borne out by the men who are in close touch with the landed gentry. A member of a famous firm of estate agents through whose hands most of the sales of property of this description pass told me that hardly a week goes by that he is not called on to arrange the sale of some large country estate and that the smaller estates are being placed in his hands for disposal by the score.

"The country gentlemen of England," he said, "simply cannot live under the new conditions. Most of them are dependent absolutely on their rents for their income. A man has a couple of thousand acres which have been in his family for centuries. He lets the land out to farmers, many of whom have been on the land as long as himself. The rents were fixed years ago when agriculture was depressed and, although times are good for the farmers now, it is too soon to raise rents.

"No one knows whether the present high prices for agricultural products will last, and at any rate the farmers have a good many bad years to make up. The squire simply cannot raise the rents and he cannot live on his income in the old style. The taxes now take more than a quarter of it, and the death duties, if the property should happen to change hands two or three times in quick succession, as may well happen and has happened recently in many cases in these days of war, eat up the capital. What is the man to do but try to get rid of the property, which instead of a source of income has become a burden to him?"

"So far there has not been much difficulty in finding purchasers, for there are many people in this country who have made money out of the war, and the Englishman who makes a fortune is always in a hurry to acquire a country seat. There have been a good many American inquiries, too, and some purchases by Americans, but not so many as one would have expected.

BULLETS YEARS IN BRAIN

One Was Above Evans' Right Eye and One Was Behind His Right Ear.

Sacramento, Cal.—Carrying in his brain two bullets that were fired at him by a posse in 1893, when he and George Sontag, train robbers, terrorized the people of Fresno and Tulare counties, Chris Evans, who has been on parole from Folsom prison since May, 1911, walked into the county hospital here recently and asked that the doctors remove the lead and relieve him of pain.

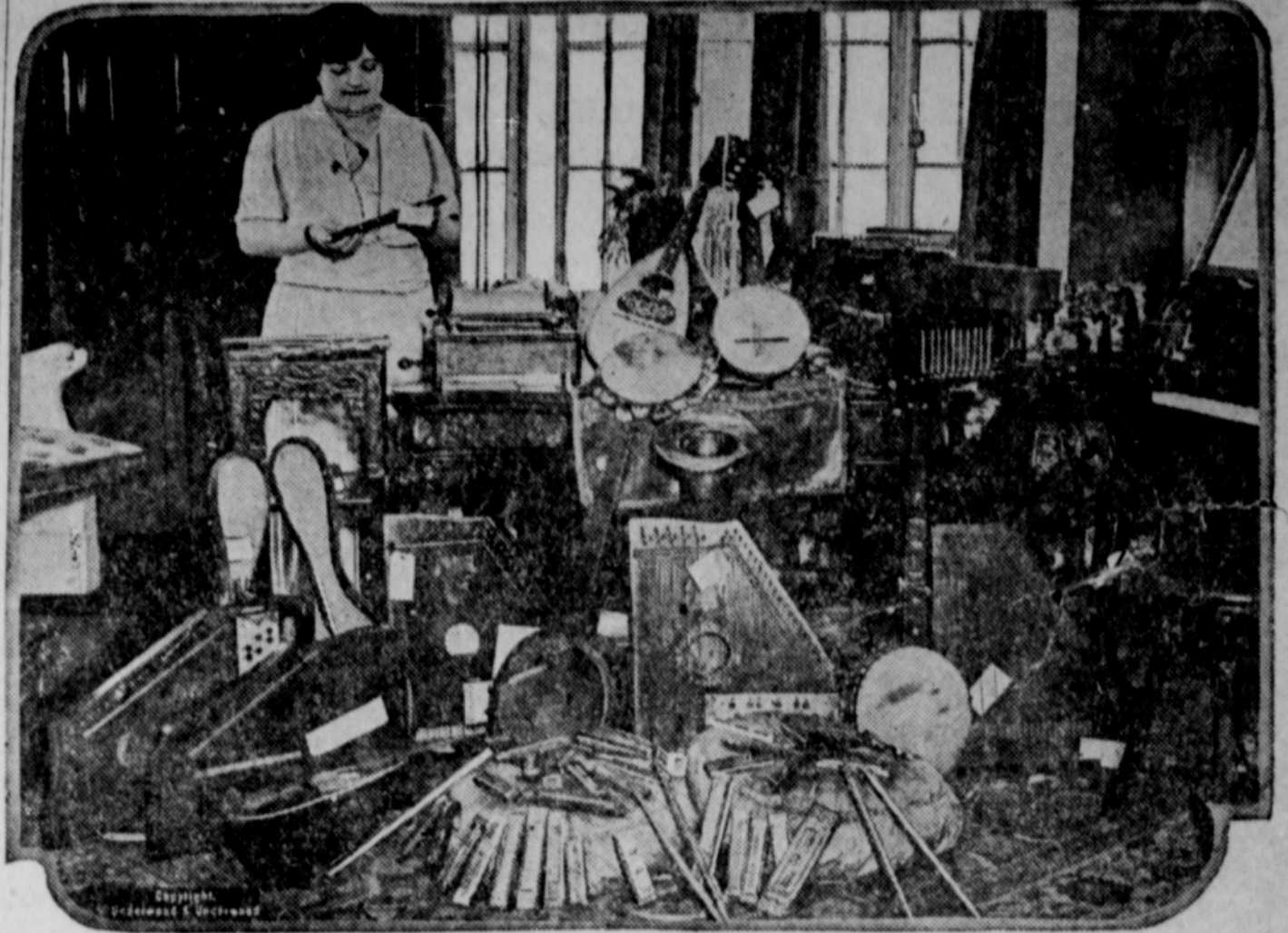
Accordingly, Evans, who is now seventy years old, was operated on by Dr. W. J. Harris, superintendent of the hospital. The bullets were causing his right side to become paralyzed. One bullet was in the brain above the right eye, and the other behind the right ear.

Evans, on obtaining his freedom from prison, worked for a time as a city watchman at Portland, Ore.

Followed Mother's Example.

Pittsburgh.—Miss Harriet Gertrude Blum, aged sixteen years and leading soprano in the Calvary Methodist church, and Hearne Neely, organist in the same church, eloped to Cumberland, Md., and were married. The mother quickly forgave the daughter, declaring that she did the same thing when she was sixteen years of age.

MUSIC FOR THE SOLDIERS IN THE TRENCHES



Mrs. Clara Navello Davies is calling for all musical instruments, from a tin whistle to a violin, so that she may send them to the soldiers who are fighting in the trenches. She says music in rest periods relieves tension. The men now fill this want by banging away on tin pans and playing mouth organs. Mrs. Davies is the chairman of the soldiers' musical instrument collection committee in America, with offices at 519 West End avenue, New York.

TEXAS GUARDSMEN WHO DID NOT REFUSE TO SERVE



Though many members of the Texas National Guard refused to serve when they were called out for border patrol duty, the great bulk of the guardsmen responded to the call. Some of them are here shown in camp near the border during the "mess" hour.

MRS. SHEPARD AND HER SON



Mrs. Finley J. Shepard, formerly Helen Gould, and her adopted son, Finley J., Jr., attended the annual garden party of the Army Relief society at Governor's Island. Finley, Jr., had an enjoyable time putting around the guns, watching the dress parade and other military maneuvers.

Sunday School 100 Years Old.
The First Baptist Sunday school of Bristol, R. I., organized May 5, 1816, celebrated its one hundredth anniversary recently. Deacon George V. Arnold, who was superintendent of the school when the fiftieth anniversary was celebrated, spoke.—Boston Globe

Distraction.
"My dentist tells me funny stories, but sometimes I fail to see the point." "Maybe there isn't any point." "Oh, yes there is, but at those particular times my thoughts are centered on the point of his drill."—Birmingham Age-Herald

GERMAN WOMEN BUILDING SUBWAYS



The fact that the menfolk of the German capital are on the various battle fronts does not in any way hold up the civic improvements of Berlin. The construction of the Berlin subways is being carried on mainly by women. They are doing nearly all the work that was formerly done by men and are doing it well.

AMERICANS AND CARRANZISTAS MINGLE



American soldiers gathered in front of the locomotive of a train carrying Carranzistas, temporarily stalled near the San Antonio base camp of the American troops in Mexico. The United States troops at the camp take this opportunity to become more familiar with ways and means of Mexican life, and the Carranzistas show no hesitancy in mixing freely with their whiter brethren from across the border.