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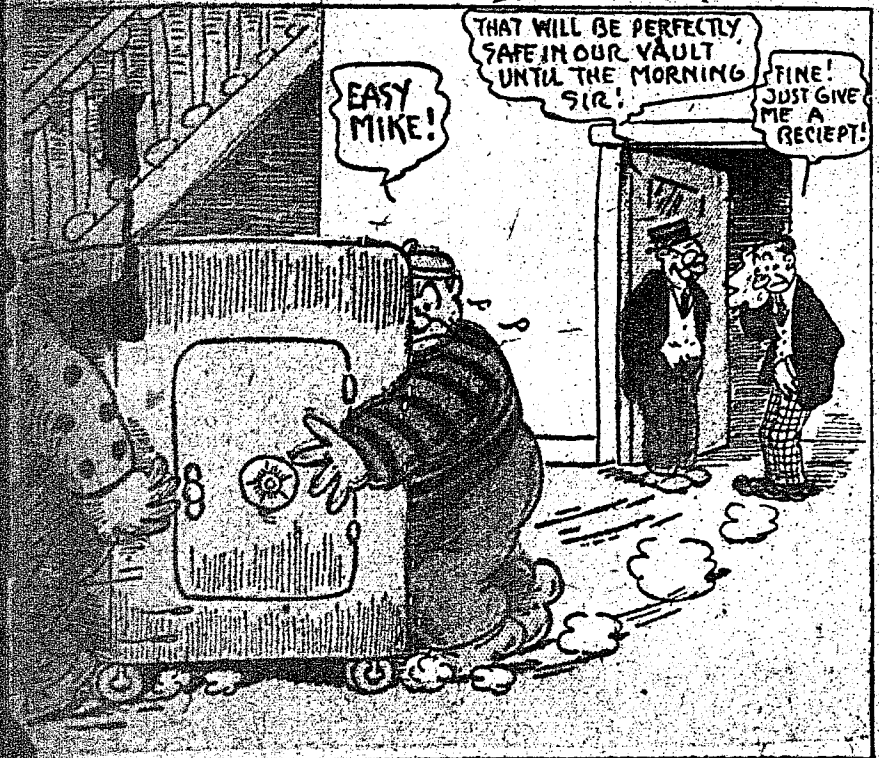
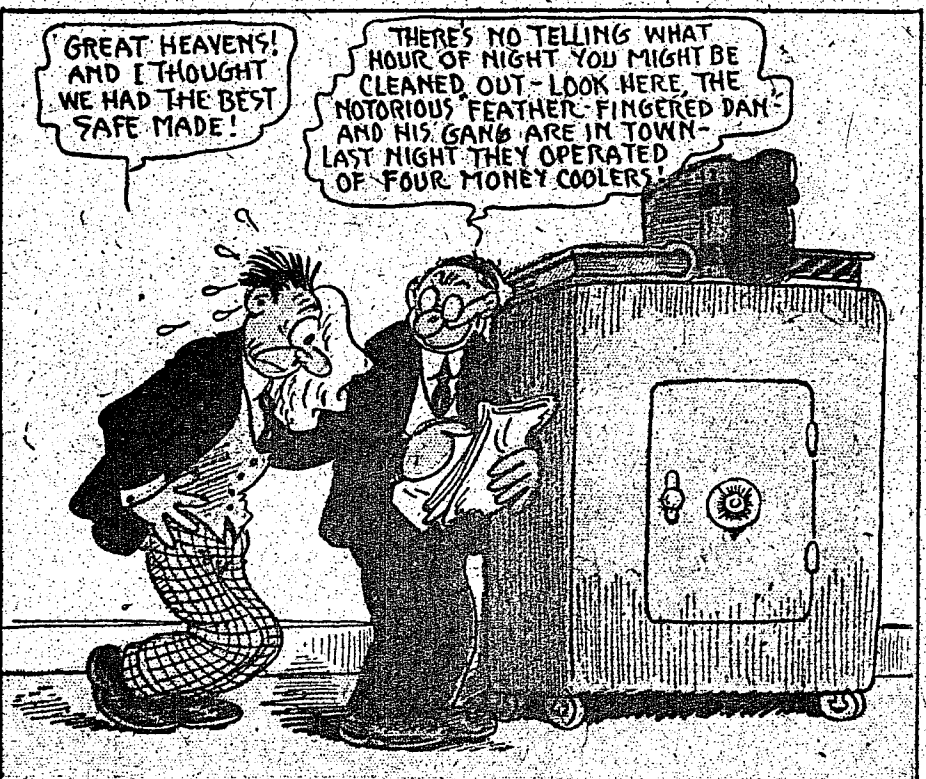
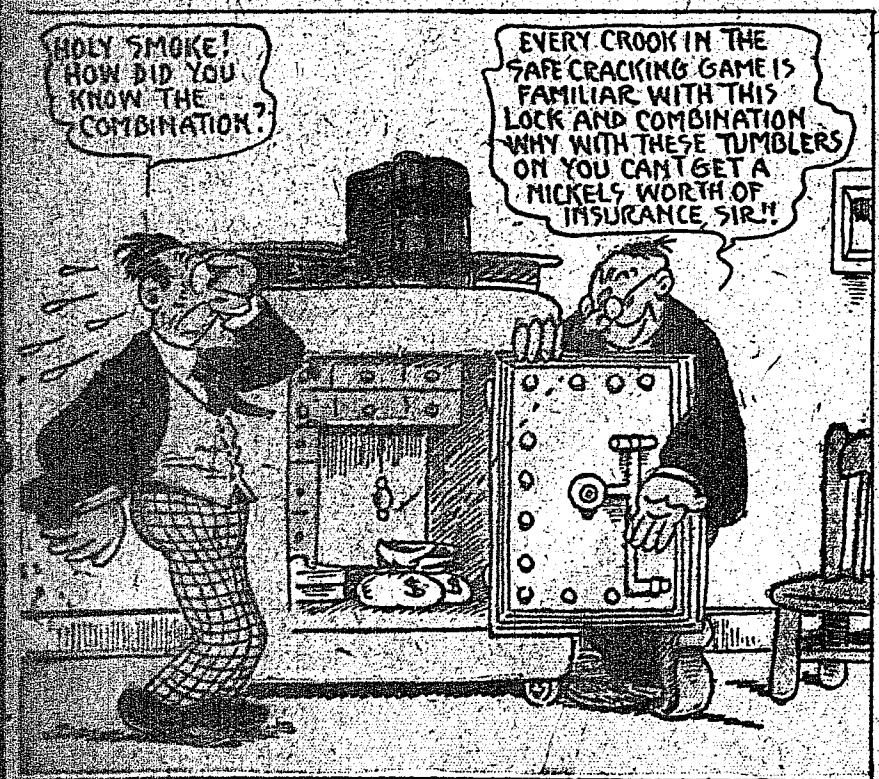
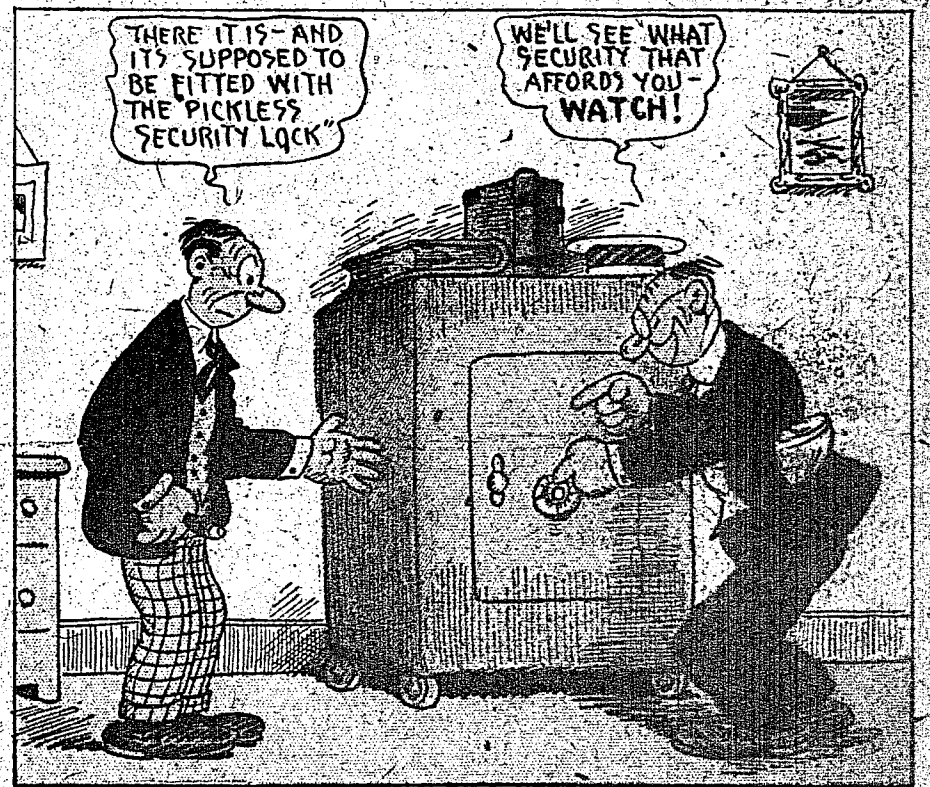
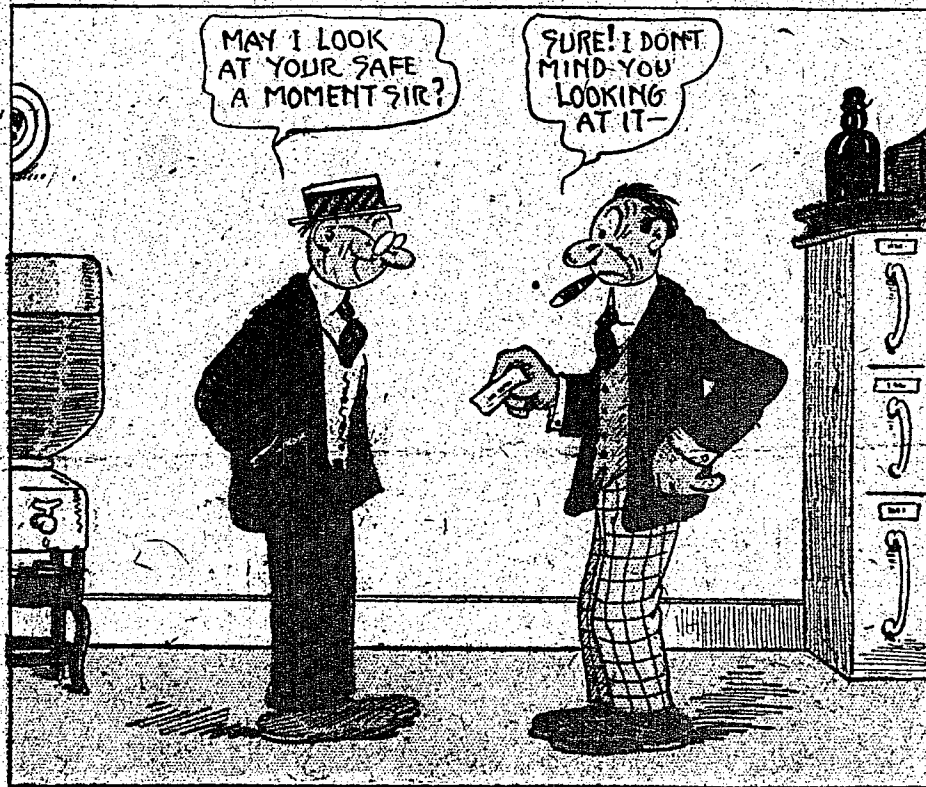
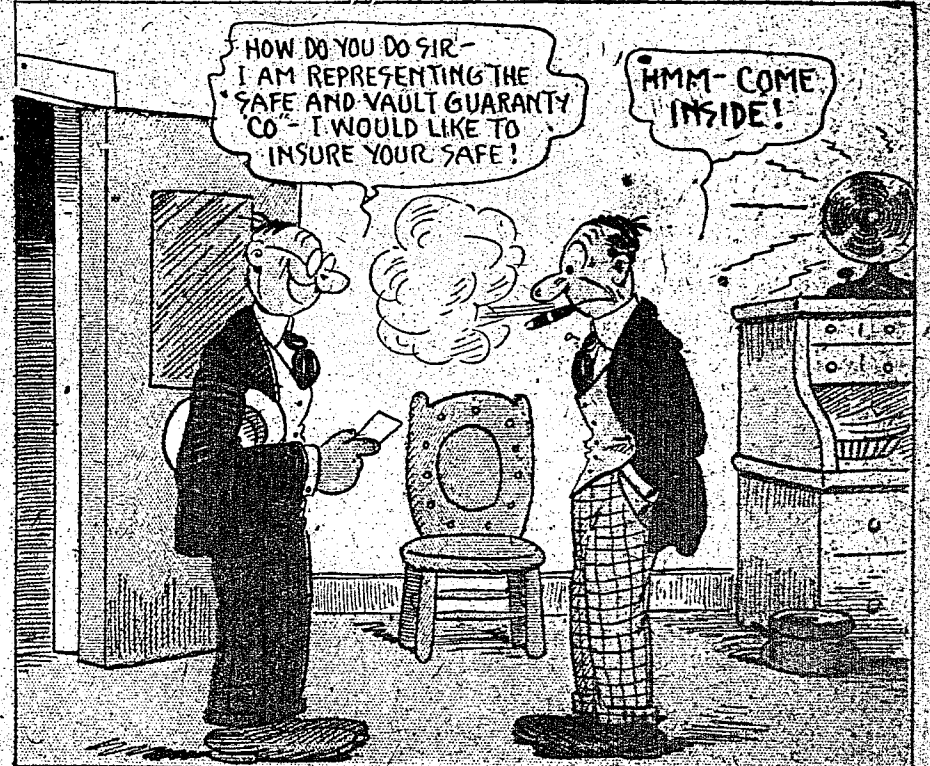
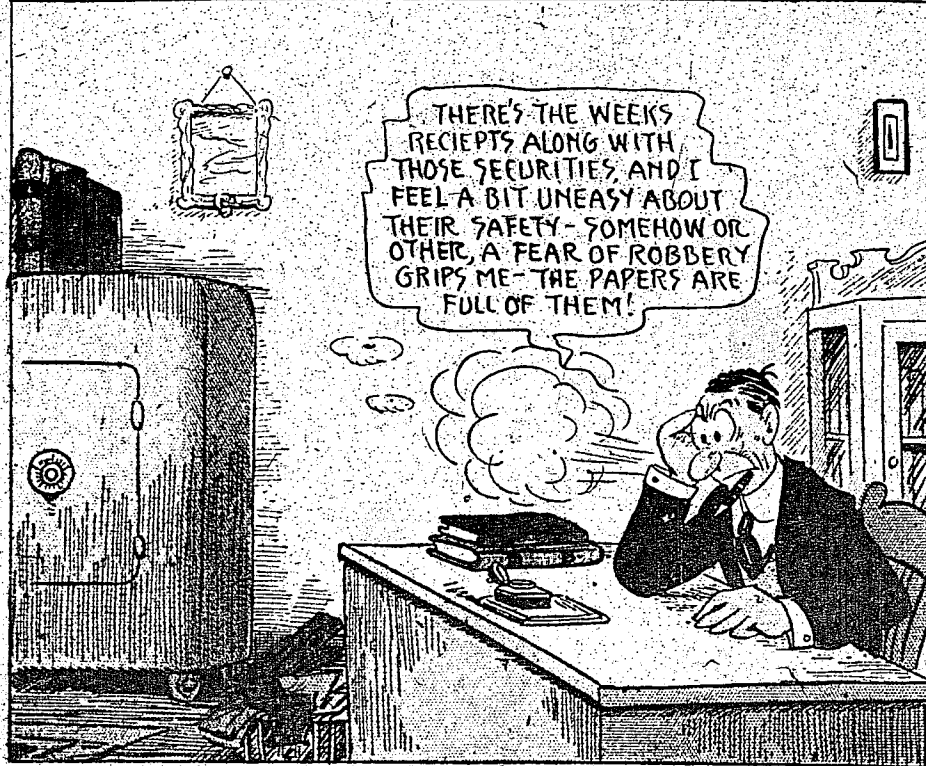
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"HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST"

SEEZEM and SQUEEZEM

By OSCAR HITT

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The "Sooner" Rush for Oklahoma Lands

By MAUDE K. WYATT

PART from the romance of the Indian days and the "cowboy," Oklahoma went into history as the theatre of the most exciting "Sooner" rush for new lands ever staged in the United States when, 36 years ago, the Federal Government, after taking large areas from the Indians by treaty, threw them open for settlement, and thousands camped on the boundary line for weeks, rushing across the border when the moment came for admission. President Benjamin Harrison issued a proclamation announcing that the land would be open for homestead settlement at 12 o'clock noon, April 22, 1889.

With the opening of Oklahoma to settlers a new word for the English language was coined—the word "Sooner"—and its slangy significance is still in vogue throughout the State.

Congress prescribed that no individual should endeavor to enter a country as homesteader until the land was thrown open to settlers, under penalty of forfeiting all rights to homesteads. Headless of these regulations, a body of eager land claimants, who for years had schemed and hoped for possession in this promised land, and anticipating a rush that they knew must eventually come, selected claims and established locations long before the opening day. Though illegal claimants, they made every sort of evasion of the prescribed rulings, even resorting to armed resistance against the soldier guards.

The term "Sooner" was therefore applied to this class of settlers. For many years "Sooner" was a term of reproach. However, the cause of the "sooner" was one of sympathy rather than censure. As a class, they would appear as the vanguards of Oklahomans. They had planned their homes in this country long before the mass of settlers even considered locating there. Many of them had been established in uninterrupted occupation for more than a year. They felt themselves as well justified in living in a "forbidden land" as the cattlemen whose herds grazed the lands all about them.

"Sooners" and Newcomers Clash.

In a way the "Sooner" regarded the incoming hordes of settlers with hostility. They resented the entrance of newcomers, who would have equal chances with them in the new country—who might outrace them at the opening and secure the very homestead around which they had planned their stakes, built fences and dug-out homes, and even cultivated fields.

The Oklahoma country was filled with these pioneers—rugged homesteaders—long before the day of opening. Soldier guards, patrolling the borders of the country, were powerless to prevent the entrance of individuals, or small parties, within the lines. The most they could do was to raid the vicinities where these people had made locations. Consequently, when the memorable rush of April 22 began, all those who took part in the run were not lined

up on the border when the signal gun was fired, nor was the race to the swift, as is generally believed.

One "Sooner," who took part in the rush, has said, in relating the incidents thereto, that the night before the opening day it was impossible to move along the gulches and among the bushes about the favored locations without running into other "Sooners."

Soldiers, arriving early in March, undertook the removal of all these early settlers before the opening time arrived, with the result that many illegal tenants who resisted them, met death. Others, who were less resistant, were rounded up by the United States troops and driven before them; men, women and children, with teams, on horseback and afoot, were driven across the Kansas border line. Their dug-outs and tents were torn down, their houses burned, and claim foundations and marks torn up and obliterated.

Guarding the Railroads.

Several days prior to the opening, it was currently reported that an attempt would be made by the "Sooners" to burn all the bridges on the Santa Fe railroad on the day previous to the opening, so that no trains would be able to get in on the day of the rush. A guard of the militia was placed at the bridges to protect the railroads and prevent trespassing.

Simultaneously with the opening proclamation, it was reported that the Oklahoma Townsite and Improvement Company had been formed in Topeka, Kansas, by resident capitalists, which was another important phase of the opening days of Oklahoma, as the part taken by this and similar companies in the first weeks of Oklahoma's history, is a portion of the permanent records in all the original Oklahoma towns and, as subsequent events have proved, these organizations, by money, influence and systematic work, were enabled to gain a controlling power in the founding and early government of many of the towns, and in several instances had complete control of the civil government for a long period of time.

Naturally there was opposition and bitter hostility to these organization bodies. On the other hand, since Oklahoma was unprovided for in the matter of civil government during the first years of its existence, the townsites companies and old settlers associations furnished the backbone of the law and order movements by which the governments of the towns and cities were administered.

It was necessary at this time that the United States government should

station a large number of soldiers in order to enforce regulations. These troops were stationed as follows by Gen. Merritt in charge, about May 1: Four companies of infantry at Oklahoma station, under Lieut. Col. Snyder; two troops of cavalry under Major Baldwin north of Purcell; four companies of infantry under Captain Auman at Kingfisher; four companies of infantry under Captain McArthur at Guthrie; two troops of cavalry in Cherokee Strip near Arkansas City; one troop of cavalry north of Kingfisher and one to the east of Oklahoma station. This was necessary for the protection of the Indian against settlers on Indian territory land.

Restless Horde of Homeseekers.

Long before the opening day people were massed on every side of the Oklahoma lands. On the west, on the north,

from the Cherokee Strip Association or from the military.

Every day added to the excitement and to the throngs who had already gathered and were still gathering from all corners of the earth. Even the history of California, following the discovery of gold, does not furnish a parallel to the rush into this State in a single day. Sunday, April 21, passed without incident in the Oklahoma country, but at 20 minutes past the noon hour on Monday, April 22, white tents dotted the country as far as the eye could reach and Oklahoma was as densely populated as many of the older States.

The "Sooner," who had struggled for months to establish his claim for such a settlement, found himself elbowed out and entitled to no more consideration than the rankest stranger from far away countries, who had not lifted a hand to help in the colonizing movement.

A Mad Race.

It was a terrific race—truly American—a contest in which the strongest survived for the highly-prized lands. Chivalry and co-operation had no part in the game. It was everyone for himself and, like the game of love and war, any method of reaching the goal was considered legitimate and fair.

But the "Sooner" had much the best of the stranger. He knew his country and where the coveted claims were located. At the sound of the signal gun he hurried on, leaving the tender-foot to follow as best he could. There was no recourse for the timid. If he had staked his claim and an unscrupulous settler wanted to enforce a right to the land, he did so at the point of a gun and the claimant who wanted to avoid trouble, had to move on to less desirable lands.

Many persons who had abided by the regulations prescribed by Congress and who had waited to come in on the opening day, thereby obtaining their land legally, were incensed to find that these "Sooners" had rushed in beforehand and seized the most valuable lands. So they defied and rushed upon the property taken by the "Sooner" and by litigation in the land department at a later day, obtained some of the most valuable property in Oklahoma's territory.

Many scenes of violence and bloodshed were enacted. Men who came legally to obtain homes in the new country and the "Sooner" element, who had pioneered into the forbidden territory during the prohibitive period, clashed in bitterness and in hatred. While there were apparently two sides to the controversy, yet entire families who had made

the journey with great sacrifice and untold hardship and who had waited patiently, believing that the law would be upheld, refused to be reconciled when they found that every valuable piece of land close to the promising townsites had already been entered upon and were occupied by settlers who seemed to have sprung from the earth or else dropped from the sky.

"Squatting" on the Other Fellow's Claim.

Even as these late comers entered preparatory to driving their stakes, they found tents up, shacks and dug-outs built, and gardens green under a bright April sunlight. After a home-seeker had ridden over sand hills, through black-jacks, across prairies, and swollen streams, only to find that someone had beaten him afoot, there was but one thing for him to do and that was to squat on the land previously settled upon by the man he found in possession. This was done by thousands of persons and nearly all valuable lands in Oklahoma territory were claimed by two or more settlers.

In this way perjury began to assert itself. The man who came legally from the line on the opening day, made an effort to reach the local land office first and file his application with the necessary affidavits for the homestead and get a receipt. If a "Sooner" who was in the country first, got his entry of record in the office first, then what was called a contest arose and perjury was charged. Out of this condition of affairs grew secret organizations made up of men who had apparently violated the government rulings. Regular meetings were held at homes of the secret members, by-laws drawn up, and in some instances witnesses were trained and drilled in the testimony they were expected to give in certain cases before the courts. Often the legal claimant was overwhelmed by testimony the "Sooner" was able to produce; it was sometimes difficult for the lawful applicant to prevail against such testimony.

In most cases, however, right prevailed and conviction followed conviction as rapidly as the cases were submitted to the juries. Many defendants left the country as soon as they learned that their cases were under investigation. In later months they returned and changed their pleas of "not guilty" to that of "guilty," as charged in the indictments.

But eventually the mad race passed with much of its rancor. Reason again prevailed. Men once more resumed the habits and customs of social life. The bitter rivals of yesterday became the fellow citizens of today, working side by side to build up their communities and organize social institutions such as they had lived under in their former homes. The American spirit of neighborliness prevailed and more than one man who stood in line on that memorable day, was known to have sacrificed his chance for a choice homestead in favor of some less fortunate fellow.



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along the Cherokee Strip on the east, in the Pottawatomie country and all along the Main Canadian River on the south. During the days of waiting, border towns were filled with a restless horde of eager home-seekers and adventurers, comprising every class, from the honest home-seeker to the disreputable gambler and highwayman.

Fakers of every description filled the streets of the towns. One would be selling prize package soap; another had a patent medicine, a third would be setting forth the virtues of a patent medicine; a fourth had maps, cheaply gotten up of the new country, which professed to show the most desirable locations to settlers. Of course, the "green cloth" men were in evidence everywhere and sought every opportunity to get money from the excited and overtrusting sojourners.

Hotels, if they could be called such, were filled to overflowing, while many sought sleeping places in store buildings or beneath sheds that would furnish any sort of shelter. Fall Creek, just south of Arkansas City, was a mecca for the incoming boomers. Long lines of soldier guards patrolled and guarded the border lines so that no person could cross unless provided with a pass, either

Amusing Anecdotes of Gun and Game

By ORAN WARDER NOLEN

EACH winter with the advent of cold weather, or the sight of a flock of ducks flying south, or the sound of quail whistling on a frosty morning, every person who likes to hunt feels an irresistible desire to get out with his gun. He fondles the triggers, squints down the barrel, wipes off every little imaginary speck of dust, and nothing else thrills him so much as does the touch of that gun.

When two or more followers of game field get together they talk of the prospects for a hunting season filled with plenty of game and good camp cooking. The conversation eventually shifts around to stories, anecdotes and reminiscences of hunting experiences—experiences exciting, amusing or unusual. These stories are ever interesting, and each hunting season a new crop are born, and many a thrill and many a laugh has been caused by the narration of these stories around the camp fire or in the cozy warmth of the home.

The writer calls to mind a number of anecdotes which have always caused a smile or laugh when related, and to a larger company, reached through the printed page, some of these incidents are herewith presented—all of them actually occurring.

About twenty-five or thirty years ago the writer's brother-in-law, W. R. Rothergill, lived at Welch, La. He was just a boy in his early teens, and, like all country boys living where there is an abundance of game, was passionately fond of hunting. Having no gun of his own, he had to use his father's old double-barrel muzzle loading shotgun.

Wadded Gun With Cotton String.

One day he and his brother, George, took the old gun and went on a hunt. They tramped nearly all day long, get-

ting a good number of ducks and geese, and finally they ran out of material to wad the gun with.

They had already put the powder in and wadded it down, but found they had nothing to wad the shot. They began to search their pockets for anything they could possibly use, and one of them pulled out a bunch of twine; they decided to use the cotton string to wad the gun with. They put a generous wad of twine in the barrel, inserted the ram-rod and commenced to drive the twine down on the shot. The wad of twine stopped about half way down the barrel and try as they might they could never force it down on the shot.

They thought they had ruined the gun, and were too afraid to tell their father about it. They sat it in its accustomed place, behind the door, and did not say anything to any one about the gun's condition.

The next morning their father saw a prairie chicken on the fence, near the house. He ran in and got the gun, took aim at the bird and fired. The old gun kicked him over backward, and when he recovered from his amazement he hunted up the boys and pretty nearly whaled the hide off of them. It was not until they became grown men that they told their father what had made the gun nearly kick his head off.

Home-Made Gunpowder.

Speaking of the unexpected action of a gun recalls to mind another incident which came near resulting disastrously. Down at Louise, Texas, there used to be an old man by the name of Henderson. Mr. Henderson had a formula by which he made gunpowder, and the powder he manufactured was very powerful. Trapshooters who used some of



it found their guns were loosened by the powerful discharge, and the guns eventually ruined.

Mr. Henderson had a son by the name of Euel, who sent off to a mail order company and bought a cheap single-barrel shotgun. The boy loaded some shells with the powder manufactured by his father, and went out to try his new gun. He came upon a flock of black birds and, taking good aim, fired at them. The gun went off with a loud report and the barrel burst into fragments, right in front of the boy's face. The badly scared youth carefully gathered the pieces, sent them back to the mail order company, and wrote them that the gun wasn't any good! The mail order company returned his money to him, not knowing that a charge of giant powder had blown their gun into bits.

Another accident was experienced by a Mr. Lewis Wheeler, who lives at Tilden, Texas. Most of Mr. Wheeler's front teeth are missing, and he speaks very feelingly when he relates how he lost these teeth. Mr. Wheeler's father-in-law was one of those kind of men who liked to get hold of old guns and tinker with them and remodel them. One gun he was particularly fond of was a gun he made to shoot quail with. He took a single-barrel shotgun, cut the barrel down short, carved the stock down to the pistol grip, and had a short-barreled gun which he could use like a pistol in shooting quail; and to compensate for the loss in weight of the gun, he loaded the shells himself, and loaded them light to correspond with the weight of the gun.

Gun Kicks Out Front Teeth.

Mr. Wheeler had only been married a short time, and had seen his father-in-law use the little gun a time or two and decided to try it out himself the first time he got a chance. So, one day when he had to go to town for supplies he took along the gun. He did not know that his father-in-law loaded the shells for the gun himself, so when he started to leave town he bought a box of factory loaded ammunition for the gun.

On the road home he suddenly came upon a bevy of quail. Hurriedly bringing the team to a stop, he grabbed up the gun, shoved in a shell, and took careful aim, holding the gun well out in front of his face. He pulled the trigger, there was a loud report, and at the same time the over-loaded gun flew back and hit him in the mouth. The astounded young man spat out a lot of teeth and stared at the gun dumb-founded; then in supreme disgust he threw it into the back of the wagon and never fired it again. He had lost his front teeth and never hit a quail, the heavy load causing the gun to shoot up at an angle above the birds.

When I was a boy and we were living in Jackson county, a great uncle of mine used to visit us each winter and hunt. He killed a good many ducks and geese, but had never been able to kill a sand-hill crane. The birds were too wary and watchful, and about the only way to get in gunshot of them was to crawl through the grass for hundreds of yards.

Being an elderly and corpulent gentleman, Uncle Robert was not equal to the task of crawling on his stomach a very great distance and after he had tried to reach the birds that way a time or

two, he gave up the attempt and began to devise some plan whereby he could bag them.

"Brilliant" Scheme.

He finally hit upon what seemed a brilliant scheme. He built a small sled—just large enough for him to ride on. He hitched his old buggy mares to it with nothing but the pair of traces, and used some string for lines to guide him, his idea being to have the traces and lines as inconspicuous as possible so that the birds would think the horse was approaching them unharnessed and unattended.

When the animal was hitched up, Uncle Robert squatted down on his heels on the sled, with his shotgun across his lap, and started out. His plan was to drive the outfit up to the cranes and shoot them before they realized that there was anything but the horse walking toward them.

The bunch of cranes Uncle Robert had tried to reach were on a little sand mound, and he drove toward them slowly, pulling first one string then another, in his efforts to guide the mares up to the game. Just as he and the mares got within range of the birds he reached a shallow pond of water a few feet across. The horse stepped gingerly into the water, walked a few steps, then halted.

In a fever of excitement, Uncle Robert jerked first one string, then the other, trying to get the old mares to go on. He did not dare to speak to her, because the cranes would hear him and take flight. He jerked and jerked, but old Randy had been pulling a buggy for years and had been accustomed to going or stopping at the command of "gid-dap" or "whoa," so she did not budge.

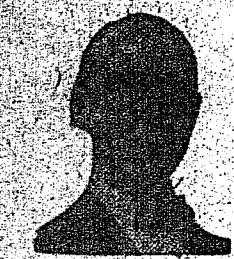
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CURRENT COMMENT

By J. H. LOWRY

McGuffey's Readers Associations.



It is true that organization has been overdone in our country, and that one of the greatest needs of the land is to get rid of about 75 per cent of the organizations. The churches have so many organizations the engines can hardly pull the machinery, and the country is honey-combed with social, charitable and industrial organizations, many of which do no good other than furnish many people with a job. Organization, where needed, is great and powerful; where not needed, nothing better can be said of it than it is expensive. But in spite of the fact that the world already had too many organizations, nothing has transpired recently that gave me more satisfaction, or the world greater promise of good, than the recent institution of another organization. I refer to the McGuffey's Readers Association, recently organized in one of the Middle States. Already a move is on foot to organize in other States, with a strong probability that a national organization of the same character will soon be in existence, holding meetings annually, with delegates and members in attendance from every State in the Union. The purpose of this new organization is to keep alive the literary excellence of and the great morals taught by the old McGuffey readers.

Only a few of the old books are left in the world. I possess a complete McGuffey library, but only a few other mortals are as fortunate in this respect. Several people have recently advertised for the old readers, tendering fancy prices, but few were successful in obtaining the old books. There is little danger, however, of the selections carried by these old readers perishing from the earth. Even if every McGuffey reader left should be destroyed, a few old McGuffeyites who carry all the lessons in memory, could get together and soon reproduce the books. I would advocate printing an edition of each book of the McGuffey series, but some how I entertain the fear that the rapid-fire printing presses and counterfeit grades of paper of our day could not reproduce books that would have the appearance of and satisfy the eye as did the books thumbled and studied by the boys and girls of half a century ago, and I am sure we have no artists now who could reproduce the pictures of the old readers.

By all means, we should have a McGuffey's Readers Association in Texas,

right away. At each meeting of the association a dozen or more of the classics carried by the old readers should be read from memory by the members. I will volunteer to read, "The Lark Is Up to Meet the Sun," "Harry and the Guide Post," "We Were Crowded in the Cabin," "The Boy and the Butterfly," "My Mother's Bible," "No Excellence Without Great Labor," or most any other selection that may be called for, and I am confident that I can read all in the same sing-song tone the speakers used in days of old, and that I can make every gesture just as the teacher taught me half a century ago.

Speaking of the old McGuffey readers, makes me bold to ask why they were ever discarded for other text books on reading. Surely, no reader excels them in literary excellence, in wide selection of topics, in morals taught or in information assisting the student in becoming a good reader. There has been trouble in school circles ever since these books were discarded, and surely no such devotion to or has been shown any other books or their contents. When the McGuffey readers were in use all the boys and girls committed to memory all the poetical and many of the prose selections. Readers are used in the schools at present, I presume, yet I never hear a boy or girl read, or even speak of the selections carried by the books now in use. No one will contend that the books now used gain the hold upon the students that the old McGuffey readers gained upon the children of long ago, and when the McGuffey readers were in use from year to year, there were no school book scandals as we have now. Agents of the school book trusts did not wine and dine the people's representatives in the Legislature as now, there was no text book commission to pay, no expensive law suits over contracts, there was not a new set of books to buy each biennium, the price of books did not go up with each succeeding year, and there was never such a scandal as the burning of a million dollars' worth of good books by order of State officials. Wouldn't it be well for Texas and all the other States to purchase the copyrights of the McGuffey readers and the old blue black spellers, employ Texas printers to print the books at reasonable prices, and adopt a constitutional amendment to the effect that no change from these books would be permitted for a thousand years?

Dangerous Animals.

The annual mortality report of the State of Mississippi shows that 50 people were killed in that State last year by mules. The long-eared beasts that have played such an important part in the development of our country, and do so

much toward making the dining tables of the land worth visiting, kicked, ran over, pawed, threw, or in some way fatally injured fifty human beings and snuffed out fifty human lives in one year, in one State. Multiply the number of our States by fifty and you will see that the mule is annually taking a terrible toll of human life, provided of course that the mules of Mississippi do not excel their brothers and sisters in other States in their attacks upon human beings. I have carried on with the mules of Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas and Texas, and did not find the Mississippi mules more belligerent than those of the other States mentioned, and am confident that Arkansas, Tennessee and Texas mules are responsible for as many graves as the mules of Mississippi. So far no crusade has been started against the mule on account of its death-dealing propensities. We need the mules, and even though they hurl humanity into eternity at a fearful rate, humanity will take its loss gracefully and keep old Pete and Beck at the wagon and in the furrows. It is better to bear the ills of the mule than to fly to vacant pantries.

There are many other beasts that assist materially in keeping the death rate of humanity high. Quite a few are killed annually by bull yearlings. I have never known a boy to be successful in an attempt to ride a bull yearling, but every boy believes he can, and puts his belief into action, and as a consequence many boys go over the heads of bull yearlings into eternity, with the dew of youth upon their brows. There are porthouse steaks, pot roasts, Irish stews and delectable hash in the yearlings, so humanity laments its loss a few hours and goes ahead raising more yearlings, to kill more boys. I have known a few people to die from injuries inflicted by hogs, but humanity does not hold a few deaths worthy to be compared in horror and dread to the gustatory glories of ham, ham gravy, breakfast bacon, sausages and spare ribs, and so no one ever expresses a desire to exterminate the porcine family. Our friend, the dog, does not fare so well at humanity's hands. The dog, like other beasts, is responsible for the death of human beings, but the dog's toll of human life is very light. I have read the mortuary report of our own State three or four years, and the highest number of deaths I have noted from hydrophobia in one year is two. Every year within my memory I have gone through one or more mad dog scares, and yet while I am now within hailing distance of my sixtieth mile post, I have never heard of a case of hydrophobia in the human family in any community in which I

have lived. A few years ago I asked the seven doctors of my town, some of them old in years and the practice of their profession, how many cases of hydrophobia they had treated, and what success had attended their treatment of the malady. Each of the physicians said he had not treated, neither had he ever seen, a case of hydrophobia in the human family. Somehow, the report of a mad dog in the community brings before us men and women writhing in the agonies of death, followed by pictures of caskets and shrouds, but if no other malady took a higher toll of human life than hydrophobia, there would be very few deaths among those not worn out by age, and life insurance would be very cheap.

Uniform Marriage and Divorce Laws.

To my mind the most important question considered, or to be considered, by the present session of Congress is not whether the United States shall take membership in the world court, neither is it the tax bill. Personally, I should like to see our government join the European States in any effort looking toward world peace, and I do vision the disasters seen by many in such an alliance, yet I am confident that if we do not take membership in the court, our government will live on and on, its attitude toward other countries will be peaceful, and it will contribute what it can toward keeping the doors of the Janus temple forever closed. I am equally confident that the tax burden of the people will never be materially lightened, much as we all would like to see such a consummation. But Congress has for consideration another measure which we all should view with much concern. An effort is to be made to amend the constitution so as to provide for a uniform marriage and divorce law. Admitting the need of such a law, I doubt whether the Southern States can afford to surrender their right to control marriage and divorce to a federal Congress. Most of the Northern and Eastern States, and some of the Western States, do not object to the mating of whites and blacks, but, oh, how sick at the stomach the mention of such matrimonial alliances makes the people of the South, a section that has ever stood for the purity of the white race. Unfortunately our Northern and Eastern neighbors outnumber us, and would have much greater strength in shaping national marriage and divorce laws than we. With greater voting strength it would be possible for them to legalize miscegenation. The divorce evil is a great evil indeed, but it is better far to leave the bars down so all who wish may flee from connubial infelicity than to legalize the marriage of whites and blacks in the Southland. Every setting aside of the doctrine of

State rights has been followed by trouble, but as yet we have seen no trouble comparable to that which would follow legalizing the marriage of whites and blacks in the sunny South. The day will never come when a black mated to a white can live in peace and security in the Southland. Our army isn't large enough to give protection to such a pair.

Poor Land to the Front.

It was good to read in the papers that old and "worn-out" land in East Texas produced three bales of cotton per acre in last year's contests. Verily, it seems that the bottom rail is crawling toward the top. Those of us who live in the rich black land belts look out over the broad acres of sable soil and rapturously declare it the finest land on earth; and it is. And yet there is no record of an acre of this wonderful black land producing three bales of cotton. Many acres of this fine black land, with seasons virtually the same as obtained in East Texas, produced less than a fourth of a bale of cotton. The reports and winnings of the contests are a challenge to those who own or cultivate the fine lands in the black belt. It appears that we used our brawn and fine lands, while the East Texans used their brains as well as their hands and turned their sand hills into forests of fleecy staple. Making three bales of cotton grow on one acre of land was as great an achievement, as great a triumph for the mind and hand of man, as making a heavier-than-air vehicle navigate the realms of ether. Both were on the list of impossibilities until a short time since. Man is short-visioned so long as he is content to look no further than he has seen, but vision widens when he makes a courageous attempt to look beyond. Five years ago a bale of cotton per acre was accepted as the greatest yield land was capable of giving, but man has made it produce three, and will make it produce five bales.

Blonde Vs. Brunette.

Reading the announcement columns of many papers of the State, the people are reminded that there will be a material change in some of the political contests this year. In some races the voters will not be guided in marking their ballots by whether the candidate is a member or an opposer of the Ku Klux Klan, or whether he used to be for or against prohibition. The point for the voter to decide will be which does he admire most, blondes or brunettes? In one county three widows are candidates for the same office. If I lived in that county I am confident I would tell two lies, provided, of course, that all the widows are passable in appearance and well up in the art of smiling.

Tut-ankh-Amen's Life Reconstructed

The Pharaoh Who Lived in Magnificence 3,000 Years Ago.
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AN obscure young Egyptian monarch, who died twenty-two centuries ago, leaving no Boswell to celebrate his exploits and no Lytton Strachey to present his engaging human weaknesses, has become, thanks to Howard Carter, one of the best-known personages of antiquity. Carter's hole in the ground in the Valley of the Kings let in the light of the other day, but merely upon gold, jewels and exquisite works of art, not merely upon a pathetic bag of bones wrapped in mummy robes, but upon a human existence. Tut-ankh-Amen, the boy Pharaoh, is now no more legendary than is George Washington.

From the evidence found in the tomb discovered by Carter, together with what Egyptian scholars had already known and guessed, it is now possible to piece together a biography—and a strangely touching and dramatic one it is. For Tut-ankh-Amen was a pawn of Fate in what is now seen to be one of the most critical moments in the history of the ancient world.

The story cannot begin with the ancestry and birth of Tut-ankh-Amen, for nobody knows, as yet, who his parents were or where he was born. But he was doubtless of noble blood, for he married the daughter of a King and kings' daughters were no more given to marrying commoners in those days than they are now. He owed his throne to this marriage, for the Egyptians were then sufficiently in harmony with the feminist movement to trace their ancestral line through the mother rather than through the father.

The New Religion.

In order fully to understand why Tut-ankh-Amen came to be buried with a dagger in his hand in a twenty-million-dollar tomb it is necessary to recall a little of the extremely lively history of Egypt during the years just preceding his reign. Under the grandfather of Ank-en-en-fra-Aten, the girl Tut-ankh-Amen was to marry, Egypt had reached a high point in wealth, territory and power—the highest since the last powerful Kings had died out, two centuries earlier. But the next King, Akh-en-

Aten, had a philosophical bent, and instead of devoting his time to fighting the Hittites or the Ethiopians, attempted to impose upon his subjects a new religion.

This new religion is interesting to the modern world because, as far as is known, it is the first that taught belief in one god. Akh-en-Aten's god was derived from the old sun god, Ra or Re, recently so familiar to crossword puzzle fanatics. He addressed him according to a sacred poem which has been translated in this fashion:

O thou sole god, whose powers no other possesses,
Thou didst create the earth according to thy heart.
The foreign countries, Syria and Kush,
The land of Egypt.

In other words, he was universal and not merely tribal.

In order to introduce the sun god properly Akh-en-Aten set to work to destroy all the old gods and incidentally to dispossess the rich and powerful priesthood that served them. This stirred up a political disturbance of the first magnitude, and though the King won, he found his old capital city of Thebes so uncomfortable in consequence that he moved 300 miles down the Nile and founded a new city, which he called "The City of the Horizon."

An Egyptian Renaissance.

There he lived in great splendor and peace, happy in the affections of his wife and of the three of his six daughters who survived their childhood. Artists and writers flocked to the new city and there was something like a renaissance in all fields of human activity. The old artistic conventions

were abandoned and a kind of futurism flourished. Social lines were probably loosened, too. The City of the Horizon had its flappers and its younger generation. It was a gay, cheerful time—a golden age.

One of Akh-en-Aten's three daughters married a man named Smenkh-ka-

originally called. She was but 10 years old at the time and her husband could not have been much, if any older. Both were puppets in the hands of the court intrigues. Perhaps Ay—high priest, lord chamberlain and general handyman under Akh-en-Aten—had something to do with marrying the two children and seating them on the throne. He may even then have been plotting to become King himself—as he did later on.

For a time the boy monarch held his court in the City of the Horizon, and these were perhaps the happiest years of his brief life. But political conditions in Egypt were changing. The common people had never been wholly satisfied to give up the old gods, to which their ancestors had prayed for 2,000 years, and to take up the one, all-powerful god who had been offered them in place of the others. The priests, too, had retained hope of recovering their lands, revenues and power.

After Akh-en-Aten's death the reaction became too strong to resist. The dead Pharaoh was denounced as "that criminal," and efforts were made to undo all that he had done.

One of the first steps taken was the abandonment of the beautiful City of the Horizon. The poor little King and his little wife were bundled out, bag and baggage, and sent back to Thebes, the ancient capital and seat of the god Amon, against whom, in particular, insults had been directed by followers of the new religion. The population soon followed and the City of the Horizon was left to become desert.

Today the site is known as Tell-el-

Amarna, and many relics—among them the foreign office files of Akh-en-Aten, as one Egyptologist calls them—have been dug up. The departure was apparently very hasty. We may imagine the young Queen saying farewell, with many tears, to the city of her birth, where, by all accounts, she must have been very happy. Unless human nature has changed in thirty-two centuries, the little King was homesick, too. Thebas, in spite of its splendors, was a great, strange city.

Tut-ankh-Amen must have accepted his father-in-law's god, or he would not have been encouraged to marry into the family. But he now found himself powerless in the hands of the priests and reactionaries of the old cults. Before he had been long in Thebes he was compelled to return to paganism and in token of this submission changed his name to that now found in the histories—Tut-ankh-Amen, or "The Living Image of Amon." Thus Thebes had its revenge, and local pride, grievously injured when Ank-en-Aten moved downstream to the new city, was made whole.

Simultaneously, word went through the empire that the name of Amon and the names of other gods of the old religion were to be put back on all the monuments and public buildings from which Akh-en-Aten had had them erased. Tut-ankh-Amen's Queen may not have relished these insults to her dead father, but she had to put up with them. It is possible that, being a worldly young lady, she chose to put up with them rather than to give up her place on the throne.

Life Now Was Sad.

Life in the royal palace at Thebes while all this was going on could not have been entirely agreeable, and there must have been times when Tut-ankh-Amen felt less like the mighty ruler of Upper and Lower Egypt, Ethiopia and Syria than like a small, lonely and frightened boy. His portraits and statues, which the opening of his coffin the other day showed to be excellent likenesses, still preserve, after all the centuries, a sad and wistful air.

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Tut-ankh-Amen and his Queen in all the majesty of gold and color. Back panel of the coronation throne, which shows the King and Queen in the palace.

TEXAS BRIEF NEWS

FROM OVER
THE STATE

SMITH COUNTY WOMAN DIES AT AGE OF 105.

Miss Mollie Spencer, 102 years old, the oldest woman in Smith county at the time of her death, died at her home near Lindale in the Myrtle Springs community.

MERIDIAN HIGHWAY CONVENTION AND CELEBRATION.

The Meridian Highway Convention and Celebration, in the interest of the beginning of the construction of the Meridian Highway, in Mexico, will be held at Laredo, February 18th, 19th and 20th.

WACO RETAINS MANAGER FORM.

Commission-manager form of government will prevail in Waco, at least for the next two years. This was made certain by an election, when it was estimated that the proposed charter change, substituting the aldermanic plan, had been defeated by a majority of between 1,100 and 1,200.

FRISCO RY. TO MAKE EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS IN TEXAS.

Extensive improvements on the Frisco railroad system in Texas are scheduled for 1926, according to an announcement received in Fort Worth from the St. Louis office of James M. Kurn, president, which announcement said that the system would expend \$21,000,000 on the program.

CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVED.

The National Drainage Congress, in its concluding session at Oklahoma City, Jan. 20, approved in principle the interstate compact now being negotiated between Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and other Southwestern States for the control and utilization of the flood waters of the Canadian-Arkansas River system.

REDUCED ROUND-TRIP RATES TO FAT STOCK SHOW.

Reduced round-trip passenger rates as low as 1-1-5 regular rates to the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth from March 5 to 12 inclusive, were granted by the Texas Railroad Commission.

The rates are reduced to 1-1-3 fare on fares less than \$5.41 and 1-1-5 over \$5.41 and with a minimum of \$7.20, the commission order says. The rates apply on the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific Lines.

STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN FOR SAFETY.

Plans to carry on statewide campaigns for safety work were laid out at a meeting of the executive committee of the Texas Council of Safety. Clarence E. Gilmore, chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, is president of the council and chairman of the executive committee.

Members of the committee are Dr. W. M. W. Splawn, president of University of Texas; Mrs. S. M. M. Marrs, Austin; T. L. Noble, Houston, and Judge Augustus McCloskey, San Antonio.

OLDEST MEXICAN WAR VETERAN.

Amasa Clark, 100 years old and residing at Bandera, Texas, is the oldest of veterans of the Mexican War on the government's pension rolls. Clark served as a private in Company I of the Third United States Infantry. Where a year ago there were twenty-four pensioners surviving that conflict, but ten other than Clark are alive today, and two of them also live in Texas. One is Jacob M. Fleming, 97, residing on R. F. D. No. 4, Mount Pleasant, and who served in the Third Tennessee Volunteers. The other is Richard A. Howard of Sterling City, Texas, 95, who was a private in the First United States Artillery.

FERD LEHMANN DEAD.

C. Ferd Lehmann, for 29 years treasurer of the Texas Press Association, died January 20, at his home in Alamo Heights, San Antonio. He was an editor, Woodman of the World and Royal Arch Mason.

Mr. Lehmann was a lovable character, always loyal to duty, and steadfastly devoted to friends that were numbered in thousands throughout Texas and other States.

FARM PRIZES AT STOCK SHOW INCREASED.

Cash awards of \$2,500 for the five sectional agricultural exhibits at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, to be held at Fort Worth, March 6 to 13, have been announced by Secretary-Manager Ed R. Henry. This is an increase of \$500 over the awards of last year and are exclusive of the many other individual prizes which also show material increases.

In order to arouse agricultural competition at the exhibition, the State has been divided into five sections for the sectional displays. The sections have been designated as the Panhandle, West Texas, Black Land Belt, East Texas and Coastal Region.

First prize will be \$500, second \$450, third \$400, fourth \$350 and fifth \$300.

AN EXTRAORDINARY INDUSTRY.

A Mr. Holland, of Cisco, is engaged in a most extraordinary business—that of extracting and selling rattlesnake oil. He gets \$100 per gallon for this kind of oil, from a firm in Utah, which uses it in the manufacture of medicine. Holland searches among the hills for dens of rattlers that have bedded down for the winter. Sometimes several hundred rattlers are found under one boulder. He dynamites the den and then takes out the dead rattlers, from each one of which he secures a few drops of oil. Holland says he is playing the oil game safe—that rattlesnake oil with him is a safer bet than wildcat oil.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE COST STATE MILLIONS.

It cost the State of Texas, and the federal government nearly \$1,500,000 to stamp out the 1924 and 1925 outbreaks of the foot and mouth disease in Texas, which expense was equally divided between the two governments. The total of the State's payment was actually \$726,062. According to Dr. John H. Mohler, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture, the indirect loss to the State of Texas by reason of quarantines, effect upon industry, etc., for the two outbreaks is estimated at \$14,000,000.

The 1925 outbreak was of far greater damage than the previous one, because it covered a wider expanse of territory, while the 1924 epidemic was confined almost entirely to Harris and Galveston counties. In the first outbreak the government slaughtered 3,473 cattle and a small number of sheep and swine, to the total appraised value of \$325,000. Nearly 21,000 head of cattle, 1,392 sheep, 678 hogs and 295 goats were slaughtered on account of the 1925 outbreak, the total appraised value being \$503,420. In addition to these amounts was the cost of handling the situation.

The 1924 outbreak resulted from the disease coming from one of the South American ports through Galveston, Dr. Mohler stated to the house agricultural appropriation committee and the 1925 outbreak probably resulted from that of the year before. At the instance of Representative James P. Buchanan of Texas, member of the committee, the inspection allowance for the bureau was increased by \$20,000, which will permit the placing of seven additional inspectors at the ports, some of whom will be assigned to the Texas Coast.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST POLLUTION OF STREAMS.

A campaign against pollution of streams in Texas, especially in the coastal oil regions, will be conducted shortly by the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Department, Judge Fred E. Morris, special deputy commissioner, announced recently.

Rigid enforcement of the oil and basic sediment law will be made, he said, explaining that if fish were allowed to be killed in this manner it was useless to have fish hatcheries to supply the streams.

TEXAS LEADS IN U. S. AID FUNDS.

Texas received a total of \$5,839,818 in Federal aid during the fiscal year ending last June, according to figures made public by Senator Reed of Pennsylvania, dealing with such aid funds to all States. Federal funds are paid to a State upon the State voting an equal amount.

The statement shows that the good road fund going to Texas during the period was \$5,136,128. The State also received \$394,515 for co-operative agricultural work, \$267,723 for vocational education and \$41,450 under the maternity and infancy law. Senator Reed's statement also gave a comparison of the amount each State paid in Federal taxes for the period and shows that Texas paid \$34,678,542 and received from the Federal government in State aids nearly 17 per cent of that amount. The statement was for the purpose of showing that the States which pay the greatest amount in Federal taxes receive the smallest amounts in State aid.

State aids going to Texas aggregated the largest amount paid to any of the States.

SEEKING FUND FOR MORE HELIUM

The Bureau of Mines is renewing its request of the House Appropriations Committee for a fund to enable construction of a branch of the government's gas pipe line extending from the Petrolia, Texas, natural gas field to the helium plant at Fort Worth. The branch line would tap the Nocona gas field, said to be one of the largest in the Southwest, running well over 1 per cent in helium content. The bureau failed at the last session of Congress to obtain the appropriation.

Statements made by representatives of the Bureau of Mines before the subcommittee considering the naval appropriation bill gave details regarding plans to tap the Nocona field, where only seventeen wells have been opened. The field was brought in nearly four years ago with an initial rock pressure of 315 pounds, but which several months ago had dropped to 290 pounds. The field is slightly in excess of 6,000 acres, containing helium-bearing gas estimated at 85,000,000,000 cubic feet. On the basis of a supply of 10,000,000 cubic feet of gas supplied daily, the bureau reckons the field would be good for more than fifteen years.

Government experts have long been stressing the importance of the country conserving its helium gas and the Bureau of Mines in its research for new supplies has obtained more than 2,000 samples from thirty States. In a general way helium-bearing gas is found in a strata extending from the Texas Panhandle and North Texas in a northeasterly direction.

Details of the bureau's research are not being made public, but it is known that some of the gas runs as high as 2 per cent in helium.

The government has been extracting helium from Petrolia gas since the World War under contract with the Lone Star Gas Company which gives the government first use of the gas for extraction of the nonburning element, after which the gas goes to Fort Worth and Dallas consumers.

ASK THAT CATTLE FROM MEXICO BE RETURNED DUTY FREE.

The War Finance Corporation has joined forces with Senator Cameron of Arizona in an effort to induce Congress to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to permit return of cattle now in Mexico to this country free of duty.

The duty on these cattle, for the exemptions previously granted by Congress expired with the first of the year, will run from \$10 to \$15 a head, which, it was declared, is almost as much as the value of these feeders after they reach this country.

Texas cattlemen, it is declared, do not wish an extension of this privilege, asserting it was abused in the past. The sheep and goat raisers of the State also have announced their opposition to it.

AMUSING ANECDOTES OF GUN AND GAME.

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denly grabbed his gun and punched the old mare in the rear with the barrel. The effect was instantaneous. Galvanized into action, old Bandy jumped forward and jerked the sled out from under Uncle Robert—who described a reverse parabola backward into the water. The cranes immediately departed; old Bandy pranced around sideways and looked at her owner with the whites of her eyes showing in supreme amazement. Uncle Robert, dripping wet fore and aft, rose up out of the mud and water and watched the cranes fly away. Angry, disappointed and wet to the skin, he said and thought what thousands of other hunters have said and thought under the same circumstances.

Stopped His Bragging.

In a certain county in Southwest Texas, a number of years ago, there used to be an old hunter and ranchman who was continually bragging about his skill as a marksman. There were some young men erecting a windmill for him on his ranch, and they got tired of hearing him ding-donging all the time about what a good shot he was, and one of the trio exercised his ingenuity in an effort to stop the flow of bragging.

One morning the old hunter came back from a walk in the brush, where he had been looking for some horses. He came over where the boys were working and told about having seen a deer, which, barely escaped before he could shoot it. He leaned his gun against a fence, near the two boys, then went into the barn to feed some of the stock. As soon as he disappeared in the barn the young man who was exercising his ingenuity picked up the old man's gun and slightly manipulated the lever, throwing a cartridge into the barrel. Then he sat the gun back in its place and resumed his work.

In a few moments the old hunter came back, and with his mind still on the deer he had seen he began to tell how near he had come to shooting it.

"If it just had been a little closer I would've—" he picked up the gun, cocked it, and aimed it at a burro in the barn yard.

"If that deer had been a little closer I would've aimed at him just like this and—"

At the touch of his finger on the trigger there was a loud report, and the old man stared in pop-eyed amazement as the burro bit the dust, then got up quickly and bolted for the open gate to the pasture.

To this day the old hunter does not know whether he accidentally left that shell in the rifle, or whether one of the boys placed it there, but he has his suspicions.

TUT-ANKH-AMEN'S LIKE RECONSTRUCTED.

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But he had his pleasant moments, if the carvings and inscriptions and paintings in his tomb do not lie. Although the old religion had been restored, something of the gayety and freedom of Akh-en-Aten's renaissance survived. As the relics in the tomb have proved, the civilization of Egypt at that moment was one of great refinement and beauty. Artists and artisans who could successfully match their genius with the best of our own generation were the service of royalty.

Tut-ankh-Amen drove a chariot, tirelessly sheathed in gold; wore robes of modern revere producer might, of imitating; sat on chairs and couches that were all exquisite work of art; was cheered at night by baster lamps. He lived amid a vision of gold, silver and precious stones in a riot of bright colors, some of which we cannot duplicate. His bed was of ebony and gold; his hunting bows were coated with gold; his spears were jeweled and gilded; he drank from cups comparable to those the Greeks were to produce many centuries later.

His Activities.

This Pharaoh walked abroad wearing a headdress some one has called "not unlike a derby," and often his Queen went with him. One painting shows her anointing his shoulder with perfume or salve from a jar. This ornament, or something like it, has survived the centuries, and a jar of it was found in Tut-ankh-Amen's tomb. A lamp, also found in the tomb, bore evidence of having been used, probably in the palace. When it was lighted, a picture of the King and Queen sprang into view.

Sometimes the King went hunting, and killed gazelles, hartbeasts, wild asses, ostriches, striped hyenas, lions and many other animals known and hunted today. Slaves followed his chariot, fanning him with ostrich plumes, while a retinue of nobles, commoners and human beasts of burden trailed behind.

Musical instruments have survived from Tut-ankh-Amen's time or earlier, and so have dice, balls, dolls and figures suggesting chessmen. There is no doubt at all that there was a good deal of singing, dancing and making merry, even in Thebes, far away from the beautiful and beloved City of the Horizon. Youth was youth, even in Egypt 3,000 years ago. Tut-ankh-Amen never grew up—certainly never passed 18. Probably, if the examination of the body tells the story, was not more than 18 when he died.

Yet the records he left—on which somebody wrote for him—boast of certain achievements. They even indicate pride in the overthrowing of the religion in which he was brought up.

"I found the temples fallen into ruin," says one inscription, "with their holy places overgrown with weeds. I reconstructed their sanctuaries, re-endowed the temples and made them gifts of all precious things. I cast statues of the gods in gold and electrum and decorated them with lapis lazuli and all fine stones."

This story of the boy and girl rulers, playing at royalty in the great palace of Thebes, surrounded by politicians, militarists and conspirators whose purposes they could not understand, has an imperishable human interest.

Nor is it necessary to stretch one's faith, as it is with many supposedly historical characters, in order to believe in the real existence of Tut-ankh-Amen. For we have the amazing spectacle, in his case, of modern scientists able to diagnose the last illness and to examine the funeral wreaths of one who died nearly a hundred generations ago. Tut-ankh-Amen survives, while all but a baker's half dozen of the greater rulers of Egypt have shrunk to shadows.

OSAGE INDIAN REIGN OF TERROR

WHAT is referred to as "the reign of terror in the Osage Hills"—State of Oklahoma—a conspiracy to deprive the Osage Indians of their valuable oil lands—is believed to have been checked by the indictment by a Federal Grand Jury of W. K. Hale, wealthy stockman, and John Ramsey, farmer. Nine murders in the last four years, in connection with the last of which Hale and Ramsey were accused, are said by government agents to have resulted from the conspiracy. Others say the toll of murders is twenty or more.

First Acts of Violence.

It began, this reign of terror, early in 1922, when the body of Anna Brown, a wealthy Osage Indian of Gray Horse, was found in a secluded canyon on Three Mile Creek east of Fairfax. There was a bullet hole in her skull ranging downward. The skull was one of the principal exhibits at the recent hearing, having been kept by the Department of Justice at Washington since the investi-

gation started.

Anna Brown's death did not arouse a great deal of interest. Her oil lands were valued at \$2,000,000, but it was assumed that she had become entangled in a brawl or a feud, and had been killed by either a feudist or a jealous lover.

A few weeks later Henry Roan, a cousin of Anna Brown, was killed. This created considerably more than passing interest, for it was recalled that the original estate of Anna Brown had been held by Lizzie Q. Brown, an old Indian woman, who died suddenly. As in the other cases, her death caused little comment, but when it was pointed out that three deaths in the same family had occurred within a short time, all under mysterious circumstances, suspicion was aroused.

Again and again the hand of death struck, quickly and effectively. None of the victims attacked ever was left alive, crippled or maimed, to tell the story. First it was one family, then another, but always death struck the wealthiest families of Indians, and always a member who controlled a large

share of the fortune.

Finally the Osage country was thrown into a state of panic in the latter part of 1922. Charles Whitehorn, a relative of Anna Brown, was found slain on a hill in the outskirts of Pawhuska. Two months later George Bigheart, son of the last hereditary chief of the Osages, was taken ill suddenly. He was brought to a hospital in Oklahoma City, and died next day, with symptoms that indicated poisoning. Just before Bigheart died he made a statement to Charles Vaughn, his attorney. Very soon after Bigheart's death, Vaughn's dead body was found beside a railroad track.

Appeal for State and Federal Help.

By this time Osage county citizens were appealing for help from the State and Federal governments in clearing up the murder ring that was believed responsible for the mysterious deaths. One evening in May, 1923, the home of W. E. Smith, who married a wealthy Osage woman, was dynamited. Smith, his wife and a servant girl were killed.

Then State and Federal officers got together and started a vigorous investigation.

The tract of land which forms Osage county was given to the Osage Indians in the eighties after they had fought among themselves and with other tribes in the Indian Territory. The Osages were a peace-loving people.

They signed a treaty with the government, accepting the land given them, settled down upon it and led a quiet life. Here the tribe stayed, seldom crossing the boundaries of the Osage Nation, as it became known, and as it still is called by the old timers. White men let them alone, for they had little more than a bare living.

Matters went along in this way for many years. Then in 1912 oil development swept through the country and gusher after gusher was discovered on the lands owned by the Osages. In a short space of time the Osage Nation was transformed into a land of gold and the Indians were among the world's wealthiest people. The average Osage income is \$1000 monthly.

Too Much Wealth and Luxury.

An invasion of sharpers followed the oil boom. Here they found the most fertile than anywhere else. The Indians, unused to wealth and luxury, proved easy prey.

White men married Indian women, and Indian men found many white women willing to marry them. One of the most notable examples of intermarriage was that of Jackson Barnett, perhaps the wealthiest of all the Osages. His fortune is counted in seven figures and he has removed from his hut and teepee to a home of luxury. His fortune now is in constant litigation.

Though the reign of terror apparently has ended, and farmers no longer install electric light plants to keep a brilliant glow around their homes, the Osage Nation has fallen. It now numbers only 200 full-blooded Osages on the rolls of the Indian agent at Pawhuska, although 2,200 estates, inherited by descendants who have married into other races, are still managed by the agent.

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DESPERATE.
He—I'm going out to the great open spaces.
She—Where men are men?
He—No! Where a man can find a place to park his car.

TOO MUCH EDITING.
Flossie Gay: "You'll never catch me again going out to dinner with an editor!"
Her Friend: "Was he broke?"
Flossie: "I don't know whether he was broke or not, but he put a blue pencil through about half my order!"

GETTING IN DEEP.
Scene: Bathing beach. Ikey, bobbing up and down with his chin just out of water, and Rebecca paddling ankle-deep and doing a flop when a small wave rolls in.
Ikey: "Repekka, vy do you not come here where the water is deeper. Come out here and get your money's worth!"

FOR A MEMORIAL STONE.
Two gentlemen stopped on the street to talk to each other, one wearing a large diamond tie pin.
"Isaac," said the other, "dot is a fine diamond you have on. Vare you get it?"
"Well," explained Isaac, "my brother he died and left \$450 for a stone. And dis is de stone."

BRINGING HIM HOME ALIVE.
Pat was visiting a friend in the lion country. Borrowing a gun, he set off one day in search of game. Some time after his host heard a distant report, and going to the window, spied in the distance Pat hot-footing it for home and close behind him a huge lion. Completely exhausted, Pat reached the door in time to cry: "Quick, quick, Mike, open the door; I'm bringing him home alive."

HIS DIRTY SINS.
A colored Baptist evangelist was exhorting. "Now, Breddern and Sistern, come up to de altar and have yo' sins washed away."
All came up but one man.
"Why, Brudder Jones, don't yo' want yo' sins washed away?"
"Ise done had my sins washed away."
"Yo' has? Where yo' had yo' sins washed away?"
"Ober at de Methodist Church."
"Ah, Brudder Jones, yo' ain't been washed, yo' jes' been dry cleaned."

SECOND THE MOTION.
A small boy in the visitors' gallery was watching the proceedings of the Senate chamber.
"Father, who is that gentleman?" he asked, pointing to the chaplain.
"That, my son, is the chaplain," replied his father.
"Does he pray for the Senators?" asked the boy.
"No, my son; when he goes in he looks around and sees the Senators sitting there, and then he prays for the country."

COULDN'T BLUFF JOHN.
A large city restaurant put up a sign, "Day and Night Service." Two doors below another place of business announced it would be "Open at All Hours." Between the two was a Chinese laundryman who, not to be outdone, hung out this sign:
"ME AWAKE TOO."

YES, SHE'D SEEN SEVERAL.
Little Marion and her next-door neighbor, Donald, were having an absorbing conversation. "What are anarchists?" asked Marion. Donald swelled with wisdom. "They want everything any one else has got, and they never wash themselves." "Oh, yes!" cried Marion, with enthusiasm. "I see—they are just little boys growed up!"

NO DEAD LANGUAGE FOR HIM.
Abie's father was protesting against the teaching of Latin to his boy as a waste of time.
"I must disagree with you there," the professor broke in. "Latin is the very basis of language study. Although it is a dead language—"
"A dead lankwich, you say?" interrupted the father. "Say, I don't want my son to be no undertaker, I want him to learn the clothin' beseness."

MORAL: DON'T SLEEP AT CHURCH.
A certain lady induced her husband, who was not a regular church-goer, to accompany her to evening service. During the sermon he fell asleep, snoring at first softly, and at length so noisily that the good lady was constrained to give him a sharp nudge, in the hope of rousing him. To her consternation, however, as he slowly awakened, he exclaimed in a loud tone, "Let me alone! Get up and light the fire yourself; it's your turn!"

MY EMBARRASSING MOMENT.
Ours was a home wedding at "high noon" but since everything was ready the ceremony was started a little before noon. Just as my husband-to-be said the words, "With all my worldly goods I thee endow," the large cuckoo clock on the wall showed 12 and the little bird popped out to say "cuckoo" 12 times. There were snickers among the 40 guests and I wanted to sink through the floor. I thought that cuckoo never would get through.—S. K., in Capper's Weekly.

SOMEHOW QUEER.
Senator Underwood of Alabama was talking in Atlantic City about Europe. "Europe," he said, "professes to love peace, and when you ask her why she is arming herself so heavily she says it is to keep peace forever inviolate."
"This is all very well, but it reminds me somehow of the shopkeeper who yelled at his clerk:
"Blast you, George, why don't you lower them sun curtains? You know as well as I do that the goods in that south window are warranted not to fade."

AUTO HINTS

The constant pressure of piston rings against the cylinder wall in time wears both the cylinders and the rings.

Test brakes carefully before it is necessary to make an emergency stop after the car has been washed. Water, soap or distillate which has been used to remove the grease will frequently affect the brake lining, but after a few applications of the brakes it will be removed.

To keep an engine in the most efficient condition it is essential to change the oil frequently, especially when the car is new, to exclude the dust as much as possible, to keep the engine warm so that it will start quickly and so that there will be little water condensation, and to have the piston rings replaced when worn, so that they will always be tight.

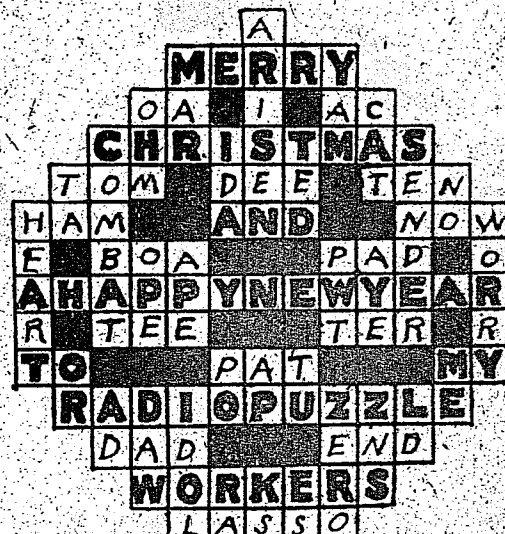
When pouring a little kerosene into the cylinders in order to clean out the carbon it is important to do one cylinder at a time, preferably pouring the kerosene in through the spark plug opening, cleaning the plug while on the job. After treating each cylinder the engine should be run a few minutes, and accelerated a few times to help blow out the carbon that has loosened. The advantage of doing one cylinder at a time is that it saves the choking and flooding of the engine which is likely to be the case if the cylinders are loaded up with kerosene and the engine put through a difficult course of starting. Also with the engine running between each treatment of each cylinder the pistons and valves keep hot. It is essential that the motor be hot when doing this sort of work.

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RADIO NEWS

By DAVID J. MORRIS

Answer to Radio Cross-Word Puzzle:



The Radio Cross-Word Puzzle Contest Finals.

The December-Christmas Radio Prize Puzzle contest proved to be such an unusual success and so many answers flooded the editor's desk that he just couldn't see his way out to get the contestants judged fairly for the January issue, therefore the judging had to be deferred until this, the February issue. Below are what the judges decided were the best answers to the contest. There were few incorrect answers, but at the same time there were only a few that had excellent outstanding merit for originality and neatness. The message in the puzzle was "A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO MY RADIO PUZZLE WORKERS." Some contestants, while they had the message in the puzzle all right, didn't put it down correctly, or left out a portion of it in the final answer. But, the contest was a success in every particular and some time in the distant future, when the editor of the Radio Department gets caught up with his work, he may offer something else to help those contestants win a prize who were not winners in this contest. The successful winners are:

- 1st prize: Operadio Set—Mrs. Don McCreery, Kerrville, Texas.
- 2nd prize: Bremer-Tulley Counterphase Kit—Florence M. Quinn, Guymon, Okla.
- 3rd prize: All-American Senior All-AMAX Semi-Finished Set—George H. Gifford, Perry Landing, Texas.
- 4th prize: B-T Counterphase Kit—Mrs. J. A. McDonald, Route 6, Trout, Texas.
- 5th prize: Erla 3-Tube Circloid Kit—F. D. Brown, Tahoka, Texas.
- 6th prize: Carter Loop Aerial—Geraldine Warner, Muskogee, Okla.
- 7th prize: Erla Concert Grand Audio-Transformer—Howard S. Jenkins, Bastron, Texas.
- 8th prize: B-T Short Wave Kit—Ray Cook, Route 2, Wilburton, Okla.
- 9th prize: B-T Short Wave Kit—Marvin Franklin, Rockdale, Texas.
- 10th prize: B-T Tuning Control—F. A. R. Morgan, Decatur, Tex.
- 11th prize: Vacuum-Tube—Alice Johnson, Edmond, Okla.
- 12th prize: B-T Tuning Control—Billie Orr, Yukum, Texas.
- 13th prize: Vacuum Tube—Will H. Radford, Kenedy, Texas.
- 14th prize: Carter "IMP" Rheostat—Jessie Cook, Route 1, Wilburton, Okla.
- 15th prize: Carter "IMP" Rheostat—Erwin Stewart, Cooper, Texas.
- 16th prize: Carter "IMP" Bat-

tery Switch—W. A. Chamberlain, Route 6, Weatherford, Texas.
17th prize: Carter "IMP" Battery Switch—Burney Driscoll, Devine, Texas.
18th prize: A tie between Robt. H. Searcy Jr., Enfield, Okla., and Mrs. E. A. McNehee, of Stephenville, Texas. Result: Both will get a picture.

SPECIAL PRIZE of the Crosley "PUP" was won by Cecil Daniel of Granger, Texas, a little boy who became paralyzed when he fell from a pecan tree about a year ago. Cecil is a farm boy.

Outside of these winners, there are three other contestants who deserve special mention: Pat's answers, submitted by Francis Elenor Taylor of Dallas, 11-year-old girl, who worked the puzzle correctly by herself; Miss Exie Tompkins of Antlers, Okla., who tried for the special prize, and prize answer by Helen Jones, Honey Grove, Texas.

The Radio Editor wishes to express his appreciation to the many hundreds of persons who submitted answers, his congratulations to the 20 who won prizes, and thanks (Continued on Page 7.)

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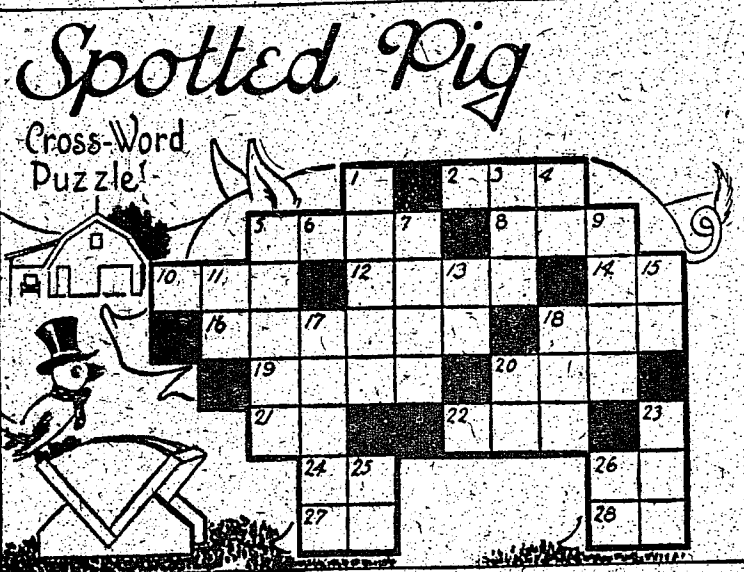
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For Our Boys and Girls

By AUNT MARY



Across
1—An adjective meaning one.
2—A tool for cutting wood.
3—A narrow band of lines.
4—A precious stone.
5—An animal of the antelope family.
6—Anger.
7—To be like.
8—On the point.
9—A single thing.
10—A religious belief.
11—Wrinkle.
12—A conjunction.
13—One of the monkey family.
14—Negative.
15—Initials for Southern Nebraska.
16—A stated place.

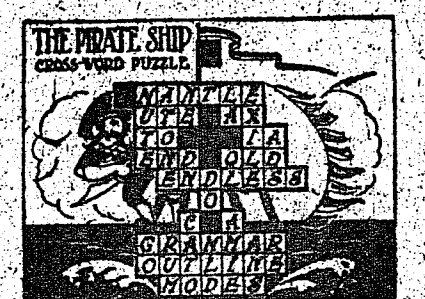
Down
1—The fourth month.
2—The nineteenth letter.
3—The number of years one has lived.
4—More than one of us.
5—A Turkish soldier.
6—An adjective of one letter.
7—Where the sunsets.
8—Something that grows on a horse's neck.
9—Seventh letter of alphabet.
10—North Africa (initials).
11—Frank's tooth (initials).
12—South East (abbreviation).
13—Reverend.
14—Wet taken from the earth.
15—Location of world's greatest canal (abbreviation).
16—Placed in position.
17—Nova Scotia (abbreviation).
18—Upon.

FEBRUARY CROSS WORD PUZZLE

"Grunt! Grunt! Grunt!" says the old pig, who is so loaded down with fascinating words that he can hardly move. He certainly is a spotted old hog and I fear he might gobble up the little bird unless you hurry up and work the above cross-word puzzle.

From the great number of letters I received last month, the **Pirate Ship** was a favorite puzzle and I believe you will like this one, too. Aunt Mary surely does love to hear from her boys and girls and I hope every reader of this page will write me a letter. Address letter to Aunt Mary, 1941 Dartmoor Court, Fort Worth, Texas.

Answer to Last Month's Puzzle



LETTER FROM A LITTLE GIRL

Last month I received a very sweet letter from a little girl who lives in Olney, Texas, and I want to share it with all of you, so as to see if you don't agree with me that this little girl must be very nice, indeed.

The letter was in a tiny envelope, which reminded me of a snowflake, among the other big, imposing-looking letters which came in the same mail. I just couldn't help but pick it out and read it first—it was so sweet and appealing. I know the little lady who sent it must be very dear to her friends and parents.

Here is the letter, and I want you to write and tell me what you think about it. Write real soon.

Olney, Texas, Jan. 9, 1926.

Dear Aunt Mary:
Every month I read the Boys' and Girls' page, and I sure do like it.
I sure enjoy the puzzles and stories, and also the recipes.
What I do not like about the puzzles is, I can't get the answers to all of them. Oh, yes, and I enjoy the poems.
I have tried some of your recipes and find them very good.
I am writing on the stationery I got for Christmas.
The stories are very nice, and I always enjoy stories. Mother says I read too much, but I can't quit reading.
Do you write to little boys and girls? If so, please write to me.
My address is:
CLARA BELLE KEATHLEY,
Olney, Texas.

Now, don't you think Clara Belle writes a lovely letter? I want you to notice how nicely she paragraphed and punctuated the letter. Can you do as well?

GAMES FOR ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

St. Valentine's day is a lovely time for us to give a party for our little friends and here are a few suggestions that will help to make the party one long to be remembered by the little guests:

Of course, the perfect hostess is one who has thought of something to amuse her guests every minute. She is gracious and sweet. And is always putting the pleasure of her guests before her own. A gracious hostess is one loved by old and young and always sought after as a friend.

Write your invitations on large paper hearts, giving the date, the place and your name.

Your decorations may be paper hearts strung over the doors and from corner to corner.

For refreshments, you can serve heart-shaped sandwiches, ice cream with heart-shaped cookies and little candies with mottoes on them.

Here are some dandy games that can be played with lots of fun for all:

ST. VALENTINE'S POST OFFICE

The players sit in a circle around the room except one who is selected for postman, blind-folded and placed in the center of the room. Some grown person, who acts as Postmaster General, gives each child the name of a city. Then they stand outside of the circle and say: "I have sent a letter from Chicago to New York," (two names are given to two different children). The children representing these cities change places quickly, the Postman trying to catch one of them, or take one of their seats. If he succeeds in catching one, the one caught is then blind-folded and becomes the Postman, and the one who was Postman is given a small paper heart as a reward. If he is not successful, two other names are called and so on until he is successful. A child who remains seated when his name is called must take the place of the Postman. You can play this as long as you like.

TWO HEARTS THAT BEAT AS ONE

Fasten a large red heart on a white handkerchief on the wall or door.
Blindfold each person in turn and let them try to pin a heart of similar shape over the one on the wall. The person coming nearest to the heart is awarded a prize.

BROKEN HEARTS

Place two red paper hearts which have been cut into several irregular pieces into an envelope. Divide the guests in half on each side of the room. Give an envelope to each one on one side of the room. They then choose a partner from the other side of the room and open the envelope. At a given signal, they begin putting the pieces together and the couple first getting the pieces together in perfect order is awarded a prize.

When you serve the refreshments you can give each guest a heart-shaped bag with the words: "There is something in my heart for you," written on it. Each guest may receive a favor or a written motto, if older children are present. You can also have a real large bag with the words: "There is something in my heart for you," and have little funny favors wrapped up in it. The guests then form a line, marching past the one guest holding the bag, putting their hands in bag and taking out a favor. They will have lots of fun unwrapping the packages.

I hope you have a dandy party and will prove to be the hostess I know you will be. Let Aunt Mary hear about your party.

LITTLE GIRL'S COOK BOOK

Here is a dainty cake to serve the next time you have visitors to "play house."

Cup Cakes.

- 1/2 cup butter.
 - 2 cups sugar.
 - 3 cups flour.
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt.
 - 1/2 teaspoon orange juice.
 - 1/2 teaspoon mace.
 - 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder.
 - 4 eggs.
 - 1 cup milk.
 - 1 teaspoon grated orange rind.
- Cream together the butter and sugar, add the egg-yolks beaten until thick, then the milk. Fold in the flour, baking powder, salt and mace sifted together and mix well. Then the orange juice and grated rind. Lastly fold in the stiffly beaten whites. Pour into well greased and floured gem pans. Bake from twenty to thirty minutes. Serve hot or cold with a plain frosting.

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RADIO NEWS
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Radio Predicts Cold Weather.
Owners of radio sets in Texas and Oklahoma during December and January found that the sets were a wonderful help in predicting the approach of extremely cold weather that came suddenly and unexpectedly. The radio predicts a cold spell in two ways: There always seems to be a great amount of static being pushed in front of a cold spell. When the radio works noisily on a clear cold or cool day or night, it is almost always a sign of a norther. The second method of predicting weather is listening to the weather reports, as given out by almost every station during the day. By this means, those who are short on fuel, as many were during the cold snap lasting almost two weeks during Christmas and New Years, may be able to prepare ahead of time.

Questions and Answers.
Question: What is a tube rejuvenator? When my signals fade out what is the trouble? T. T. C., Cameron.
Answer: A tube rejuvenator is a little apparatus that connects into the 110-volt electric light socket. An old tube or even a new one is placed in it and burned brightly for 45 seconds then on low power for 10 minutes. The rejuvenation process serves in simple words to burn out the tubes and renew the electron flow. Your signals may fade from atmospheric conditions, from loose connections in the set but more than likely fade from weak batteries, especially the "B" batteries. Always keep the batteries fresh and

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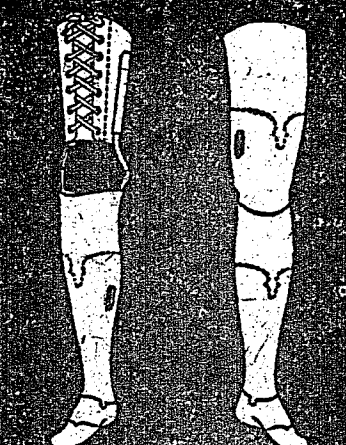
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WOMAN'S PAGE
MRS. MARGARET STUTE

HOME PROBLEMS
GROWING FRUIT ON FARM AND TOWN LOTS.

In almost every magazine or newspaper there is some article on food and diet, and fruit is always given a prominent place in the food and diet list as the most valuable of health foods. But when the average housewife goes to market for fruit she usually finds its cost far above her pocketbook. But she need not let this barrier stand in the way of health or happiness for her family. Women all over the South are finding that there are many ways in which they can more profitably spend time and effort than in hoeing and picking cotton. A few years ago the majority of farmers were buying eggs and chickens of the merchants, shipped to the South from Northern markets. Today these same farmers are raising their own chickens and, in some cases, making good profits in the selling of eggs during winter season that have been stored in summer.

There is also another new era dawning for the South. A modern farmer said this to me recently: "For many years the farmer of the South has thought that vegetables and fruit grew in cans." What he meant is quite plain, and has a valuable object lesson. But today, in almost every community, there are a few farmers that keep abreast of the times and have put in orchards to meet the needs of the family. There is nothing that will give more pleasure and satisfaction than an orchard. Where a family has unlimited water supply, a fruit failure should be unknown. An ordinary windmill, attached to a good well, will supply water enough to easily irrigate two or three acres of fruit trees, with only a very little work.

If we are going to plant a family orchard we must first of all select a desirable spot. If it's possible to select a place close to the house, this should be done, so as to discourage fruit vandals (the meanest of thieves) because they not only take the fruit but, as a rule, break and ruin the trees so that they will not bear profitably. Fruit will grow in almost any kind of ground, but, needless to say, the better the soil the better the fruit. Also select a plot of ground that is most desirable for irrigation. Fruit trees must have water during the bearing period to do well. After the plot of ground has been selected and plowed in the fall, let it stand idle during fall and early winter so as to get a deep season to the ground. The later part of January, or the early part of February, is the ideal time for planting in Central Texas, while a little earlier in the Southern parts and a little later in the Northern parts are the most ideal.

The next step in planting an orchard, is to select the varieties. Here is THE most important part of the planting. Four-year-old trees are usually the best to buy. It is well to keep in mind that different localities require a little different varieties. As the trees are to become a permanent part of our home and will last us for years, it is absolutely necessary for us to select the very best. I have found it better to own one good hardy tree than three poor ones. It is far cheaper in dollars and cents to put a little more in at the time of buying and reap a bigger harvest in two or three years than to buy an inferior quality for less and be disappointed or have a total failure. It is wise also to buy only from an estab-

lished nursery and one that will guarantee its stock to be exactly as represented.

When the time for planting comes, accept only those that are strong, healthy trees, with straight central limbs and free from disease. The trees should have good root systems and should be planted immediately upon receiving them. Dig a hole about twice the depth of the roots on the trees, fill half the hole with loose dirt that has had a little WELL ROTTED manure mixed in with it. Put the tree in the hole and arrange the roots as near like their natural trend as possible; cover with a little dirt and pack well. Fill the rest of the hole with water and go on to the next tree. After all the trees have been set, go back to the first hole and fill well with dirt and pack it up well around the stock of the tree. Fruit trees will often bear a certain amount of fruit, even if grossly neglected, but will bear better with a little more care. It is best to keep down all rank vegetation in the orchard. Cultivate around the trees every two or three weeks, and during the dry season give each tree a thorough soaking every fifteen days.

To help you in your selection, I am going to name a few varieties of fruits that do well in the South. Remember these are not all that do well, but are the ones recommended as doing the best. Peaches should head the list of all growers, as they are among the most delicious and healthful of fruits, and easily grown. Every family should have at least three trees, each bearing at different times, and as many more as can be afforded. Here are some of the best varieties: J. H. Hale, that is yellow, large, and a good keeper; the June Elberta, early Elberta and late Elberta all ripen at different times and are the greatest favorites of fruit growers; Chinese cling is an exceptionally large peach and most delicious in taste; Heath Cling is very valuable for canning, and the Mamie Ross is an excellent June product.

The plum is another fruit that does well in the South and is worthy of a place in the orchard for fresh fruit, jelly and plum butter purposes. Here are a few varieties that do well. Red June, one of the earliest; Abundant, a very early and prolific bearer, and the Gold, a late plum but very nice.

Apples can be grown in certain localities, with a great deal of success. There is no other fruit so healthful, to my mind, and so easy to grow, if given proper care. The best varieties are: Gano, or Black Ben Davis, a large deep red and one of the best cooking apples; Jonathan, a fall apple, good keeper, and an old favorite; Winesap, another well known variety, and the Delicious, all leading favorites.

Pears do well in only a few localities and should be planted in one section of the orchard by themselves, as they are subject to blight. There are a few varieties that are excellent and should be tried. The Kiffer pear is a general favorite and very delicious; Duchess is very large and the Seckel is small but very good. Cherries, as a rule, do poorly in the South, but do fairly well only in certain localities; if you live where they do well it is best to plant several trees. The Dyehouse, Early Richmond and Montgomery are the choicest varieties.

Fig trees should have a place in every orchard and the more the better. Only a few figs at a time ripen on a tree, which makes canning rather tedious. If a few trees are grown, they do best when of the same variety, so as to expedite canning. Fig trees need winter protection and respond better when put on the south side of a hill, or house. Figs also require a lot of water in order to do their best.

Here is wishing success to all orchard beginners; if you do not at first meet with success, try and try again. An orchard will add to the health and happiness of your family and represent a saving to the pocketbook. Any further questions on the planting of an orchard will be gladly answered by Mrs. Margaret Stute, 1941 Dartmouth Court, Fort Worth, Texas.

CARE OF THE CHILD

Last month you were told that I would take up, in the February Magazine Section, the problem of "Stealing," which confronts many parents.

Several years ago I was engaged in welfare work and came in contact with persons from all walks of life. One day I had the opportunity to talk to an ex-convict who had "made good" and I asked him what he had "served time" for. He told me it was for stealing. As I have always been interested in the welfare of the youth of the world, I asked him to tell me WHAT it was and WHERE it was that he placed the blame for his wrong doing. For a long time he would not tell me and finally he said: "If I were to tell you the truth you might think I was trying to shield myself and lay the blame at the door of another, but I will give you the name of a man who has known me and my family all my life; he will tell you all about it, but if he does not, then come back to me and I will tell you." It seemed a long road to travel, but I was interested and from the combined story of the two I got the true facts. I would like to add here that the convict's experience has been the similar experience of many other persons. Also, I have had mothers tell me how they had guided their children into paths other than that of the convict, and saved their children from HIS fate. "Joe," as we will call the ex-convict, was an average boy, like millions of other children in the world. He came into a family of moderate circumstances, who gave him the best they could give. They were not rich, neither were they so poor but that he had a rather easy life and plenty of spare time. One day, when he was about five years of age, he brought home a ball from a neighbor's house where he had been playing. His mother questioned him concerning it and at first he said they had given it to him. Later, he said he had "just brought it home to play with." His mother reproved him and told him how wrong it was to take things that did not belong to him; that it was bad to do so, and in future not to "take things without permission." She then took the ball and slipped it back in the neighbor's yard, so he "wouldn't have to feel humiliated."

"Right there was the time I should have been taught a lesson," Joe told me. "Mother was very sensitive and nervous and would be the thing to prevent a scene." Here was laid the foundation for the career of crime which followed. Joe should have been made to take the ball back and apologize to his playmate. The incident, possibly, would have been forgotten by all concerned except Joe who, perhaps, might then have been saved from the penitentiary. Time went on, and in school Joe "took things without permission," always his mother, or teacher, covering it up. Somehow, women loved little Joe and couldn't bare to see him suffer. Then, as he grew to young manhood, his mother became an invalid and a maiden aunt came to be the "mother" of the home.

Joe was finally taken out of school because of his many escapades. Then he went to work for his father's old partner. Up to this time Joe had never been made to PAY for one single misdeed. Always they were covered up and excused. Within six months after he started to work, he was called before his boss one day and told by him that he was short in his accounts. Now, he had to deal with a man who would accept no excuses and, as a consequence, he had to

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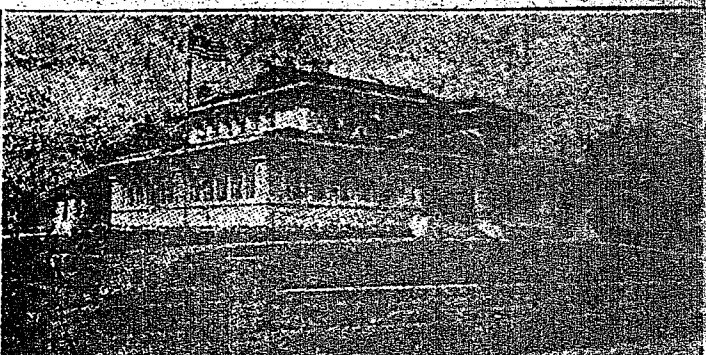


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PAY at last with a prison term. But the friend of his father was an understanding man, and after Joe had served his prison sentence, being let off early for good behavior, his father's old partner took him back and put him to work. Joe was sent to another town for a time and then brought back to the place where he was raised. Now, he is a man past middle age with a grown family, a good wife and a respected citizen. "Oh," he said to me, "if only I had been made to PAY when I took the ball as a little child—how different my life would have been." I found it easy to "get away with things," there was always a champion to shield me. I cannot understand why parents do not see the right way at the right time and teach their children the value of honesty in small as well as large affairs. Here is the true story of the heart of a real man. Please make the most of it—all readers of this page. I feel that this human experience means more than more words of "theory."

SANTA ANNA NEWS

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"He Profits Most Who Serves Best"

Best News From The Court House

Deeds Filed For Record:

Hines to Frank Brewer, Lot 10, Block No. 12, of Santa Fe Addition to Coleman; 10.00.
Coleman National Bank to D. W. Hatfield, S. E. 1-4 of L. M. Biddle survey No. 284, containing 159.1 acres; \$6600.00.
E. E. Polk, et al, to E. W. Polk, 5 acres of Block No. 18, subdivision of John Martin Survey No. 752; 5 acres of Block No. 19, subdivision of John Martin Survey No. 752; \$25.00.
M. Russell, to J. T. Jones, 219 1-10 acres of M. Martinez I. L. & L. Survey No. 751; \$4,000.00.
R. O. Shoemaker to R. H. Loggins, 10 acres of Lot No. 15, of Mrs. J. C. Lea's pasture; \$1.00.
J. B. Evans to John Evans, Lot No. 12 of John R. Bamister Estate, Subdivision of Block No. 32, G. C. & S. F. Addition to Santa Anna; \$240.00.
Mrs. Myrtle McLeod to A. W. Hardy, Lot No. 4, Block No. 80, G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co., Addition to Santa Anna; \$2750.00.

Marriage License Issued:

Mr. Walter Elliott and Miss Vivian Bailey.
Mr. Claude Briggs and Miss Ruby Williams.
Mr. Campbell H. Spencer and Miss Georgia Williams.

Births Reported:

Born to Mr. and Mrs.
R. L. England, Coleman boy.
Claud Kemp, Voss, girl.
E. E. Thate, Burkett, girl.
Victor Edward Lee, Coleman, girl.
Cecil Nichols, Coleman, girl.

Business Changes

W. R. Gardner has leased his two drive-in filling stations to G. E. Adams, effective Monday of this week.
Mike Wofford has sold his business to one Mr. Parry of Fort Worth, who will be here about the 15th, with a new stock of goods. In the meantime, Mr. Wofford will continue until his successor arrives.
J. W. Byrd has purchased the Griffin Cafe, and will open for business Friday evening of this week.

Coleman County Gins 37,273 Bales Prior to January 16th

There were 37,273 bales of cotton ginned in Coleman county, prior to January 16, from the 1925 crop, compared with 41,548 to corresponding date from the crop of 1924, according to the Bureau of the census, made public January 23. There were 3,998,963 bales ginned in the state of Texas, compared with 4,757,866 from the crop of 1924.

Father of Local Banker Dies

At His Home In Cross Plains

E. F. Bond, father of our fellow-townsmen, P. P. Bond, cashier of the State National Bank, died at his home in Cross Plains early last Friday morning at a very ripe old age.

Deceased was born February 13, 1843 in Franklin county, Georgia. He came to Texas and settled in Cross Plains in December 1884. He had been a member of the Masonic Lodge 59 years, having joined in 1857. He served the entire period of the Civil War as a soldier.

Mr. Bond's body was buried Saturday morning in the cemetery at Cross Plains, with Masonic honors. The following friends and business associates of P. P. Bond and family went from here Saturday morning to attend the funeral: Leman Brown, S. W. Childers, D. J. Johnson, Miles Wofford, S. H. Phillips, S. H. Collier, Rev. J. Hall Bowman, J. C. Scarborough, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ford Barnes.

The Santa Anna News extends sympathy to the bereaved.

Santa Anna Hospital Dissolved— Charter Granted Dr. T. R. Sealy

The Santa Anna Hospital has been dissolved and a charter granted to Dr. T. R. Sealy, for the Sealy Hospital. That automatically dissolves the Ladies Advisory Board of Santa Anna Hospital, and Dr. Sealy has appointed the following new members. They will meet in a business session Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Santa Anna Mercantile Co.: Mesdames Lee Hunter, Bill Mitchell, A. U. Weaver, G. W. Faulkner, Jodie Mathews, F. C. Woodward.

The Point of Contact

There is a simple catch in the familiar phrase that tells how the world beats a path to the door of the man who makes a better mouse trap.

The maker of anything, if he is to win the plaudits of the world, must not only produce a superior product, but also must let folks know of his achievements. He must point out just why his mouse trap, his automobile or his shaving cream is better than his neighbor's. He must advertise.

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This newspaper is constantly full of ideas that other men and women have thought out for your personal benefit. Fail to read the advertisements and you remain in ignorance of countless products that would make life easier, happier and more interesting for you and your entire family.

Advertising gives you news of the latest and best things made, with a word as to what they will do, what they cost and where to get them. Think of all you miss when you overlook the advertisements. Read them regularly in every issue.



DR. EDGAR GODBOLD

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

A Big Day Sunday

We will be in Sunday School at 9:45. All are going to be present. Just fall in line and follow the crowd.

Dr. Edgar Godbold, president of Howard Payne College will speak at the morning service. You will want to hear this man speak. He has a message that you will want to hear. People from the churches near Santa Anna have a special invitation to hear him and worship with us Sunday.

The B. Y. P. U's. will have their meeting at 6:15. We want to make this meeting one of the best.

The evening service will start promptly at 7:15. Dr. Godbold will speak at this hour. We are going to ask Dr. Godbold to deliver an address that he delivered at Coleman Junction recently. This is one of the best addresses that I ever heard. Be sure and hear him Sunday night. Just come and feel at home.

Sidney F. Martin, pastor.

Tom Blanton's Brother Dies At Capital

Washington, Feb. 1.—William Walker Blanton, 47 years old, brother and secretary to Representative Thomas L. Blanton, Texas, died at his residence here yesterday afternoon after a short illness.

Blanton had lived in this city for the last seven years. Prior to coming to Washington he was cashier for the American Express Company at Galveston, and afterwards assistant to a manager of a wholesale stationery house there.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Daisy V. Blanton, his brother, a daughter and three sisters, Mrs. Frank W. Hill and Miss Annie Webb Blanton, Austin, and Mrs. James Kilgore, Dallas. Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow morning.

More Winter Coming

Old Mister Groundhog, according to old sayings, saw his shadow Tuesday when he appeared, and returned to his place of hiding for another 40 days, indicating a late spring.

State Aid Inspector In County Next Week

William Eilers, one of the Rural School Supervisors of the State Department of Education, will arrive in Coleman Tuesday, February 9, to begin inspecting the State Aid Schools of the county. He will be accompanied on his visits by County Superintendent J. H. Kellett. All the schools have been practically ready for inspection for several weeks. Trustees are requested to meet the Inspector at their school and will be notified as to the time he will be there.

MISS HILDA HARRELL IS DEAD

The spirit of Miss Hilda Harrell took its flight at 5 o'clock Wednesday evening and waited to Heaven for eternal rest.

Miss Hilda, as she was affectionately known by a large circle of friends, has been a member of the teaching faculty in the Santa Anna school for the past several years, and was loved by as many children as any girl who ever taught in the local school. She was also a faithful member of the Baptist church and a consecrated worker in both the church and Sunday school.

She was the oldest child and only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Harrell, and, as we often hear it expressed was the pride and flower of the home.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Baptist church Friday at 2:00 p. m. The pallbearers will be selected from the members of the school board and teachers in the school.

Deceased was stricken with pneumonia about two weeks ago. A few days later the attack doubled, and a hard fight was made. Monday her condition was thought to be improved, but other complications set up and pretty soon but little hope was held out for her recovery.

While she was at her proper mind Monday she requested that a message of thanks and appreciation be published in the Santa Anna News this week for the many courtesies and kind favors she had received. She was perfectly reconciled to go. Being conscious of her condition, she called the family around her bed and told them of her going, and requested that all the children she had taught be informed that she had gone to Heaven, and would meet them one by one as they followed later. It is glorious to die such a death. The Santa Anna News very tenderly extends sympathy to the bereaved.

Mrs. Miriam Prickett, accompanied by her sister, Ben Vinson, was in the Dallas market this week, purchasing her new spring stock of millinery. Mrs. Prickett has moved her department from the Polk Bros. store to the D. R. Hill & Bro. store, and will be ready for business the last of this week.

We have two new candidates this week, but due to the late hour, they were turned in we will defer comments until next week.

Lions Club Offer Prizes For Best Crop Yields, 1926

At the regular meeting of the Lions Club Tuesday at noon, the agricultural committee recommended the following prizes be offered this year by the club:

Cotton

To all who will enter the Dallas News More Cotton on Fewer Acres contest, the Club will give as an extra prize, \$50.00 to the one scoring the highest point in the Dallas News contest, and \$25.00 to the one scoring the second highest score. Blanks and rules will be furnished by the Dallas News.

Corn

A \$25.00 prize will be paid for the best production yield of corn per acre. You may select your own plot, measure the land and keep a record of the crop, and the one producing the most corn per acre will be paid the \$25.00 prize.

Maize

\$50.00 will be paid to the farmer producing the best crop of Red Maize on 10 acres of land, and \$25.00 will be paid to the farmer producing the second best crop on 10 acres of land.

Higera

\$50.00 will be paid to the farmer producing the best crop of Higera, on 10 acres of land, and \$25.00 for the second prize.

Sorghum Cane

\$50.00 will be paid to the farmer producing the best crop of Sorghum Cane on 10 acres of land, and \$25.00 for the second best crop.

All the above prizes will be paid in cash, and are offered by the Lions Club as an incentive to encourage better farming in this section. The rules, as we understand it, will be simple, and as little red tape will be used as the committee can possibly make out with. The entries are open to all, and the writer would be glad to see a large number of farmers enroll. The committee is composed of Burgess Weaver, P. P. Bond and J. R. Pearce. The Santa Anna News will be glad to co-operate with the Club and committee.

Santa Anna News Supplement Prizes

As a supplement to the above prizes, the Santa Anna News will give the following prizes for the best egg record from any poultry yard who markets their produce in Santa Anna: First prize \$25.00 for the largest per cent egg production for number of hens carried on the yard; \$15.00 for the second best production; and \$10 for the third best. The following rules will be applied:

No yard will be allowed to enter with less than 50 hens. Count your hens and put the number you have at the top on the record sheet. Set down the date you begin keeping a record. Each day set down the number of eggs you gather from the yard. Furnish the Santa Anna News with the monthly report first of each month. At the close of the year, the contestant making the highest average egg production compared to the number of hens kept on the yard, will mail a check for the above amounts indicated.

Our object in offering these prizes is to encourage better poultry, more eggs and the necessity of culling out the top on the record sheet. Set down the date you begin keeping a record. Each day set down the number of eggs you gather from the yard. Furnish the Santa Anna News with the monthly report first of each month. At the close of the year, the contestant making the highest average egg production compared to the number of hens kept on the yard, will mail a check for the above amounts indicated.

Annual Meeting Of Retail Merchants Held

At the annual meeting of the Retail Merchants Association Wednesday night, the following officers were elected to serve one year:

Ben T. Vinson, President; Roger L. Hunter, Vice-President; Directors: Ben T. Vinson, Roger L. Hunter, Jodie Mathews, J. L. Boggus, S. M. Polk, Jr.

The Secretary was instructed to run "pay prompt" advertisement in the local paper at his discretion.

The Association recommended that the town observe six holidays during the year by closing their places of business and that all business houses close at 6:30 p. m. from April first to September first, and the board of directors was directed to select holidays and to solicit other merchants to co-operate in the closing for the holidays and at 6:30 p. m. for the summer months.

The Association changed the time of meeting to the second and fourth Monday nights in each month.

Two Auto Accidents This Week

Late last Thursday evening, the little six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mace Blanton was accidentally run over by W. R. Gardner's car, and painfully but not fatally injured. It was said the accident was unavoidable.

Wednesday in the late afternoon, Mrs. Harve Melton, while turning on the corner between the Adams Mercantile Co., and W. R. Kelley & Co., run over Mrs. Clifford Stephenson and little sister, badly bruising and crushing Mrs. Stephenson, but her condition is not considered serious. This accident was caused as we understand, by a car backing out from the curb in front of the Kelley store, causing the driver to turn to the center to avoid a collision. The fault is probably chargeable to our parking regulations.

J. M. Martin returned Monday night from the border where he went in search of Homer Richardson and Lola Harris, who left here in December. Richardson was found at Langtry, and Miss Harris was found at Alpine. Both parties were brought home. Richardson was placed in jail at Coleman and the girl was turned over to her parents.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Washington

Statement by Secretary Hoover,
January 26, 1926.

No amount of discussion can obscure the fact that the spot price of rubber was \$1.09 per pound and three months forward rubber was \$1.05 on December 10th when I asked for the cooperation of the manufacturers and consumers in a drive against the exorbitant price of rubber by conservation and provision of independent American supplies. We have had that cooperation. The spot price has dropped 41 cents per pound down to 68 cents yesterday, and three months forward rubber was about 64 cents.

Our imports of rubber for 1925 were 869,000,000 pounds. If we import the same amount for 1926 and had continued to pay the price demanded last December for rubber, our rubber bill

for 1926 would have been three hundred and fifty million dollars more than it will be at the present level of prices.

We undertook this action because the monopoly had put the price to 600 per cent of the cost of production and to 800 per cent over the price that their own committee of producers had themselves announced as a fair and profitable price.

Of equal importance to demonstrating that the American consumer has an ability of resistance to any of these nine governmentally created monopolies in raw materials, our industries have realized and undertaken the serious job of providing rubber supplies free of control.

OUR EXPERIENCE

Usually the fellow who gets the chance of a life-time for a song, can't sing.

"PICKS" PLAIN TALK

By Thos. E. Pickering

"Exposing" Great Men Of History
Many fictitious narratives have sought places in the biography of Abraham Lincoln. No life so full of important events as his could well escape this. Fortunately, these exaggerations are favorable and consistent with his nobility of character and greatness of purpose. But of late the country come in for a share of criticism. It has been intimated that there is a "real truth about Washington" which, if generally published, would affect the public as the child when it is told there is no Santa Claus.

This is all wrong. We can not imagine any true-loving citizen who would wish his idealistic notions changed in respect to such great Americans as Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson and Lee. The fact that they had imperfections (if, indeed, they had) does not detract from their fame nor lessen the value of their achievements. It is enough that they served humanity as they did.

It is enough that George Washington "fathered" this grand and glorious country of ours, and that he led the forces that founded the American Republic.

It is enough that Lincoln's great heart remoulded a stricken nation to realization of its strength in unity; that he began as a splitter of rails and ended as the head of a sovereign nation; and that his policies have since remained as foundation stones in the preservation of a republican form of government.

It is enough that Thomas Jefferson's mighty pen wrote into history the monumental clauses that have stood as bulwarks against tyranny and oppression and that have helped give this nation its heritage of democracy.

It is enough that Robert E. Lee, through aversion to secession, accepted the verdict and fought indomitably for the cause to which his own state of Virginia had dedicated herself; that with surpassing ability his influence so dominated the struggle that friends and foes were actuated to pay respect to a man so purposeful in motive, so Christian in character, and so loyal to the public welfare; and that he who, though commander-in-chief of the Confederate Armies, was at the close so solicitous in urging his own people to accept the new con-

At It Again



Another Marathon dancing craze is sweeping the nation—this time the erratic Charleston, which wears out milady's \$12 brogans in a few minutes of "buck and wing." Bessie Lemmey of New York ruined her shoes in a contest which went 53 minutes—said to be the record to date.

ditions and re-attach their fealty to the United States of America!

Let us hear no more about "exposing men!" True greatness needs no exposure, nor is it capable of it. There are enough disturbing elements in the world today to which constructive measures of reform should be directed, without shattering the monuments built with shed blood and sacrifice that we might live and glorify ourselves as an enlightened posterity.

It will do no harm, but manifest good, to keep right on believing that the great men and women of the world deserved the credit of an approach to immortality; that Shakespeare wrote "Shakespeare's Works" and not Francis Bacon; that little George cut down the cherry tree and told his father all about it; that there is a Santa Claus as actual in spirit as real in imagination; and that the good are the great and the great are the good. We should no more seek to suppress the classes of fiction than to shut out the lessons of accomplishments which time and tradition have rendered real.

DOUBTS AND FEARS

When John was in prison in the eleventh chapter of Matthew he was lonely and discouraged, he was out of touch with Jesus. John had wrought faithfully, he had been brave and strong in his ministry, and his faith had never wavered. He was the fore-runner of Jesus, by family ties he was a cousin of Jesus. But family ties failed him, and his official position failed him, and his own faith hesitated, when he was overpowered and thrown into the dungeon by those who sought his ruin.

The strongest faith weakens, the brightest career darkens, and the best of Christians waver, when doubts and fears are planted in the mind in some unguarded hour by the evil forces. No soul on earth is fire-proof against doubts and fears.

But John overcame his feelings of despair; he sought at once to find if he was wrong; and he went by messenger direct to Jesus, and Jesus sent a hurry message in reply and John was satisfied. When doubts and fears creep in and faith becomes limp and weak and the soul gropes in the dark, the Holy Spirit waits to carry a message of yearning direct to the Throne of Grace where Jesus lives and listens for the voice of his people.—Baptist Evangelist.

THIS IS WHY WE CALL THEM PUBLIC UTILITIES

The gas companies of the United States pipe fuel to kitchens where it is instantly available and at a lower price than coal.

The street railways of the country carry passengers for a price that is below that charged by any other public utility engaged in transporting passengers.

The electric light and gas companies furnish the best illuminants that man has ever discovered for a price so low that the entire public can and does avail itself of both freely.

The telephone systems of this country are the envy of all other countries. They are the best and the cheapest. The government-owned telephone monopolies in Europe are costly to the user in time, money and temper.

The telegraph and cable companies of the United States provide a maximum of service at a minimum cost.

These public utilities have done much to make life pleasant for the average man, to expedite the transaction of business, to shorten business hours and yet increase efficiency, to relieve congestion, to promote public health, public comfort, public welfare and public contentment.

If he gets three meals a day there, it is home. But if he gets one just now and then, it's "the house."



FOR SALE—My horses, mules, harness, wagon and farm implements.—Mrs. N. L. Biggs.

AMONG other bargains in horses and mules, we have a matched team of mare mules, 5 years old, fifteen hands high, no blemishes, gentle to work anywhere and can be caught in pasture. For sale for cash or good credit.—GILL RANCH, near Whon, Texas.

WALL Paper from 5 cents the roll up.—F. M. Jaynes. 3-1f

If you want good Maize take a look at all that's on sale before buying.—McGonagill.

GOOD Mesquite wood for sale at \$1.75 per load, at the Grady farm, one half mile north of Liberty school.—Jess Swann. 3-1f

BABY CHICKS

We will have baby chicks for sale at the Santa Anna Hatchery by Tuesday, Feb. 9th, and each Tuesday following. Arrange for what you need any time.—Neely Evans, Mgr.

TOOK up at my place one-half mile east of Trichham, one bay horse mule, about 15 1-2 hands, no brand. Owner may have same by paying expenses.—M. A. Ford. 5-2tc

FOR SALE—Several span of good horses and mules.—G. Guyer, Bangs, Texas. 5-2tp

FOR SALE—150 egg capacity Incubator.—J. S. Gilmore. 5-3tp

I have placed a few of my choice Plymouth Rock Cockerels on sale at the Santa Anna Produce Co. See Mr. Jones.—J. J. Gregg.

NEED GLASSES

Dr. Jones, the Eye Man, will be at Mrs. Comer Blue's Jeweler every Tuesday. Eyes examined, glasses fitted, headache and eye strain relieved.

WE do a general garage business. Genuine Ford and Chevrolet parts.—Mathews Motor Co.

SEE MY Maize and compare it with any others before buying.—McGonagill.

Tresspassers Notice

The public is hereby notified that no hunting or tresspassing of any kind will be permitted on the Boyd or Chambers premises. Bird hunters must keep out. Mrs. M. E. Chambers Miss Blanche Boyd

WE sell genuine Ford and Chevrolet parts. Nice Ladies Rest Room.—Mathews Motor Co.

Texas Almanac

We have a few copies of the 1925 edition of the Texas Almanac and Industrial guide, published by the Dallas News, for sale at the list price, 50c. If you have not already purchased one of these almanacs, you could not find a better investment for your money.—Santa Anna News. 1f

W. CRUGER & SON

Painters and Contractors Give us a chance at your work. Satisfaction guaranteed Santa Anna, Texas

Woodman of the World Notes

Do you know that one and a half million dollars of insurance is carried in Santa Anna and vicinity by our society?

We are on an adequate basis and no future changes of rates will ever be necessary. Our policies now are good for face value from date of issue.

Our age limit is now from 16 to 60. We write five different policies in amounts from \$250.00 to \$5000.00. Term insurance included.

We have more than 200 members in our society in Santa Anna; a good home out of debt and everything going good.

We are a fixture here and a greater society than ever before in our 36 years of activity. Join in with us and protect your family with a W. O. W. policy, which costs nothing just now.

See J. S. Jones, Clerk.

FURNITURE—8 piece Oak Dining Suite, for sale, cheap—Cecil A. Walker. 4-1tc

MONEY TO LOAN

6 per cent on good Farm; long time, quick Loans on City property.—Sam H. Collier. 40-1f

FOR SALE—Bundle Sorghum and 5c per bundle. See Will D. Sheffield, 3 miles east of Santa Anna.

Security Abstract Co. Frank W. McCarty, Manager Coleman, Texas

We give quick Service Office with R. E. L. Zimmerman

I have the prettiest line of wall paper ever shown in Santa Anna.—F. Jaynes. 4-1tc

EGGS

I have the Brooks Strain S. C. W. Leghorn bred to lay hens. Will eggs for hatching at \$6.00 per 100. Mrs. J. D. Nabours. 4-1tc

FOR SALE—Fine Single Comb White Leghorn cockerels, also baby chicks and hatching eggs. Guaranteed to please you. Write for prices.—Mayhew's Laymore Farm, box 657, Brady, Tex. 3-4

PAINT AT COST

I will sell you \$3.75 paint, as good as any, at \$2.50; \$5.00 white enamel at \$3.00. Quitting the paint business.—F. M. Jones. 3-1tc

MAN OR WOMAN—\$50.00-\$75.00 weekly showing samples and taking orders for Famous Tailored Shirts and Neckwear direct from our factory. Easy work. Experience unnecessary. Your pay starts at once. Spring line ready. Representatives in other counties earning \$50.00 to \$75.00 a week. ESSEX COACH, furnished FREE. Act quick. Write for FREE samples.—Packard Manufacturing Co. T835 Orleans, Chicago, Ill. 1f

HAVE car of extra good Maize on track at \$28 per ton.—McGonagill.

LOST—Black and white spotted pig, weight about 80 pounds. Reward. Notify C. S. Hensley, phone 176. 6-2p

WILL take up the notes against your land, City or county.—Sam H. Collier. 40-1tc

WE sell genuine Ford and Chevrolet parts. Nice Ladies Rest Room.—Mathews Motor Co.

FOR RENT—Light house-keeping, sleeping rooms, bath, sewage, electric lights; new and clean. Phone 232.

FOR SALE—Bennett Cotton Seed, yield past year 1-2 bale per acre, 22 to 40 per cent lint, better than mill grade, \$1.00 per bushel at my farm 10 miles south of Santa Anna.—Y. C. Perry. 6-3tp

MESQUITE Cordwood for sale at \$2.50 per cord, 7 miles Northeast of Santa Anna on T. B. Franklin Farm. L. Walthall. 6-2tp

Barred Plymouth Rocks

We have a few choice hens selected from a 200 lot of baby chicks; purchased last spring from the Golden Rule Poultry farm at A. & M. College, and can spare a limited number of hatching eggs at \$2.00 per setting of 15 or \$10 per 100. Also have a few cockerels for sale at \$2.50 to \$5.00. These birds are direct from the Poultry farm that has the reputation of being the highest egg production poultry farm of any in the state, and we have only the select out of a large shipment.—J. J. Gregg, Santa Anna, Texas. 1f

NOTICE OF ESTRAY

One bay horse, about 15 1-2 hands, 9 or 10 years old, no brand, away-back, took up at my place during the fall season of 1925; unless owner calls for same and pays expenses before Monday, the first of March, A. D. 1926, the same will be sold according to law to pay said expenses.—Dick Foss, Santa Anna, Texas, Trichham Route, February 1, 1926.

ESTRAY NOTICE OF LIVESTOCK

Notice is hereby given that I have in my possession one bay horse about 15 1-2 hands high, 8 or 10 years old, no brand, and one bay horse mule about 15 1-2 hands high, about 9 or 10 years old, no brand, took up at my home 3 miles northeast of Santa Anna, Coleman County, about Nov. 15, 1925. Unless owner calls for the above described livestock and pays expenses incurred on or before the first Monday in March, A. D. 1926, they will both be sold according to law to pay expenses.—W. T. Vinson, Santa Anna, Texas, January 29, 1926.



Don't forget the 14th is
St. Valentine's Day

—and it presents a fine opportunity to get in right with HER. Remember—no matter what else you may give her—she'll want a Valentine—because it embodies all the ideal qualities of sentiment, delicacy and charm. Here you will find just the card with which to express your sentiment of friendship, admiration, and love.

Baxter's Variety Store

Chevrolet
The New and Improved
CHEVROLET CARS
have arrived.
Inspect them
Mathews Garage
Sales and Service
Santa Anna, Texas

WHAT'S DOING IN WEST TEXAS

(By West Texas C. of C.)

Rising Star—Pure Sunshine Cotton Seed has arrived in Rising Star and is being distributed among a large number of the farmers in this section. The pool was made up with a view to standardizing cotton throughout the region, and as many farmers as possible are planting the same kind of cotton.

Roswell, N. M.—A committee consisting of Albert Pruitt, R. H. McCune and Will Lawrence has made arrangements for a day to be set aside and designated as "Roswell Day" at the Carlsbad Caverns. After February first, the caverns will be under the complete supervision of the Government and a fixed fee will be charged. The great Carlsbad Cavern has been recognized as the Eighth Wonder of the World.

The cotton gins are still busy at Roswell, Texas. The gins have been running all day and often into the night. A total of 178 bales of cotton was ginned here in one day last week.

Chico—Chico is planning to have a new bathing pool which will have bath house, cafe, ball room and laundry. The pool is to be 600 feet by 150 feet with a depth of 18 feet.

Rochester—The city of Rochester held a bond election for the purpose of putting in a water system. When the votes were counted the ballot stood 121 for and only 11 against the issue.

Haskell—The owners of the local theatre in Haskell will erect a \$40,000 theatre building in the business district of the city.

Abilene—Texas' only licensed teachers' agency is located at Abilene, according to J. Lee Tarpley, chief deputy labor commissioner, who has just obtained a license from the State Labor Department, granting to W. A. Byrum of this city the legal right to operate the Texas Teachers Exchange. Mr. Byrum has had several years' experience placing school teachers having opened a bureau here in 1903, and operated a while in Shreveport, La., and Las Cruces, N. M. He has placed hundreds of teachers over the West and Southwest. Now that he has the only legal private bureau in the state, he expects to do a much larger volume of business this year than ever before. The Exchange makes no charges to school authorities having completed and other improvements are under way in order to care for the vacancies.

Plainview—The regular monthly production of the Panhandle field.

Flying Death



Lester P. Barlow of Stamford, Conn., is in Washington demonstrating his amazing inventions. He is shown here with his marine and aerial torpedoes, the latter can fly 1000 miles automatically.

Luncheon of the local Chamber of Commerce was recently given at the Ware Hotel, with President J. B. Cardwell presiding. One of the outstanding subjects up for discussion was the \$50,000 drive to be made for Wayland College.

Eden—At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Eden Chamber of Commerce the following development program was mapped out: The organization of a Building & Loan Ass'n; the cutting up of ranches; the organization of a White Way; the building of a park and fair grounds for the Concho County Fair. A campaign for diversified and intensive farming in the county was planned along the lines recommended by R. Q. Lee, president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Amarillo—The Amarillo Refining Company is prepared to double the capacity of its refinery at once. Two 55,000 barrel tanks have recently been completed and other improvements are under way in order to care for the

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

Smallpox

Calling attention to the fact that 59 cases of smallpox were reported to the state board of health by city and county health officers of the state for the week ending Jan. 23, Dr. H. O. Sappington, state health officer, urges that vaccination be used as an immunization against this disease.

"There is no need," stated Dr. Sappington, "that anyone in this enlightened age should have smallpox, yet the recent report of the Surgeon General of the United States gives the surprising information that the small pox case rate in the United States is at present the highest of any civilized country in the world. Smallpox cases in Germany and other countries where vaccination is compulsory are almost unknown, cases that do occur being mostly among tourists."

"The increase in smallpox in the United States during the last 2 years is probably due in a large measure to a let-up in the use of vaccination since the World War. The great tendency of the general public towards interstate travel by means of the automobile also offers greater opportunity for the spread of this disease."

Vaccination Urged

"Vaccination against smallpox practically protects one from this disease for a period of seven years, and where smallpox is contracted after being vaccinated once, the disease is always in a very mild form. The best method is to be re-vaccinated every 7 years, since one vaccination does not always immunize one for life. Children should be vaccinated at an early age, and then re-vaccinated every seven years. If this rule was followed, then smallpox would soon be banished from the land."

"LEST WE FORGET"

It won't do to get too elated over all the talk we hear on the subject of tax reduction these days. Remember that has been talk for all the years our taxes have been increasing.

THE WAY OF THE WORLD

When a man with brains and ambition wins out all the loafers attribute his success to good luck.

The road to success is not by the scenic route.



I Wish We Could Afford to Spend More Money

That's what she told us before looking at our shoes.

"I Wish I Had Known You Had So Many Good Looking Shoes at My Price I Would Have Been to See You Long Ago."

That's What She Said After She Had Looked

We have a complete line of shoes for every member of the family. They are good ones. Red Goose for the children; the new Oxfords for the young men; good comfort shoes for the older men, and pumps and straps for the ladies and misses.

NEW GOODS ARRIVING

More are coming. Soon we are going to have a complete line. Going to market the last of the week. Expect to show you the best selection this season we have ever had. Do not fail to visit us.

D. R. Hill & Brother

JAILS OR HOMES

Here everybody has been telling everybody else what to do about the crime wave, and how to punish the criminals, and hardly anybody has got at the root of the matter. The general verdict seems to be that we need more and better jails. The fact may be that we simply need more and better homes.

Prison records show that 50 per cent of convicts come from obviously bad homes, 40 per cent from homes that can only be termed fair by a stretch of charity, and only 10 per cent from homes that a decent and intelligent American would pronounce good.

Moreover, nearly half of the convicts have left home at the age of 14, or earlier.

It is the home, more than other influence in life, that sets the stamp of character on a citizen, making him good, bad or indifferent. The right kind of home life keeps a normal boy or girl good, establishing a standard and habit of goodness. It usually saves, too, the child of weak character and wrong tendency, by training him up to go through the motions of good citizenship automatically, if it can do no more.

The home is the social unit. It is a small edition of the community. It should provide full, busy and happy life for its members. The home that contains within its walls government, work, play, education and all-round mental and physical activities of a wholesome and co-operative sort, needn't have much fear about what its members will do when they go forth "on their own."

Why Should I Go to Church?

Because: I need the help the church affords, and others need the help my example affords.

I dare not forfeit the best helps in life. The church is one of them.

To compare myself not with other men, but to bring my life alongside the life of the Man of Galilee.

I will feel better by throwing my mind into another gear; in church I will enjoy a change of thought, mind, atmosphere.

I may travel through life on the religion inherited from my parents, but can my children travel far on the religion received from me?

In staying away from church I persistently disobey God, who commands: "Forsake not the assembling of your-

selves together."

Without the church, I, myself, the community, the nation, would lapse into barbarism.—Contributed.

The man who is ashamed of his home town can't boast of his ability in picking a place to live.

SELF INTEREST

A man is always ready to help another if he feels that by so doing he will derive some benefit himself.

The path of least resistance is the road to most arrests.

S. E. PHILLIPS, D. C.

Osteopathic Masseuse

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Physician, Chiropractor

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Office Mrs. Spencer's Residence, Santa Anna, Texas, phone 205

To Our Patrons and Friends

Whatever your idea of happiness, may the year 1926 bring it to you. And we hope that in our small way, we may help to realize it for you.

We want to be of greater service to the people of this fine city; to give you greater values, lovelier modes, large assortments wherever possible, to make this store the most enjoyable place to shop in all Santa Anna.

Things interesting and new for the early spring season are now on display in our store. Come in and let us show them to you.

R. F. Crum

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Genuine BAYER ASPIRIN

SAY "BAYER ASPIRIN" and INSIST!

Unless you see the "Bayer Cross" on tablets you are not getting the genuine Bayer Aspirin proved safe by millions and prescribed by physicians 24 years for.



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Accept only "Bayer" package which contains proven directions. Handy "Bayer" boxes of 12 tablets—Also bottles of 24 and 100—Druggists. Aspirin is the trade mark of Bayer Manufacture of Monacopoland at Elberfeld.

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Local notices 10c per line for each insertion.

Obituaries, Card of Thanks and Resolutions of Respect are charged at one-half the regular rate.

J. J. Gregg, Editor and Pub.

Friday, February 6, 1926

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Santa Anna News has been authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary election in July:

For District Clerk:

W. E. GIDEON

For Tax Collector:

J. C. LEWIS (Re-election)
MARLIN SMITH

For Tax Assessor:

NOLAN BARMORE
CECIL A. FREEMAN
R. H. (HENRY) DUNNAN
WALTER WEAVER

For County Clerk:

L. EMET WALKER (re-election)

For Sheriff:

J. (JOHN) A. TRAMMELL

For County Commissioner Prec. No.

J. S. GILMORE (Re-election)

For Public Weigher, Prec. No. 7:

H. C. DAVIS
J. B. FLORES (Re-election)
C. S. HENSLEY
W. D. BROWN
B. M. KENDRICK

What Constitutes Safe Farming?

A cotton farmer should not allow his judgment as to future prices to dictate his cropping plan until he has gotten on a safe farming basis. By safe farming we mean a system that provides first of all for feed for the stock, food for the family, and fertility for the land. After figuring on the land necessary for these very essential things, we believe the farmer can afford to gamble on the market situation so far as his cash crops are concerned.

If cotton is the only crop for which there is a market, then cotton is the cash crop to plant. It is safer, how-

ever, to have more than one money crop in order to have several chances at high prices instead of one. It is here that a farmer can gamble to a certain extent. Having made himself safe on the score of feed and fertility, he may well study the market situation and attempt to forecast prices on his cash crops and increase or decrease their acreage on a basis of his opinion as to the future market. This, and this alone, should be the extent of the farmer's ventures into the realm of chance so far as his cropping system is concerned.—Eugene Butler, in The Progressive Farmer.

WHAT THE PUBLIC REQUIRES OF A COUNTRY NEWSPAPER

(From Moss Feature Syndicate, Marion, Indiana)

They want us to print free of charge all funeral notices and, in addition, sometimes half a column of good things about the deceased.

They want us to print church and school notices free, and often entertainments for pay likewise.

They want us to print free notices and announcements of weddings, together with a long article of how pretty the bride looked, and what becoming clothes she wore.

They want us to print free all the news about what a good town we live in and what great place to do business in.

They want us to print free of charge notices of John's and Annie's visit to a neighboring town and how loyally they were entertained there.

They want us to print free of charge how popular a certain candidate is that is running for office.

They want us to print free of charge divers and sundry other things too numerous to mention for all of which if we ask for unpaid subscriptions, or want our people to advertise, frequently deaf ears are turned, and the printer and his "devil" are left to make their living some other way or starve.

It takes money to run a newspaper and no town is considered a fit place to live in whose citizenship does not loyally support its home paper.

That advertising pays can be proved by watching business in stores that advertise.

Bridge Club

Mrs. McDaniel was hostess to the Bridge Club on Friday afternoon. The house was beautifully decorated with flowers and pot plants for the occasion. There were four tables of players and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent by the guests. Sandwiches, tea and salad were served later to the guests.

Railroads, protected by government, enjoy prosperity. Steadily increasing, they should divide prosperity with the men that do the work through the nights in cold and rain, when those that collect dividends are asleep.

All Americans, especially business men and money makers, should demand that good workers get their fair share of national prosperity. The rich man can get only his share of what the average man has to spend.

Government figures show that from 1920 to 1924, "automobiles killed 60,876 men, women and children."

And in 1924 the "death toll" numbered 15,528.

Calculated to give the false and damaging impression that the automobile in itself is a dangerous, deadly demon, these figures are NOT true to fact.

Of the sixty-odd thousand killed in five years some were the victims of stupid, reckless or drunken drivers, some of incompetents.

The greater number killed were victims of their own carelessness, commonly described as "jay-walking."

When a man on the railroad track is killed, nobody blames the locomotive or suggests suppressing railroads. The signs read, "Stop, look and listen," and "Keep off the tracks."

The Colorado River, put to work and used, will add hundreds of millions yearly to the wealth of the United States.

It will supply several Western States with more than a million horsepower, and irrigation sufficient to provide food for tens of millions of human beings.

The real wealth and future happiness of this country will gain from this single project of science and constructive statesmanship more benefit than it would from finding gold mines unlimited.

John Hulbert killed 140 human beings, his total profit on the killings being \$18,200. His line is not that of the ordinary holdup man for he is Sing-Sing's public executioner, and each time he straps a man into the chair the State pays \$130. It seems easy, \$130 for work that lasts half an hour. But killing causes strain on the nerves, so Mr. Hulbert retires. Some one else can have the \$130 job.

This Week



ASK ENGLAND.

GOOD PAY, GOOD WORKERS.

STOP, LOOK, LISTEN.

140 DEATHS, \$18,200 PROFITS.

Congress is puzzled by surplus farm products production. Some reckless bolshaviks, or at least radicalists, suggest that the Government might interest itself in helping farmers market their surplus abroad.

Charles Williams, who ought to know something about conservation, says: "No; that problem should be left to farmers without government help." A two-month-old baby might be left to put on his own little undershirt "without mother's help." The farmers would be as well able to deal with foreign governments, under our Constitution, or with foreign problems, as a baby would be to deal with its own nourishment and clothing.

To learn how farmers can be helped and surplus products sold at a profit, they might find out what the British do with their surplus rubber products. There is a rubber farm surplus. And you notice that they manage to sell it to the United States at about a dollar a pound, when it could be sold profitably at thirty cents a pound. A government that wants to do a thing can do it.

The railroad trainmen, hundreds of thousands of faithful workers, ask for better pay, and ought to get it.

THE PASSING DAY

WILL H. MAYES

Former Dean

Department of Journalism
University of Texas

Disqualified Citizens.



Despite all the urging of the newspapers and the tax collectors thousands of Texans have allowed February to come without paying their poll tax and thus qualifying as citizens entitled to vote. One vote may not amount to much in determining the result of an election, but when that one is multiplied by thousands the result may mean much for the good or bad of the state and community. Texas would not have so much occasion to feel ashamed of the administration of affairs if only all Texans would feel a greater personal responsibility for the right exercise of the privilege of ballot. No state can be better than the intelligent understanding of statehood on the part of those who compose the citizenship.

Texas' Park System.

Turner E. Hubby, the Texas game, fish and oyster commissioner, is correct in the statement that Texas needs a few large state parks, well kept and used as preserves for wild game rather than fifty or more wagon-yard parks scattered everywhere for the accommodation of our migratory population. When the state park commission was created it set about securing land donations almost everywhere they could be obtained, instead of centralizing on a few really creditable parks offering attractions enough to be classed really as parks. The slow progress that has been made in the Texas park system has been due largely to the mistaken ideas as to the state's needs. Let Texas establish a few attractive large parks, and if many camp grounds are wanted along our highway systems, let the towns along the roads secure and maintain them.

Too Much Machinery.

Most of the departments of both national and state governments are over-manned, and as a consequence there is more idling than real work. When a new department is established, it usually functions for a while at small expense, but in a little while the employees begin to increase in number. The head of a department must have a secretary to relieve him of his work; the secretary soon finds that an assistant would save him much labor; all of them want stenographers and soon there are assistant stenographers. By this time a few clerks are found convenient to keep the files and attend to the routine matters. To justify its existence in public estimation a publicity director is then employed, who in turn wants an assistant and a stenographer, and so on and on until dozens of people are employed at public expense to do the work that a few might as well do with the right application. If any business was as free in allowing for overhead expense as are most governmental departments it would soon be bankrupt.

Charities Cost Too Much.

The reason that government costs too much is that those who pay the taxes do not feel that it is their business to see that the taxes are spent for the things for which they are collected. The same trouble is found with most charities and other funds collected from the people. Too many half-idle people are paid to collect or to dispense the funds before they reach the place for which they are intended. Most of the money raised from entertainments for charity go to hiring halls, to paying the promoters and professional entertainers, to commissions for many things, and precious little of it gets to charity. This is an evil that appears hard to correct, but in the collection of local charity funds every community should seriously try to protect itself against imposition.

Road Money Badly Wasted.

Enough evidence has been developed in the cases tried at Austin to show that the taxpayers have been getting very little for their money spent in road maintenance work. Probably after the assessors and collectors and disbursers have all been paid and the expenses of the highway commission have been deducted 10 per cent of the taxes collected for that purpose has been spent for maintaining roads and 90 per cent has gone to "upkeep" of another kind. These are not an auditor's figures and may not be correct, but they are correct enough to show that Texas hasn't been getting what Texans have been paying for. What are you going to do about it?

Build the Railroads.

If Texas people could have their say about it, every railroad that wants to extend its line in Texas in 1926 would be allowed to do it. Some of them might possibly build unprofitable lines, but every line built would add to the prosperity and the development of the state.

New Postal Convention.

Washington.—A new postal convention with Newfoundland, effective February 1, was announced Wednesday by Postmaster General Blawie. It places Newfoundland on practically the same basis as Canada in regard to postal rates.

Soviet Ships Gold.

Moscow.—The soviet government has sent \$5,000,000 more in gold to its trade agency in London.

Fergusons File Libel Suit For \$100,000

Suit Filed in Belton

Belton, Feb. 1.—Suit for \$100,000 against Atticus Webb of Dallas and the American Publishing company of Austin, publishers of the Austin American and the Austin Statesman, was filed here late today in the Bell county district court by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson and her husband, James E. Ferguson.

The suit is the result of the publication of an article in the Sunday, American-Statesman on Dec. 13, 1925, in which the record of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson in the enforcement of the prohibition laws of Texas was attacked and the following paragraph in an interview with Mr. Webb was cited as having caused Governor Miriam A. Ferguson to suffer mental anguish, distress and humiliation:

"If she (meaning Miriam A. Ferguson, governor of the state of Texas) really wants to catch the bootleggers, I suggest that she employ Captains Frank Hamner and B. A. Baldwin, whom she dismissed from the ranger force for pestering rich bootleggers in south Texas."

The petition charges that the item was malicious in its intent and that it was for the purpose of injuring the reputation of the governor over the

state.

Actual damages to the amount of \$50,000 are sought, with \$50,000 additional as exemplary damages.

The governor and her husband are represented by A. L. Curtis of Belton. The case probably will be set for trial at the March term of court, it was said at the court house today.

Thursday Bridge Club

On last Wednesday Mrs. O. C. Petty was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club and a number of invited guests. The home was lovely in its decoration of cut flowers. A lace spread covered the dining table, having as floral decoration a large cyclamen. Mrs. Harry Caton scored high and Mrs. Jerry Simpson low. Mrs. Stafford Baxter receiving the guest prize. At the tea hour refreshments of malaga salad, stuffed celery, gherkins, sandwiches, hot tea, and pie; a La Mode were served to the club members and Mesdames Kirkpatrick, Mitchell, Weaver, Easley, Johnson, Faulkner, Brown, Melton, Hunter, McDaniel, Barnes, Shraeder, Parker, Garrett, Shield, Baxter, Mathews and Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Johnson Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Johnson and daughter, Miss Jeannette, entertained a few of their friends Monday evening with a 7 o'clock Mexican dinner in

their beautiful new home on Mountain St. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Leman Brown, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Faulkner, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Childers, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Martin, and Mrs. Comer Blue. Later in the evening a course of fruit pie and whipped cream, coffee and tea was served.

Spring! Spring!
Spring!

I know it is Spring because BYRD has built his nest (Hamburger Stand) in the Old Picture Show building by Whitlow Barber Shop, S. of Main St.

Will be open for business Friday night. Come to see me where you can get a Real Hamburger or Chili in "Byrd Style."

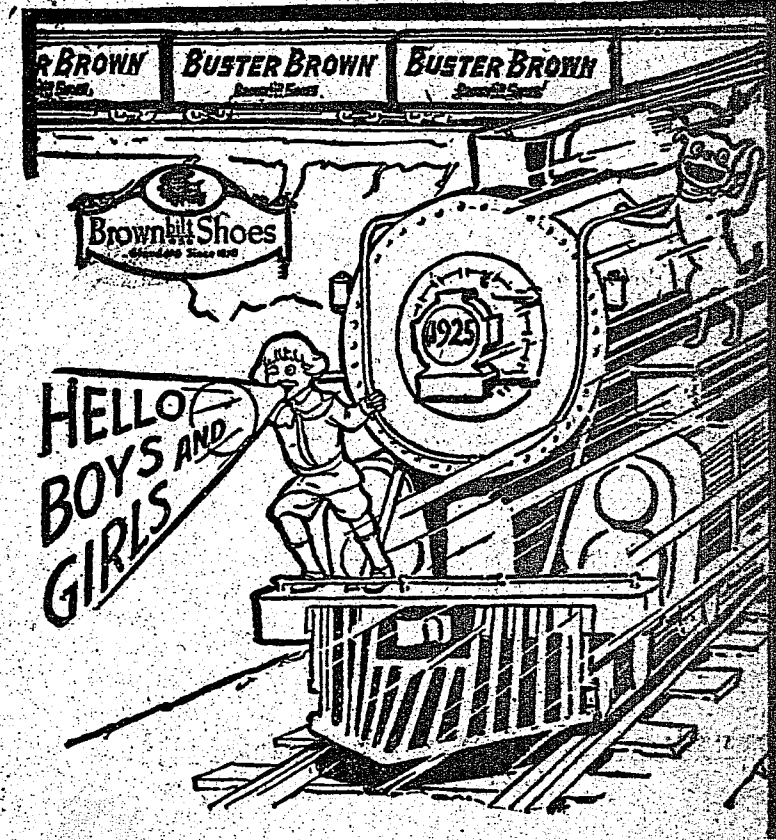
We serve Short Order also.

Better Hamburgers served with an appreciation.

Toot,
Toot!

Look out for
the train that
brings

Buster
Brown
and
His Dog Tige



straight from St. Louis with a whole bagful of tricks to amuse the parents and children of this city and community. Don't fail to see them.

Courtesy of

Marshall & Sons
SANTA ANNA, TEXAS

Saturday, Feb. 13, 1926, 8 p.m.

We are going to make some Special Prices for Saturday, the 13th, the day Buster Brown and Tige will put on their big show at our store

Don't miss the opportunity of your life to see Buster and Tige. Extra clerks will be added for the day, and you will receive prompt attention with courtesy.

We have just received a full line of Men's, Women's and Children's shoes and slippers for Spring and Summer. The best and prettiest ever shown in Santa Anna. We now have the best and largest stock in town. Pay us a call and let us show you.

Just unloaded another car of that good White Face Flour—the best made—making our 7th carload this year. Let us supply all your needs

AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM
DR. T. M. HAYS

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 29, 1926.
To the Santa Anna News,
Mr. Gregg.

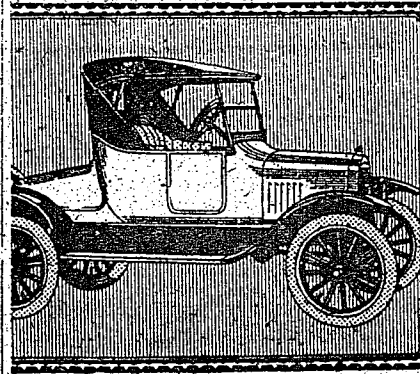
If you think it would be interesting to the readers of the News I will tell you something of our trip to San Antonio. Mr. C. K. Hunter, my wife and self, left Santa Anna Jan. 16th. It rained on us most all the day. Yet we had no trouble and arrived in San Antonio about 5:00 p. m. The road is hard-surfaced most all the way. Farming is rather backward, and the soil seems to me is less productive and the country is much, or worse broken than ours. Mr. Hunter and I went to Laredo, a town of about 35,000 inhabitants. The country along this road is more level, and I saw hundreds of acres growing in onions—looked like oat fields. Many hands were working in these fields. Getting these little onions in bundles of one to five hundred, shipping to us and other places. Also many fields of Spinach are grown there in the valley, as fine as I ever saw anywhere. Land can be bought in this valley from \$30.00 to \$40.00 per acre. I also visited while

at Laredo. Mr. Tooke, who is a that a man can get just as efficient brother-in-law to C. K. Hunter, and service in Santa Anna as he can in owns a magnificent residence and one. San Antonio. And we have doctors of the best grocery stores in the city. there whom I consider second to none. The next morning we went to the in handling either a medical or surgical Federal building and there filed my cal case. I have seen no one man's car's No. make, color, etc., which they office more thoroughly equipped for diagnostic purposes than Drs. Sedly the border. Then drove across the and Lovelady's at Santa Anna, and bridge to New Laredo, Old Mexico. his hospital is second only in size. As soon as the weather will permit we expect to leave here for the Rio Grande Valley. It might interest you to know something of the Missions, which we visited here. San Jose is the oldest, largest and finest Mission in America. A wonderful hand carved entrance, erected in 1701 and is still used as a church. We visited Breckenridge Park 363 acres, which contains the famous sunken garden and Zoological garden. Here you see every kind of wild animal. But to me Santa Anna is home, and the sun shines just as brightly there as here.

Yours,
T. M. HAYS.

We are glad to hear from you Doctor, for your letter is interesting. Naturally, we appreciate your praising Santa Anna and her institutions.

Do Not Be Deceived!
BUT WAIT FOR MY CAR



I Am Coming Soon

With the largest and most complete line of Medicines and other Products ever retailed from Factory to Consumer in Coleman County. I am fully prepared to supply your needs, so don't be deceived, but wait for me and get the best and most for your money.

Everything Positively Guaranteed to Give Satisfaction or no Sale.

Sam Baird

Retailer for W. T. Rawleigh Products,
Santa Anna, Texas

W. M. U. Program, Feb. 8

Subject: The Whiteness of Japan.
Leader—Mrs. Walter Kirkpatrick.
The land of a thousand Islands—Mrs. Ross Kelley.
Religion in Japan—Mrs. D. R. Hill.
The touch of Christ—Mrs. Lee Lamb.
Hindered Streams—Mrs. Lee Hunter.
Waiting Harvest—Mrs. Lovelady.
Our Field—Mrs. Floyd Reynolds.
Reading: A Christian Woman of Japan—Mrs. W. I. Mitchell.

A fault-finder doesn't need any research department.

VEGETABLES

Fresh from South Texas, that are just as nice and good as can be bought.

Twice Each Week—
Tuesday and Friday

Phone either 48 or 49 and enjoy a nice vegetable dinner.

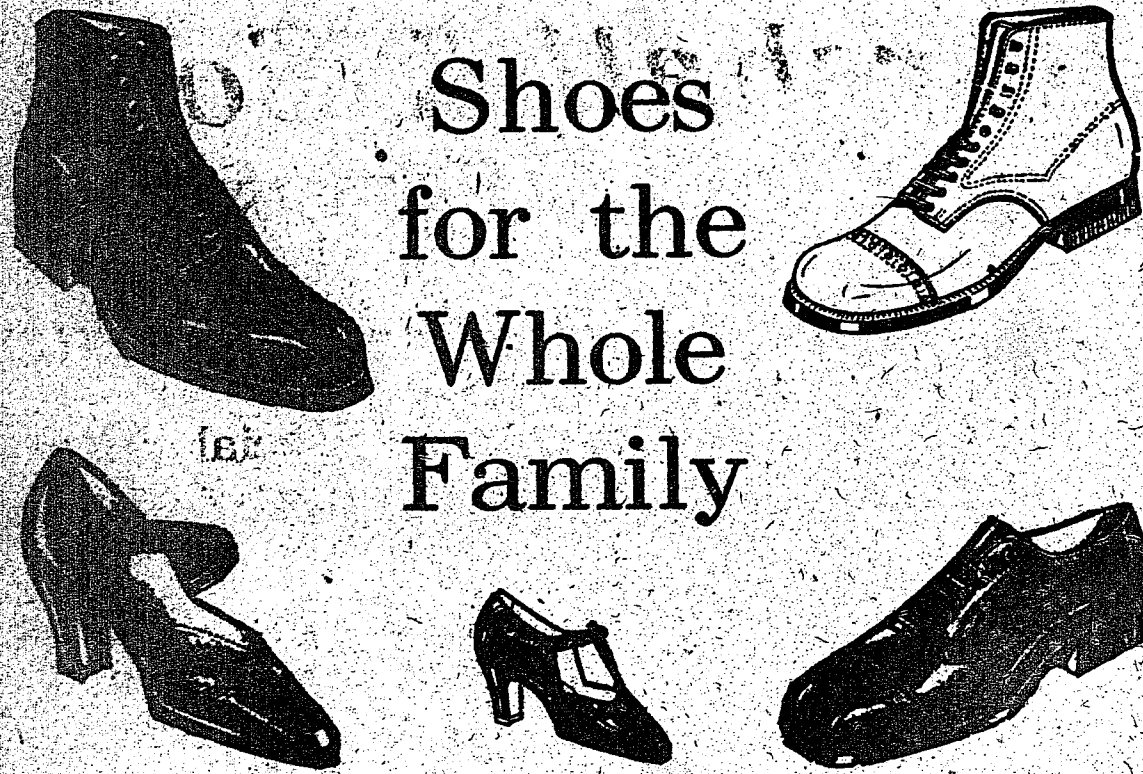
Quality and Service

Hunter Bros.

New
Goods
have
Begun to
Arrive!



Our buyers are in the market this week—and already our new goods have begun to arrive. Come in and see these advance showings. A complete stock will be ready next week. We know you will be pleased with the new goods.



Shoes
for the
Whole
Family

In our Shoe Department, we have just added a complete line of men's, women's and children's Spring Shoes, Slippers and Oxfords. Prices are right. We believe we have some of the best shoes for the money that can be found on the market. Come and see.

Fresh Meats, Vegetables and Fruits, phone 25 or 174 and be sure and include with your order one can 1869 Coffee, and get one imported Cup and Saucer and Bowl free. And don't forget Light Crust Flour.

Texas Mercantile Co.

When It Comes From Here "It's Good"

Every Purchase Guaranteed Satisfactory Or Your Money Back!

23rd. Rexall
MONEY SAVING
BIRTHDAY SALE

COME TO OUR PARTY
The Entire Month of February

In celebration of the Rexall twenty-third Birthday, we offer merchandise that has been carefully selected to give you maximum utility and savings and to prove again that your Rexall Store is an important part of the greatest co-operative system of retail drug stores in the world.

To give you the opportunity to know, at rock bottom prices, some of the merchandise which the United Drug Co., produce and distribute exclusively through the Rexall Store, we invite you to come to our store during the 23rd Rexall Birthday Sale. It is a real opportunity to secure unusual values on items used regularly in your home.

You save with Safety at your Rexall Drug Store.

TOILET GOODS

50c Jonteel Vanishing Cream	39c
50c Jonteel Cold Cream	39c
60c Cocoa Butter Cold Cream	39c
\$1.75 Jonteel Toilet Water	\$1.19
50c Jonteel Rouge	39c
25c Jonteel Soap	19c
50c Jonteel Face Powder	39c
\$1.20 Rexall Hair Tonic	79c
\$1.00 Bay Rum (full pint)	49c
50c Hair Fix	39c
35c Narcissus Talcum	19c
50c Kleenex Dental Cream	39c

CANDY

75c Maxine Cherries	49c
60c Wrapped Caramels	39c
35c Milk Chocolate, 1-2 pound	29c
75c Town Talk Chocolates	49c
\$1.25 Rose Dawn Chocolates	79c

STATIONERY

\$1.00 Abaresque Stationery	79c
\$1.00 Pound Paper and 35c Envelopes for	79c

15c Goodform Hair Nets	10c
25c Epsom Salt	15c
50c Cherry Bark Cough Syrup	39c

Many other items not listed above will be found at a saving during this Birthday Sale

CORNER DRUG CO

Mission Study Class

Mrs. J. M. Burrow was hostess to the Mission Study Class on Monday afternoon. Mrs. J. Hall Boyman was leader and proved herself an able one. Mrs. J. Frank Turner led the round table discussion on the Slav which was very interesting. Mrs. W. R. Kelley made an excellent talk on the "Foreign Emigrant." Mrs. T. R. Sealy discussed the question "What Does America Owe to the Slav?" and Mrs. W. T. Verner gave a talk on "How to Reach the Slav." Mrs. Anna Prickett read an article on what Protestantism is doing for the Slav. Victrola music added interest to the program.

Home Economics Club

On Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 19, the Domestic Science and Domestic Art classes of the Santa Anna High School met and re-organized the "Home Economics Club." The majority voted that we meet every second and fourth Mondays throughout the year. The following Monday we met, planned, and discussed what we would do. At each meeting a program will be given and refreshments served. The absentee is charged if she does not have a good excuse. Many things are learned in these meetings, and we are going to make them interesting with the help of our instructor, Miss Cora Stockard. The officers that were elected for the year were:

President—Olivia Land.
Vice-President—Lucille Keeling.
Secretary—Cora Rothermel.
Treasurer—Vonola Johnson.
Parliamentarian—Mondan Nabour.
Reporter—Obera Mercer.

ALL THAT GLITTERS
We often find that our golden opportunities are merely glitter.

The Week's Program

Queen Theatre

Monday & Tuesday, 8 & 9:15
ROD LA ROCQUE

The Coming Of Amos

With
Jetta Goudal and Noah Beery.
Sprinkled with comedy, abounding in action. Ranging from the wilderness of Australia to the wilderness of the Riviera.

"Adventures of Maize" in connection

Wednesday & Thursday, 10 & 11
JAMES OLIVER CURWOOD'S

The Ancient Highway

With
Jack Holt, Billie Dove and Montagu Love.
A Punchful romance of the Canadian North Woods by America's Premier Author of vigorous outdoor stories. Filmed by the Director of "North of 36."

FRIDAY 12
ADOLPHE MENJOU

The King of Main Street

Adolphe Menjou as Europe's great lover, great nissen, as the Parisian dancer who charmed him. Beside Love is the American who won his love. You'll love them all.

PATHE NEWS in connection.

SATURDAY 13

JACK PERRIN with Starlight in

Starlight the Untamed

COMEDY in connection.

IMPROVED UNIVERSAL INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

REV. F. A. FITZWATER, D.D., Dean
of the Evening School, Moody Bible In-
stitute of Chicago.
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Lesson for February 7

JESUS HEALS AND SAVES A BLIND MAN

LESSON TEXT—John 9:1-41.
GOLDEN TEXT—"I am the light of
the world, he that followeth Me shall
not walk in darkness, but shall have
the light of life."—John 8:12.

PRIMARY TOPIC—The Blind Man
Made to See.
JUNIOR TOPIC—Jesus Heals a Blind
Man.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—What Jesus Did for the Blind Man.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Jesus Christ the Light of the World.

1. Working the Works of God
While It is Day (vv. 1-5).

"The Disciples' Problem" (vv. 1, 2).

In their minds all affliction, negative
and positive, was God's retribution for
sin. Therefore, they argued that this
man's blindness proved his sin. They
recognized, too, that the effect of sin
is sometimes hereditary. No doubt
they inferred this from the second
commandment (Ex. 20:5). The impli-
cation is that they held the view that
men have a pre-existence, and that suf-
fering in this life may be the result of
sin committed in that pre-existent
state.

2. The Lord's Answer (vv. 3-5).

The Lord affirmed that in this case
there was neither sin on the man's
part nor that of his parents, but that
it was an occasion for the display of
the works of God and that He had
come to execute this task while it was
day, because the night would come
when no man could work. Since Christ
is the light of the world, the task
which challenged His attention was
the opening of this man's eyes. The
purpose of Jesus in working miracles
was not a mere exhibition of miracu-
lous power, but to illustrate in the
physical sphere His power in the spiri-
tual sphere. This man's absolute
helplessness in bettering his physical
condition is illustrative of man's utter
helplessness in the salvation of his
soul. The natural man is blind
and dead (II Cor. 4:4; Eph. 2:1). God
by His spirit must quicken the soul
dead in trespasses and sin before it
can see and take hold on Christ, the
redeemer for sin.

3. The Man's Eyes Opened (vv.
6-9).

Jesus spat on the ground and made
clay of the spittle and anointed his
eyes. Observe that the means used in
this miracle were little less than fool-
ish in themselves. The object must
have been to teach this man the utter
helplessness of the means to the ac-
complishment of the end, that he might
be caused to look from the means to
the One who used them, that he might
be convinced that the power was of
God.

4. His Obedience (v. 7).

He immediately obeyed. He did not
stop to question the reasonableness of
the command.

5. The Man's Testimony (vv. 8-
38).

In his testimony we have a fine ex-
ample of the development of faith. The
opening of this man's eyes aroused in-
quiry among his neighbors. When a
man's spiritual eyes are opened, there
will be a stir among his friends.

1. He Testified to His Personal Identi-
fity (v. 8). This was very easy. His
self-consciousness enabled him to know
that he was the same man who was
born blind.

2. He Testified as to How It Was
Done (vv. 11-15). So definite was his
experience that he was able to tell
just how it was done. When he re-
peated it there was no conflict.

3. He Testified That the One Who
Opened His Eyes Was a Prophet (v. 17).

4. He Testified That This Healer No
Doubt Was Sent of God (vv. 30-38). He
declared that He was the greatest
worker of miracles who had appeared
since the world began.

5. He worshiped Him as the Son of
God (v. 38).

6. The Results of His Confession.

1. As to the People, They Were Di-
vided in Sentiment (v. 16). Some be-
lieved He was from God because of
His works, others that He was a sin-
ner, because He did His work on the
Sabbath day.

2. As to the Man, They Cast Him
Out (v. 34). Faithful testimony will
often result in ostracism from even re-
ligious people.

3. As to Jesus, He Found the Man
(v. 35). Being cast out by men he
found himself in the arms of Jesus.

It is quite often true that separation
from human fellowship results in more
vital fellowship with Jesus. He was
led on to a deeper faith. He first saw
Him as a miracle worker, then as a
prophet, and finally as the Son of God
and when he perceived Him to be the
Son of God, he worshiped Him.

Religion

Religion, in its purity, is not so much
a pursuit as a temper; or rather it is
a temper, leading to the pursuit of all
that is high and holy. Its founda-
tion is faith; its action, works; its tem-
per, holiness; its aim, obedience to God
in improvement of self and benevo-
lence to men.—Tryon Edwards.

Satan's Deadliest Foe

Time well employed is Satan's dead-
liest foe; it leaves no opening for the
turbid mind.

Loving Cup Won At Tyler Commercial College

It is universally understood that a
school's success depends upon the suc-
cess of its students. The fact that
Tyler Commercial College is the big-
gest business training school cannot
be doubted when they train more
young people, better, quicker and at
less cost than any school anywhere.
Students enroll from everywhere to
take advantage of the opportunities
offered at T. C. C.

During 1925, T. C. C. offered loving
cups to the boy or girl who would
complete their courses with the best
record and quickest time of any other
student during 1925. The first day
of January brought the following re-
cords: Four loving cups were given.

Mr. Julian Weisler, Eagle Lake,
Texas, was awarded a loving cup af-
ter completing the General Business
Course in four months and five days.
He is now employed with the White
Brothers Lumber Co., Houston, Texas.

The next best record of the Gen-
eral Business course was made by Mr.
Archie Simon, Merryville, La., who
completed the course in four months
and fourteen days. Mr. Simon wrote
at the rate of ninety words per min-
ute on the typewriter and is holding a
splendid position in his home town at
a salary of \$175.00 per month. He is
only sixteen years of age.

Mr. John A. Vivier, Brownsville,
completed the combined course of
Bookkeeping and Shorthand in three
months and five days. He now holds
a position in his father's store in
Brownsville, Texas.

Mrs. Lela Bright, Bullard, Texas,
during the short time of three months
and eleven days, finished the General
Western Union Course. She was
placed with the Western Union Co., as
Manager at Colorado, Texas, im-
mediately upon completion.

Mr. Ewell Williams, of this city, re-
ceived his diploma in Shorthand and
Typewriting exactly two months and
twelve days after he enrolled. No
other record can be shown like this in
any other system except Byrne's
Simplified (Byrne and Simplified
Shorthand can be had only in T. C. C.).
However, we teach both Gregg and
Byrne. Mr. Williams is now attending
the university of Texas.

Many other records like these can
be shown at T. C. C. Why not put
your name with those who will win
loving cups during 1926. You can re-
ceive one of the beautiful cups if you
will enroll now, put your
shoulders to the wheel and let the T.
C. C. faculty do the rest. Addition
to that, a position will await you when
you finish. Tyler Commercial Col-
lege has its own Employment Depart-
ment, and its business is to find a
place suitable for you.

Send now for the large book "Achiev-
ing Success in Business." It will give
you information and will help you.

'Eavens 'Elp Us!



Well, it's here—Beauty contests
for men—and poor Allen F. May-
bee, Columbia College Senior—had
to go and win first prize as the
'Andromed Man'. He was so em-
barrassed that he went into seclu-
sion—and says he will succeed at
law in spite of all this.

Epworth League

Song—156.

Leader—Helen Hall.

Scripture: Phil 3:12-14; 4:8-9.

The value of a God—Francis Car-
roll.

The setting of the Goal—Jewell
Wheeler.

Song: 141.

The striving for the Goal—Velma
Sealy.

The strength to obtain the Goal—
William Wheeler.

Solo—Forrest Marshall.

Business.

Song: 146.

League Benediction.

Intermediate E. Y. P. U.

Subject: Pictures from an old
man's life.

The Gift that Jesus Wants—Nell
Sue Nakours.

Sammuel's place in the Nations—Cora
Faye Davis.

God's House—Calvin Campbell.

God's people—Ruth Durham.

The first King—Margaret Don-
ham.

David—Afton Pieratt.

Memory verse—Rube Bolton.

The book is free. Send the coupon
now.

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where. We lead; others follow.)

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Address _____

See editor of the Santa Anna News
for scholarship.

WHO'S NEXT?

Funny how these chicken (poultry
chicken) fanciers will congregate and
commune together. While waiting in
the lobby of the hotel for Luncheon
club dinner, Karl Steffins yesterday
proudly announced that the C. of C.
Egg farm had made a new high re-
cord the day before, going to 952 eggs.
This with 1650 hens on the farm.
Whereupon the editor threw out his
chest and advised 'twas nothing 'tall;
on his back yard chicken farm the day
before, he, himself, had hit a new high
record, viz: 23 eggs from a flock of
30 hens. Spoke up one B. A. Hallum,
"That's no record. I have seven hens
and yesterday I got 6 eggs." By
unanimous consent, Hallum was vot-
ed the champion boaster of 'em all,
and given his pick of the seats at the
Luncheon club dinner.—Brady Stand-
ard.

That's pretty good for hens, but
how is this one? Fred Battle, man-
ager for Burton-Lingo Co., has no
hens at all, only has a Bantam rooster
running around the premises and
gets an average of 3 eggs per day. H.
Volentine has no chickens at all, only
a stray rooster visits the place oc-
casionally, and he gets an average of
3 eggs per day. Rev. S. F. Martin
heard of the success being made by
the above two gentlemen, and he tore
out over town looking for a second-
hand rooster. He finally secured one
from one of the local produce dealers
on the shares, and the neighbors are
watching with keen interest what
success the preacher has with his
flock.

Night Coughing Quickly Stopped

New Way Simple But
Very Effective

Night coughing, with its distressing
loss of sleep and dangerous sapping
of strength and vitality, can now be
almost instantly checked through a
simple but wonderfully effective treat-
ment that is economical, too.

This treatment is based on the fa-
mous prescription known as Dr. King's
New Discovery for Coughs. For aston-
ishing relief, make this test tonight
before retiring. Simply take one tea-
spoonful and hold it in the throat for
15 or 20 seconds before swallowing it.
The prescription has a double action.
It not only soothes and heals soreness
and irritation, but it quickly loosens
and removes the phlegm and conges-
tion which are the real cause of night
coughing. So with the cause removed,
coughing stops quickly and you sleep
the whole night through.

The Dr. King's New Discovery pre-
scription is for coughs, chest colds,
sore throat, hoarseness, bronchitis,
spasmodic croup, etc. Fine for children
as well as grown-ups—no harmful
drugs. At all good druggists. Ask for



It's All In the Machinery

For the second time in its history
the U. S. Senate adopted the cloture
rule limiting debate. The world court
was the issue. The success or failure
of legislative and deliberative bodies
depends largely on the machinery or
the actual systems of procedure by
which bills and proposals are deter-
mined. To the outsider these forms
seem unimportant if not trivial, but to
those who must abide by them they
mean about everything. The detail
of ceremony, the psychology of time,
and the influence of personality have
decided the fate of many measures of
national and world importance.

FOR OVER 200 YEARS

haarlem oil has been a world-
wide remedy for kidney, liver and
bladder disorders, rheumatism,
lumbago and uric acid conditions.



correct internal troubles, stimulate vital
organs. Three sizes. All druggists. Insist
on the original genuine GOLD MEDAL

Wife and Husband Both Ill With Gas

"For years I had gas on the stom-
ach. The first dose of Adlerika
helped. I now sleep well and all gas
is gone. It also helped my husband,"
(signed) Mrs. B. Brinkley. One spoon-
ful Adlerika removes GAS and often
brings surprising relief to the stom-
ach. Stops that full, bloated feeling.
Often brings out old waste matter you
never thought was in your system.
This excellent intestinal evacuant is
wonderful for constipation.—COR-
NER DRUG CO.

How Doctors Treat Colds and the Flu

To break up a cold overnight or
to cut short an attack of grippe, in-
fluenza, sore throat or tonsillitis, phy-
sicians and druggists are now recom-
mending Calotabs, the purified and
refined calomel compound tablet that
gives you the effects of calomel and
salts combined, without the unpleas-
ant effects of either.

One or two Calotabs at bed-time
with a swallow of water—that's all.
No salts, no nausea nor the slightest
interference with your eating, work
or pleasure. Next morning your cold
has vanished, your system is thor-
oughly purified and you are feeling
fine with a hearty appetite for break-
fast. Eat what you please, no dan-
ger.

Get a family package, containing
full directions, only 85 cents. At any
drug store. (adv)

Worshipful Business College

Abilene & Wichita Falls, Texas
A Good Position—a big salary is what counts on the road. It
is a bank, wholesale house, mercantile establishment, and the like,
and secure position for you. Coupon will bring SPECIAL information. Mail
it today.

Name _____ Address _____

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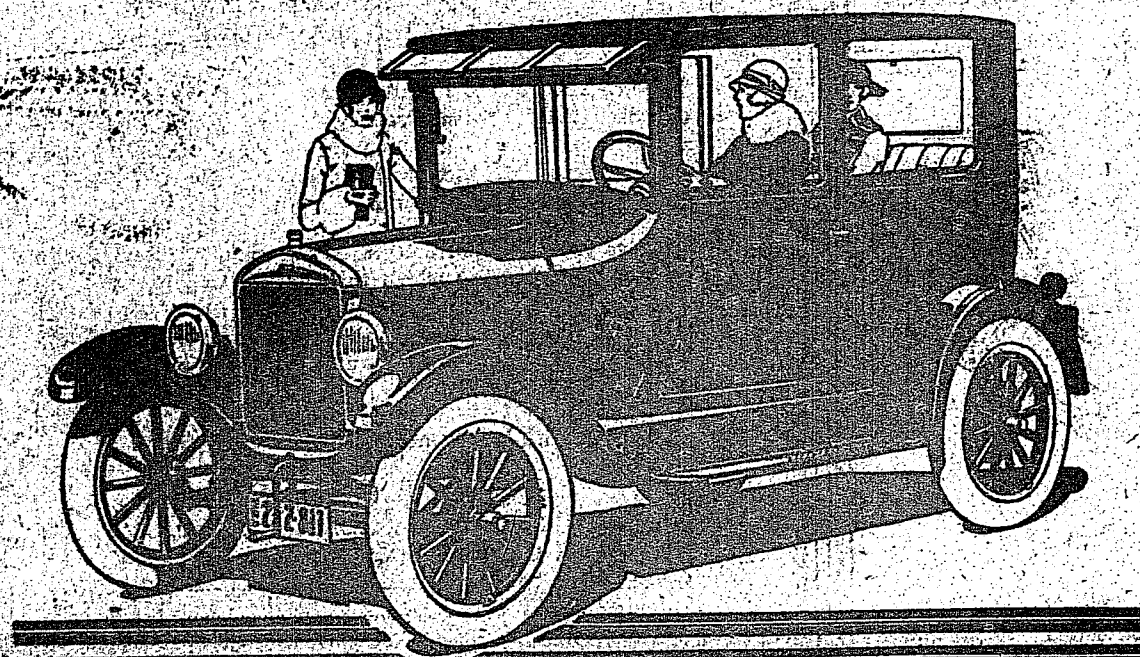
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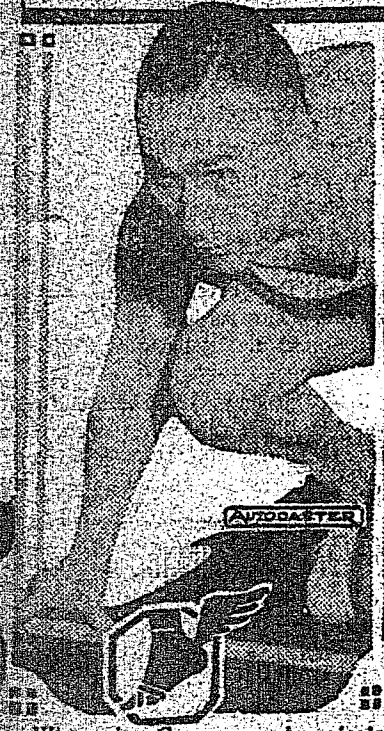
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STARTING IN THE POULTRY BUSINESS

(Farm and Ranch)

One of the first questions coming up in the beginner's mind is just what is there to the poultry business. Is it a real business? How does it compare with other industries, vocations and occupations? What opportunities does it afford a young man or woman just starting out in life?

The value of poultry and eggs produced in the United States each year equals the value of gold and silver produced in the entire world each year; 12 times the value of all wool; seven times the value of all sugar; seven times the value of all sheep; six times the value of all horses and mules; three times the value of tobacco; twice the value of all fruit products; one and one-third times the value of all wheat.

The poultry industry in America each year has passed the great sum of \$1,000,000,000. Over 110,000,000 people in the Nation must be fed, and they want eggs and poultry. We import many millions of eggs and poultry each year. Those of you that fear over production bear in mind that New York City uses over \$500,000 worth of dressed poultry and eggs

each year.

Petaluma shipped over 744 carloads of market eggs to Eastern markets in the year 1923. Petaluma, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego shipped 1,105 cars of eggs to Eastern markets in one year. In Petaluma in the year 1923, over 4,000,000 baby chicks were hatched. How is that for community enterprise?

The poultry business offers wonderful opportunities for the poor man and his family. I know of no other business offering such great opportunity, in which the average person can get into without selling out to a boss from the very start. Yes, the poultry business more and more each year is proving to be the poor man's salvation.

The poultry business, properly planned enables one to have an income every day in the year. It permits of variations and diversions of labor, never to become monotonous.

People will always eat eggs and poultry. Our population is increasing each year, hence the consumption of poultry and eggs must necessarily increase.

The poultry business is of a nature and type to appeal to a large group of people. You can enter it as a side line, as a hobby, or as a life work.

Unlike other branches of agriculture, it is less subject to the forces of nature beyond your control. Drouths and too much rain do not influence the poultry industry as adversely as other lines of farming.

Richard Kerr, Frenchtown, New Jersey, is one of the oldest baby-chick producers in the country. He has built a business to where it amounts to over \$500,000 each year. Some time ago Mr. Kerr was confronted with the necessity of setting his son up in business. Without giving other business much consideration, he bought and built him a baby-chick producing plant with a total capacity of 120,000 eggs every three weeks.

The first important step toward success in the poultry business for the beginner is that he is 100 per cent sold on the business. To go into the business half heartedly is almost sure to invite failure.

The beginner must expect and be willing to meet and overcome many obstacles, setbacks, troubles, worries, etc. They are sure to meet you sooner or later face to face. Better be prepared with a determination to overcome them. Remember, ignorance is one of the chief causes of failure in the business. The beginner should place proper valuation on the fact that poultry husbandry is both a science and an art. He must study the subject closely.

Knowledge Not Inherited

Not many, if any, inherit knowledge of poultry; you must acquire it some way before you can hope for much success. Experience no doubt still is the greatest teacher, but we believe it sometimes is an expensive and merciless instructor. You can save yourself considerable trouble by getting as much information as possible from some reliable source or some practical poultryman.

It will pay you to make an effort to learn something about the business before you invest very much hard-earned capital. You, of course, should have a good poultry library, containing bulletins from experiment stations and colleges, and poultry books by leading authorities, and several poultry journals and agricultural papers. Some poultry books are unreliable, however, full of theories, and written by so called quack poultrymen. Much of the information in poultry journals is equally unreliable and untried. Many self styled poultry experts are parading the country who never raised a thousand chickens and would starve to death on a poultry farm. The beginner must be able to pick his advisers and instructors.

When you have made an honest effort to learn something about poultry you are ready to make a start. It never pays to start on a largescale, unless you know considerable about the business. It is wise to start small and grow up with the business.

Often people enter the poultry business under the impression that they can make a living from 500 hens or even 1000 hens. True it is, you can make some kind of a living from such a sized flock, but in order to make a living that most people require nowadays, it is best to lay your plans for at least 2,000 laying hens. I have seen discouragement because the living made was not enough to be interesting. You cannot expect to make a fortune from 500 hens, or even 1,000. It takes a good sized flock to return a net profit to support the average family in twentieth century style.

Buy Good Grade of Stock

It is suicide in the poultry business to stock up with cheap stock. People, at least many, still believe the cheapest article the best investment. All of our lives, with no exceptions, wherever we have bought anything we have found the cheapest to be the most expensive. Cheap chicks are an expense on a poultry farm. Breeders cannot stay in business and produce high grade stock and sell it at cheap prices. It takes time and money to build up a good strain of poultry. In view of all these facts, the majority of beginners buy cheap stock. They let price fool them. Surely they do not know that it takes as much feed for a poor layer as a good one, and she requires just as much feed, and time to raise 100 mongrel chicks as 100 chicks from some bred to lay and trap nested strain. One of the best investments I have ever made was when I paid \$1 each for some baby chicks. It will pay the beginner to start where the other fellow left off.

A hen has to lay 100 eggs a year to pay her board and room bill. If you have 100 hens averaging 110 eggs each, you will make a profit of 1,000 eggs time value received per egg. If you have a flock of 50 hens averaging 180 eggs each, you will make a profit of 9,000 eggs time value received per egg. Think this over seriously before you buy your foundation stock.

Probably the quickest and cheapest way of getting a start is by buying baby chicks from some reliable hatch-

ery or breeder. Many poultry farms and hatcheries in Texas and Oklahoma are making a specialty of producing quality chicks from bred to lay stock. Select the breed you like, and which seems to have proved profitable, then get in touch with some hatchery or breeder producing that breed. As a rule it is necessary to book your order several weeks in advance.

It is egg production that makes the wheels go round on a poultry farm. Meat production comes as second to egg production. Mongrel stock has no breeding and is a money losing proposition. Heavy egg production is not transmitted by accident. It does not just happen. Not all standard bred stock are heavy layers, or even good layers, notwithstanding the statement to the contrary put out by some poultry breeders. Unless a strain has been carefully and consistently bred for egg production it is not likely to transmit these qualities or be prepotent in the same.

What's Wrong With the World?

Rest quietly in your easy chair tonight; draw the curtains about you and think. What is wrong with the world. Settle the question with yourself whether it is the tariff, the coal strike, poison booze, flappers, Congress, the independence of youth, divorce, the weather, the parole system, white bread, lack of vitamins, static, landlords, the foreign debts, the crop

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and I began its use. I never have found so much relief as it gave me. I would not be without it for anything. It seemed to cleanse my whole system and made me feel like new. I would take a few doses—get rid of the bile and have my usual clear head, feel full of pep, and could do twice the work."

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outlook, or too much publicity for the ex-Kaiser. After you have decided to your own satisfaction which or how many of these things are contributing to the lack of peace and contentment of yourself and man-kind, go to sleep. Arise next morning and begin your day's work with freshness and ardor. You will then wonder why you ever wondered that there was anything wrong with the world. This prescription seldom fails to cure. Should it fail, however, you get your agony back.

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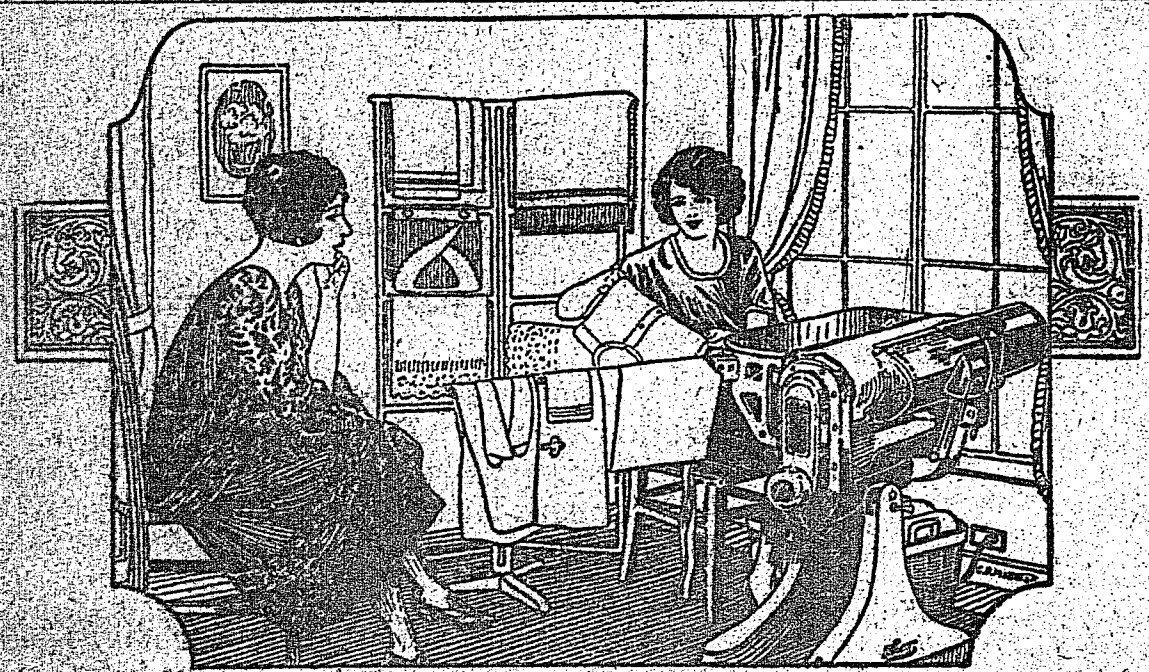
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	Pinto Beans, 7 lbs., 50c	

Our line is all new stock and we will appreciate your patronage

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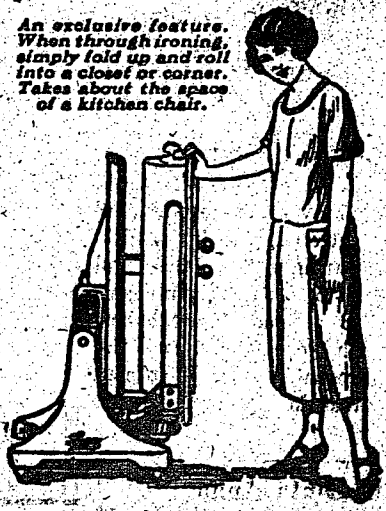
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U. D. C. Meeting

Mrs. J. E. Spencer was hostess to the U. D. C. Chapter on Friday afternoon. There was a very good attendance. After a business session a splendid program was given by the Daughters. The course of study for this year will be Texas History. It is well for everyone to know something of the history of his state and each member is urged to be present at each meeting and to take part in the discussion of the lesson. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Willie Hentley.

The Christian Aid Society met at the church Monday afternoon, and had their regular missionary lesson. There was a good attendance and one new member secured.

Sunday School Class Entertained

Mrs. J. M. Burrow was hostess on Friday night to her Sunday school class. There were 27 guests present. The diversions of the evening were games, victrola and piano music. Several readings were given and a general good time was had by every one. As Mrs. Burrows in her hospitable manner, always makes every one feel at home in the manse. Later in the evening delicious refreshments of sandwiches, cake and tea were served to the guests.

The first of the week Mr. Frank Mills and Miss Ola Smedley surprised their many friends by slipping over to Coleman and becoming one. They left immediately for Ranger where they will make their home.

Caught in the Round-Up

C. G. Gilliam of Fort Worth is here this week on business.

Miss Ina Bible and mother went to Brownwood Friday.

Ernest Cannon spent Sunday in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Ray went to Comanche Saturday.

Dr. Mathews who has been seriously sick is reported better.

Mrs. John Hensley and son, Elgean went to Panhandle first of the week.

A nice new room has been added to Dr. Holland's home.

Little Irene Rountree is recovering from a spell of pneumonia.

Morris Nabours is home for a few days from Randolph College, Cisco.

Earl Woodward from Waco is visiting relatives here.

Roscoe Hosch and Mark Davis visited in the oil fields Sunday.

J. F. Minatra and family have moved to West Brook.

Misses Avis and Jewell Box from Rockwood were in the city Friday.

Miss Sis Carter and mother of Marlin spent a few days last week here.

Mrs. A. A. Smith of Brownwood was a visitor in our city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Green of Coleman spent the week-end with their daughters here.

T. W. Martin of Coleman visited in the S. H. Collier home Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Inez Marshall who is teaching at Cross-Cut spent Sunday with the home folks.

Miss Nettie Newman of Howard Payne was home for the week-end with her parents.

H. N. Smith of Snyder stopped over here with relatives last week, enroute home from Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Harvey and daughter, Miss Lula, spent Sunday in Coleman.

Miss Ruth Parker of Brownwood spent the week-end with home-folks here.

Dr. T. Richard Sealy went to Rockport this week to accompany Mrs. Culverwell home.

Miss Nettie Turner has accepted a position in the Brownwood High School to teach music.

The boys from Rockwood and Voss played here Tuesday. The championship was decided in this game, Voss winning the championship.

Mesdames Will Pearce and Tom Clifton and Mr. Johnson of Brownwood visited Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Windham Monday.

Dr. D. Harrell, student in the Cadets School at Kelley field, was at home last week-end to attend the bedside of his sister.

B. W. Ryan of Tuscola, was in the Mountain City Saturday, and paid the News office a business call while here.

To The Voters of Coleman County:

In the proper column of this paper you will find my announcement for Tax Collector of Coleman county, subject to the Democratic Primary in July.

To the voters of Santa Anna and trade territory where I am not so well known will say: I am 51 years old, been in Coleman county since 1889, am living now, and have lived near where I live now since 1889. My residence is 9 miles northwest from Coleman, my address is Coleman, Route No. 3.

I was in this race 4 years ago and was beaten by a small majority (less than 300 votes). Since that time I have been on the rock pile you might say and now I am asking you again for your support.

I ask you to investigate my claims and find out whether I am worthy and well qualified to fill the office should I be lucky enough to be elected.

I will try and see all the voters before the election. When you meet me call me Marlin and tell me your name if I don't call it first. I will remember some of you, but can't place you all.

I thank you for your vote and influence.

Yours truly,
MARLIN SMITH

People most open to criticism are the first to condemn the mistakes of others.

Lee Griffin has accepted a position with a plumber in Coleman.

C. W. Stephenson made a business trip to Brownwood Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Aldridge of Lawn spent Sunday in the city.

Mrs. R. A. Richardson has returned from Sweetwater.

Earl Eaton of Mullen spent Sunday in the city.

Bill Price has just returned from a trip through the oil belt.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kelley spent Tuesday with relatives in Brownwood.

T. Ray Garrett was in the city this week from Cross Plains.

Reginald Owen of Simmons University was home for the week-end.

Ottie Campbell and family are visiting his mother in this city.

A. L. Pearce of Coleman spent Saturday with his father in Santa Anna.

Born Sunday night to Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Yancy a son.

J. M. Byrd who has been seriously sick the past week is reported better.

Mrs. Teddie Stewardson of Shield is visiting in the W. B. Harper home.

Mrs. Wallace Kirkpatrick and Miss Josie Baxter visited in Trickham Monday.

Rev. J. N. McKinney of Mexia came in last Saturday to be at the bedside of his grandfather, J. W. McKinney.

Cecil Freeman and family of Coleman visited the home-folks here Sunday.

H. M. Smith and J. D. Center and family and possibly others, attended the singing at Shield Sunday.

Miss Lottie B. Weaver has gone to Houston to spend the remainder of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Discerns and children from Killen have located in Santa Anna.

Mrs. Crenshaw and daughter, Miss Vada, of Brownwood were in the city last week.

H. L. Lackey and family have returned from Winters to make their home here.

Misses Odelle Brown and Annie Stiles spent the week-end in Silver Valley.

Robert Turner, Johnnie Hunter and Curtis Jones left Tuesday morning for Hollaway Mountains on a hunting trip in a well packed buggy.

A fire of unknown origin broke out in the cotton yard Monday. The flame was extinguished before much damage was done.

Mrs. J. H. Nelson left this week for San Angelo to join her husband who has been there for several days, building a home. The Nelsons are good citizens and we regret losing them from Santa Anna.

FOR PUBLIC WEIGHER

To the Voters of Precinct No. 7, Coleman County:

I take this opportunity of announcing my candidacy for the office of public weigher of Precinct No. 7, Coleman County. My aim is to give the people service and satisfaction and in so doing I know it would be necessary to have plenty of the best help that could be had on the yard. If I couldn't take care of weighing with one pair of scales without rushing the scales, would put on a second pair in order to give scales time to brake without rushing them. I need the office for what there is in it to pay what I owe and live on. I feel competent to fill the office which I am aspiring and if elected it will be my purpose to serve the people to my very best ability, equal rights to all, and special privileges to none.

Yours truly,
B. M. KENDRICK

Home Economics Club Entertained the P. T. A. Tuesday Afternoon

The Home Economics Club entertained the P. T. A. Tuesday afternoon. A nice program was rendered, and a style show put on in which the girls marched in wearing dresses they had made. Delightful refreshments consisting of heart shaped white cakes, and fruit punch were served to the large crowd present. A rising vote of thanks was given Miss Stockard and the girls.

Buy it in Santa Anna.

Merry Wives

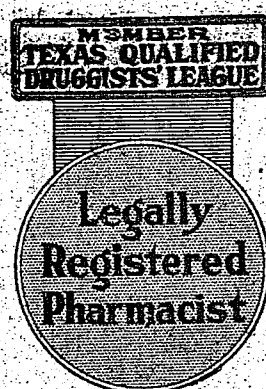
Mrs. J. Hall Bowman was hostess to the Merry Wives on Thursday afternoon at the parsonage. There was a large number present including several visitors. Outside of the regular routine of work Mrs. Archie Hunter sang two solos and Miss Bowman sang. Later Mrs. Bowman served a buffet luncheon to the guests. The menu included hot coffee, date sandwiches, cheese sticks, white cake and fruit cake. She was assisted in serving by Mrs. T. R. Sealy.

Pastor J. Hall Bowman of the Methodist church, is in Memphis, Tennessee this week, attending a meeting of Board of Missions.

Rally Day At Methodist Church

Sunday was "Rally Day" at the Methodist church. The roll was called then the Rev. Bowman preached an excellent sermon on the church militant and its duties. After the sermon a collection was taken and one thousand, five hundred and fifty dollars was raised to pay the parsonage. An the afternoon quarterly conference was held by Presiding Elder Porter. At night Dr. Porter preached a strong sermon. The subject was Paul's Imprisonment and Release at Philippi.

D. J. Barnes and Mrs. Kate Bowden are in Dallas this week purchasing new goods for the Texas Mercantile Company.



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