

Ellis Died Tuesday in Amarillo.

Mrs. I. C. Ellis died last Tuesday evening in Amarillo, following an operation at the sanitarium there at 12 o'clock. She was taken to that place by her husband on Monday following a long illness, an operation being thought the only hope for her recovery. Her physical condition proved too weak to stand the shock of the operation.

The body was shipped home Wednesday for burial.

A large number of friends of the family met the train at the station and attended the funeral services conducted at the Baptist Church by Rev. Elder.

Besides the husband and three children here at home Mrs. Ellis had an aged father, R. D. Traw, and brother, J. W. Traw, of Richland, Mo., and a sister, Mrs. S. S. White, of Asbury, Mo.

Death.

Mrs. Mollie Bell Ellis died in Sanitarium at Amarillo on the 23rd of February at 6 P. M.

Sister Ellis, had been sick for months with fever and internal cancer, which resulted in her death. She leaves a husband, I. C. Ellis, three children and aged father, R. D. Traw of Richland, Mo., with a host of friends to mourn her going. Thus an affectionate wife, a fond mother, a devoted daughter passed away.

She had been married to Bro. I. C. Ellis fifteen years. She leaves two splendid sons and a sweet little daughter in the home, with a brokenhearted husband to weep over her going.

We thank God for her noble Christian life, and the blessed influence she left with all who knew her. We tender to our Brother Ellis and the children our deepest sympathies and prayers, wishing for them great good from the holy influence left them by a wife and mother whose tender hands administered to her wants during her sickness. Her remains were brought back to Floydada and after a funeral service in the Baptist church house in the presence of many sorrowing friends at 5:30 P. M. on the 24th inst. she was buried in the Floydada Cemetery by her pastor Jno. F. Elder.

God bless and comfort the sorrowing in the home, and help them to emulate the bless-

STATISTICS ARE DRY, BUT INTERESTING

In Europe, the number of persons out of every thousand population who have bank accounts is, in the various countries, as follows:-

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Plant Trees around Baptist Church Lots.

The work of completely surrounding the church and parsonage property of the Baptist Church in Floydada with shade trees, was completed the latter part of last week.

A total of about 45 trees were necessary to go all around the property. Black locusts were planted.

"Nothing adds more to the attractiveness of a church lot, or any premises for that matter, than pretty trees," said Pastor Elder Monday. "We feel like our church property can be made a thing of no little civic pride with little effort, comparatively, within a very few years."

Fire Visits Roaring Springs.

Wednesday night of last week fire broke out in one of the business blocks at Roaring Springs and destroyed approximately \$18,000 worth of property. The Bon Ton Restaurant, O. O. Love Dry Goods Co., and the Roaring Springs Echo were the principal losers. J. W. Chaik Hardware Co. lost several hundred dollars in damage from removing stock.

The fire was of supposedly incendiary origin, and the officers visited Roaring Springs on Thursday making four arrests.

New Phone Line to McCoy.

People of the McCoy community are to have a telephone line in the near future. Interested parties are at work on it now. The line will run southwest toward Blanco crossing and will extend about 18 miles.

Many people in that section who have been without the benefit of telephones will now have the many conveniences that the telephone alone affords.

Change in Route No. 2

Route No. 2, running southeast from town, was changed slightly in part of the return route last week. The change was to avoid double service on the part of the route which lies on the Matador Road and is served by the Roaring Spring Star Route.

Route No. 2 now runs south of its former course on the return route.

Just the Thing.

Iraté County Gentleman (white anger at being disturbed)—You book canvassers make me so angry with your confounded nerve and impudence that I can't find words to express my indignation.

Canvasser (jumping with enthusiasm)—Then, sir, I am a great help to you, I have here the very thing you need—a dictionary of the English language, containing all the words and slang phrases known, and only \$2. Take it, and you will never be at a loss to express yourself again.

Miss Mabel Clark of Snyder is in Floydada, and will engage in the millinery business again this year here. She will be associated with the Olson Store on West Side this year. She had a position with the Fair Store during the last spring season.

Ross Henry returned Wednesday afternoon from Kansas City, where he had taken a load of fat cows to the market.

ed life left them is the prayer of their many friends.
 Tenderly and devotedly,
 Pastor.

Cousins to Speak at Court House Sunday night.

Pres. R. B. Cousins, who comes to Floydada on Saturday next to be ready for the circuit of the country schools on Monday, will speak in the District Court Room on next Sunday night, beginning at 7:30.

The request has been made that all churches dismiss services and the congregations attend the service at the court house.

Preaching at Lakeview.

There will be preaching at Lakeview on next Sunday by Rev. B. W. Wilkins, pastor of the Methodist Church at that place. All are invited to attend.

Panhandle Teachers to Meet in March.

The Panhandle Teachers' Association will meet in Canyon the latter part of March. H. W. Stillwell, a member of the West Texas Normal faculty at Canyon is president. He announces that the program will be given out soon. One feature of the program will be a study of the Normal Training School.

Out-of-town Officials and Attorneys.

Among the out-of-town officials and attorneys in Floydada this week at court are: R. C. Joinger, district judge, Geo. L. Mayfield, district attorney, Wm. N. Baker, court stenographer; W. C. Mathis, and C. S. Williams, L. S. Kinder, H. C. Randolph, W. Kirk, L. R. Pearson, L. C. Penry, J. N. Stalbid, the latter of Lockney, and Judge M. M. McGee, of Hollis, Okla.

Woman Suffrage Bill Engrossed in House.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 23.—The House today engrossed the woman suffrage bill, by a vote of eighty-four to forty-two. It amended the bill, however, to have the vote taken at the regular election of November, 1916, instead of at a special election in November 1915.

The House this afternoon voted to adjourn sine die on March 13. The motion in the Senate to adjourn March 15 was laid on the table subject to call.

Change in Insurance Firm.

C. E. McClelland has sold interests in his insurance firm to W. A. Todd of Plainview, and D. C. Lowe of Lockney, and the firm name has been changed to McClelland, Todd & Lowe and the firm will handle all kinds of insurance and do a brokerage and loan business.

Mr. Todd will have charge of the office work and the other two members will attend to the outside work. Mr. Lowe was until recently president of the First National Bank of Lockney and is well and favorably known over the Plains. He and his family will move to Plainview.—Plainview News.

Epidemic of LaGrippe.

An epidemic of la grippe has spread over the county the past ten days, and though there is no serious illness to speak of, the doctors are being kept busy answering calls and dealing out gripe medicine.

Rev. O. P. Kiker, presiding elder of this Methodist District, passed through Floydada last Friday afternoon enroute to Roaring Springs to conduct quarterly conference.

Small Blaze from Defective Flue.

J. C. Wooldrige Lumber Company suffered a small loss from a blaze on the roof of their office last Monday morning caused by a defective flue.

The fire was not under very good headway when discovered and the bucket brigade had it under control at once.

McCarty Improving Section Southwest.

J. F. McCarty is improving a section just south of Blanco School house. Among other improvements now being made is a good barn, which will be followed a little later with a dwelling. W. A. Gound has the work in charge.

Built Rent House on Roberts' Land.

Fred Ranft completed a good rent house on J. F. Roberts' land in the southeast corner of the county last Friday night, returning home Saturday. The new building is a structure 28 x 30.

Good Rains Visit all Floyd County.

From all sections of the county good rains are reported, falling Friday night the 19th and again Sunday night the 21st. The total rainfall at Floydada was one and a half inches. At other points it is reported as more.

Sunday night only two tenths of an inch fell at Floydada, but both north and south of this place the rain was heavier in parts than the Friday night's rain, and hail accompanied the Sunday night downpour. The stones were small doing no damage.

The rains make conditions ideal for farming operations, and spring oat and wheat planting will likely have a big stimulus.

Hereford Prisoners on Strike.

Hereford officials have adopted a plan whereby county prisoners who refuse to pay their fines are taken out on the road gang and allowed to work out the fines at 50 cents per day. Formerly it had become somewhat of a problem to keep the drunks and other miscreants from breaking into jail, because of its modern appointments including electric lights, toilet and bath, roomy run around, good beds and good meals.

On the 17th of this month a gang of thirteen who were working on the road at 50 cents, struck on the gangmaster, who promptly took them to jail and put them on a bread and water diet. The fellows soon rustled around and borrowed the money to pay themselves out.

Since the inauguration of the new system it is highly probable according to Hereford correspondence, that the jail will not contain so many free boarders.

Starrs in Musical Entertainment Tuesday Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Starr's program at the Auditorium Tuesday night, was fairly well-attended and the crowd gave evidence of enjoying their musical entertainment greatly.

This is the fifth number of the season's lyceum course. The next number will be Congressman Richmond P. Hopson, who is billed to be in Floydada in April.

J. C. Newsom, of Lubbock is in Floydada on business this mid-week having arrived Wednesday.

Purchasing Building Material.

H. J. Willis, head of the H. J. Willis Hardware & Furniture Co., is in Dallas this week to purchase building materials for a brick adjoining the Meany Theatre, which Mr. Willis plans to have built this spring.

Mr. Willis says he finds it necessary to practically double his space to accommodate his stock.

Buys Avery Tractor.

E. C. Henry has purchased a new Avery 25-50 tractor and gang plows, which are being unloaded today.

Program for Teachers Institute.

To be held at Muncy, March 6th 1915;

1. Welcome address—Mr. R. E. L. Muncy;

2. Evil Effect of Keeping students out of School,—Mr. Laurence Hill.

3. What should a child be taught before Entering School. Miss Shell Merrell.

4. Address—Mr. Marquis of Canyon.

5. The proper Environment for home Study.—Mr. W. M. Cook.

6. Apparatus and Equipment Necessary for Rural School, how obtained and its Care—D. M. Hopper.

7. Address.—Hon. R. B. Cousins of Canyon Texas.

Dinner will be served on the ground, a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

E. P. Thompson,
 County Superintendent

"Let Texas Feed itself."

Breakdown Causes train to Miss Connections.

Northbound train no. 906 failed to make connections with the Sweetwater and Amarillo trains last Tuesday when a breakdown near Aiken caused it to lose four or five hours.

Carey Griggs and family, of Estelline, are spending the week in Floydada with Mr. Grigg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Griggs.

They are preparing to move from Estelline and will possibly locate some distance west of Tucumcari, New Mexico, during this spring.

Wade Roberts, of Plainview, has accepted a position with Tom B. Triplett, Druggist, and began work last Saturday.

Miss Mollie Davenport, of Plainview, who has been visiting with friends in Floydada the past week, returned home this morning.

Grand Jury in Session.

The grand jury for the session was empanelled and began their work last Monday morning at the opening of District Court by Judge R. C. Joiner. The jury is composed of the following: E. C. Henry, F. P. Donathan, F. J. McDermit, Wm. McGehee, Bert Bobbitt, C. W. Biller, J. F. McCarty, E. Guthrie, L. B. Maxey, J. W. Freeman, G. M. Bullard, T. L. Camden.

R. L. Henry is walking bailiff, Z. Felton, door bailiff, Reed Harper and T. H. Edwards, riding bailiffs.

Judgement by default have been taken on some five or six suits during this term of court and two or three cases were disposed of in vacation.

Wednesday morning the case of Baker, Hanna & Blake vs E. L. Morris et al came up for trial. The jury is still out at this writing.

The criminal docket on which are 18 cases has been set for the first week in March.

Carbon paper at Hesperian office

County School Survey Begins Next Week.

The survey of the Floyd County schools, which is to be made by Messrs. Cousins and Marquis, of the faculty of West Texas State Normal will begin next Monday morning, when, in company with County Superintendent Thompson and G. W. Shearer, these gentlemen will leave Floydada for Lakeview.

The tour circuit calls to make three schools a day, spending about two hours at each school.

The circuit is as follows:
 March 1st, Monday.

Arrive Leave
 Lakeview 9:00 a. m. 11:00 a. m.
 Baker 1:00 p. m. 3:00 p. m.

Center For the night.
 March 2nd, Tuesday.

Fairview 9:00 a. m. 10:30 a. m.
 Cedar 1:00 p. m. 3:00 p. m.

Sunset For the night.
 March 3rd, Wednesday.

Lone Star 9:00 a. m. 11:00 a. m.
 Providence 1:00 p. m. 3:00 p. m.

Meteor For the night.
 March 4th, Thursday.

Irick 9:00 a. m. 11:00 a. m.
 Pleasant V 1:00 p. m. 3:00 p. m.

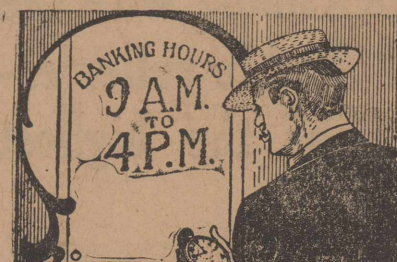
Muncy For the night.
 March 5th, Friday.

Sandhill 9:00 a. m. 11:00 a. m.
 Allmon 1:00 p. m. 3:00 p. m.

McCoy For the night.

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The War And Spring Small Grain A. H. LEIDIGH-Tex. Agr. Experiment Station

We have had six months of war and we now face cheap cotton, dollar and a half wheat, and high prices on all feed crops. What will be the results if there is a long war? Should the farmers plant more small grain than usual this spring?

The writer has been in touch with small grain testing and improvement in Texas for the past several years and is being constantly asked for advice and information in the present situation. Briefly stated, my advice and suggestion is that farmers in central, western and northern Texas should plant as large an acreage of feed grains as possible.

We must remember that we cannot foretell the future. Judged from the situation as it is today, Russia, our great competitor in the export of food grains, cannot ship her surplus because of the participation of Turkey in the war. We also find that a tremendous and productive area is laid waste and cannot produce crops this year. Now whether some new embargo or blockade will change all this tomorrow is

beyond my insight. However, as stated above, I suggest that the farmer in the localities mentioned, should attempt to meet the market demands in so far as he can see them at this time.

Spring planted crops for the areas mentioned may be divided into two classes, as follows: (1) Early Crops; (2) Late Crops.

The early crops are the small grains which are Durum spring wheat, spring barley, and spring oats. These should be seeded in February or early March and will be ripe in June. The late crops for the region given are corn and the grains sorghums. This article is in regard to small grain crops only.

With the present situation as regards prices there will seemingly be a great demand for early feed grains and for milling grains. The writer suggests that those who can do so, sell out all they can spare about May, basing their supply retained for feed on the prospect of their crop at that time. If you then make any crop in June, it will be partly at least for your own needs for feed. Durum spring wheat

is the only spring wheat you can secure seed of that has shown good yields in experiments. Planted in Northwest Texas, in February, or early in March, this crop should yield well, provided soil and moisture conditions are favorable. If these conditions are not favorable, do not attempt to grow this crop or any other small grain; leave the field for later crops. Durum wheat is now selling above other wheats. It cannot be sold to advantage in less than car lots. If you raise a car and cannot get a fair price for it, ask the Experiment Station to aid you.

Spring barley rarely ever makes a very good yield in Texas, and only in irrigated regions in extreme western Texas can I advise the use of this crop.

Spring oats may usually be counted upon to make a fair showing except near the gulf. The spring crop is usually injured more by drought and rust than is the winter crop. If oats are to be sown, they should be planted at once. Whether the oat crop makes much grain or not, it will give a reasonably good supply of good hay or straw.

The soil requirements of all the spring small grains are very similar. They must have a reasonably heavy rich soil. The unfavorable soils are light sands and very heavy clay which is either poorly drained or droughty.

The general opinion is that the small farmer cannot raise small grains unless he has the same machinery that the large prairie wheat farmer has. This is a sound idea. However, the small farmer may safely grow oats as a feed for his own stock. A few acres of the crop may be harvested without expensive machinery and does not need to be threshed.

I want to emphasize a statement which I made in an article in Farm and Ranch last fall which is that "profit in small grain farming depends in many cases on other things than hard work, soil or climate." With spring small grains, it is of extreme importance that seeding be done earlier on well prepared well settled moist land. Hard labor at too late a date is not going to help very much. Therefore do your seeding at once. The exact method of preparing the seed is unimportant. If you have fall plowed, listed, or bedded land, level it off with the disc. If plowing has not been done as yet, then disc thoroughly or plow shallow, and then work down. After planting do not drag off or roll the land for this crop in West Texas.

The amount of seed used varies with conditions. Usually, it is advised that six pecks of oats to the acre be used in Central Texas. With spring wheat, the only available varieties are of the Durum type. There are many varieties of this type, usually five pecks of seed is enough for an acre. About five or six pecks of spring barley to the acre are used.

In conclusion, allow me to say that usually winter varieties of grain should be grown. I am suggesting spring planting at this time only because of market conditions and I believe the crop raised will be needed right here in Texas for home feeding.

An Ounce of Preventive is Worth a Ton of Cure.

By S. W. English:

It is said that the sword of Damocles was suspended above the head of that tyrant with but a single thread.

Every man, woman and child ought to think well of the lesson taught by this example.

The fire demon is the sword of destruction that ever hangs above the heads of the people. If you knew that by the mere snipping of a thread all that you had saved would be wiped out, would not you ever be on the alert to see that the thread was not snip-

ped? More property is destroyed by fire than by all other destroying elements combined.

Storms come with the seasons, and warning of their coming is generally given. Winds reach a destructive velocity at but rare intervals and floods follow expected courses.

But fires are catholic in their field. They visit the just and the unjust and everywhere there is food for the fire demon he finds his victuals.

Be on the watch tower of your own home all the time. He fattens on your own folly. You can prevent his paying you a visit if you but will.

Makes Lasting Pavement.

Trial sections of rubber pavement were laid in the Old Kent road in London some time ago, as this street carries some of the heaviest traffic in the city; and recently a specimen of this pavement was exhibited. The wood block pavement adjoining has worn down from an eighth to a quarter of an inch, but in the same time the rubber-capped wood blocks appeared as good as new.

Not New to the Judge.

A slow lawyer was arguing before Chief Justice Jervis of England. "I beg your lordship's pardon," he said, "but I apprehend that my arguments cannot proceed with as much rapidity as your lordship's mind." "For God's sake," retorted the chief justice, "don't stop to tell me that."

Competition in Spelling is Creating Interest

The four High School grades of the Floydada Public School are evincing much enthusiasm in a series of novel competitions being held each Friday afternoon at the school building. Having no time in these grades for a regular spelling recitation period, an hour and thirty minutes is spent each Friday in spelling matches, in which each of the grades is pitted against the other in a series that will run till approximately the close of the school.

Two matches are staged each Friday, each class having spelled to date three times. Last Friday afternoon the Juniors and Seniors were matched, and the sophomores and freshmen, the seniors and freshmen winning. Next Friday it will be the juniors against the sophomores and the seniors against the freshmen.

The tally method of scoring is used, and words are chosen from the Blue Back Speller and others of more recent publication.

The standing of the classes at the close of last Friday afternoon was as follows:

Class	Won	Lost	P.ct.
Senior	2	1	.666
Junior	1	2	.333
Sophomore	2	1	.666
Freshman	1	2	.333

May Buy Goodnight Ranch.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 12.—The state of Texas may become the owner of the famous Goodnight ranch, situated in Armstrong county. Overtures are being made by representatives of Charles Goodnight, the aged owner of the property, to turn it over to the state for a certain consideration. The ranch includes Col. Goodnight's herd of buffalo and catello.

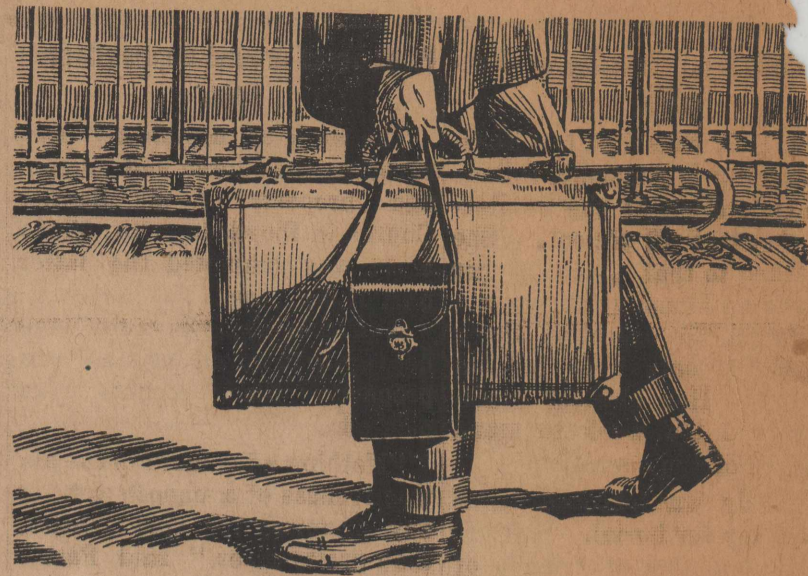
The ranch contains about 50,000 acres of land, including the buffalo preserve and ranch ground. The owner is very anxious to have the state carry on experiments with catello breeding, and also to preserve the herd of 510 pure blood buffaloes. The catello is a cross between buffalo and Pole Angus cattle. The price asked for the preserve and all of the animals is \$150,000.

Transporting Children to the Public Schools.

At least forty-three states authorize the transportation of pupils to public schools at the expense of school districts, according to a bulletin by A. C. Monahan of the United States bureau of education.

In certain states transportation at public expense is permissive only, in others obligatory. Ohio, for example, re-

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quires transportation of children two miles or more from the school, while other states require transportation when the distance is a mile and a half or more.

In several of the states, according to the bulletin, the school authorities may pay parents or guardians a fixed amount per day for transportation. While Maine, Vermont, Minnesota, South Dakota, and Oregon permit payment for room and board for pupils in homes convenient to the schools where the cost of so doing does not exceed the cost of transportation.

As to the means of transportation the bulletin says: "Sentiment seems to favor the school wagon where properly managed; yet while the wagon is the usual form of conveyance furnished, many children are transported by steam railroads, electric cars, automobiles, and by gasoline launches.

Competent drivers are essential in any plan for transportation, according to the bulletin. The character of the driver is so important that the state legislature in some instances, for example, Wisconsin, requires that "each driver contracted with must be of excellent moral character, trustworthy and responsible, and must furnish a safe team with suitable conveyance."

The kind of the wagons used is regarded as so important that many states purchase their own wagons and hire only drivers and teams. "The best wagons," declares the bulletin, "are those where the driver sits inside with the child, and where there are glass sides instead of curtains." In cold weather rugs and laprobes are used, and sometimes the wagons are heated by means of oil stoves.

The most per pupil for transportation, as given by the bulletin, ranges from 10 to 18 cents per day. The average expense for the school year is about \$23 per pupil.—Record.

Market for Everything.

"Is there such a thing as second-hand brass band instruments? Why, certainly," said a musical instrument man. "Why shouldn't there be? You can buy second-hand yachts, pianos, steam boilers, bricks, second-hand anything on earth; why not second-hand band instruments? How do they come to be offered second-hand? Why, just as anything else does. Somebody gives up using an instrument and then he sells it; or somebody wants to buy a better instrument and then he sells the old one. And for all these second-hand instruments there is a market. They may be sold to beginners or to players, and such a thing has been heard of a new band equipping itself throughout with second-hand instruments for the sake of economy."

Typewriter and Carbon paper at Hesperian office.

Kansas City Editor on Buy-a-Bale of Cotton.

When the "Buy-a-Bale" agitation hit Kansas last fall a certain country editor was invited to invest in a bale. This was the last straw that broke the camel's back, and the next week his paper contained the following editorial:

"Last week we received an invitation to buy a bale of cotton. Say, Willibald, the way things are going we'll be lucky if we can buy a spool of cotton. Gee! if we only had the nerve! what we couldn't do. Had we been born with the rind of some people we know, here's what you would find on these pages from week to week:

"On account of the European war, the subscription price of this paper has been raised to \$5 per year, cash in advance.

"On account of the loss from import duties, advertising rates will be increased to 50 cents per inch, effective at once.

"We are pained to announce that, owing to the almost complete suspension of the importation of chemicals, obituary poems will cost you 10 cents a line hereafter.

"It being impossible to export prunes to Przemysl, notices of church suppers will be charged for at the rate of \$2 each and two tickets to the supper.

"Resulting from the suspension of regular shipping facilities between this town and the Gulf of Obigosh, all pumpkins, apples potatoes, corn, grapes, etc., brought to this office under the pretext of exhibition to the editor will be seized as contraband of war."

J. W. Blair here from Rochester.

J. W. Blair has been in Floydada since last Thursday from Rochester. He is here on business, and is mixing with his former neighbors and renewing acquaintances.

Mr. Blair's mercantile business is good, he says. When he first moved to Rochester he was in a partnership, but now owns and controls the business.

"Floydada is building right along," he said. "There are several changes made, and new buildings erected since I was last here."

Mrs. Ellie Owen returned Saturday from an extended visit near Paris, with her son, C. H. Owen and wife. She also visited in Lubbock and Jacksboro while away.

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 "Extra pages added to letters,
 each \$2.50.
 "A \$1 book, with twenty-word
 inscription and autograph, \$10.
 "A \$1 book, with long familiar
 inscription, enabling purchaser
 to claim to know me intimately,
 \$20.
 "Love letters, \$50.
 "Week end visits, Saturday to
 Monday morning, \$100 (and exp.)
 "The last named rate does not
 include readings, which will be
 charged for at the rate of \$25
 for the first half hour, and \$12.50
 for each additional quarter hour
 thereafter. The rate, however,
 includes meeting five of your
 friends. Additional friends will
 be met at the rate of \$5 each for
 men, and \$7.50 each for women
 under thirty years of age. Women
 over thirty will be met at the
 rate of \$2.50 additional for each
 five years of age.
 "For calling by first name be-
 fore five people, \$12.50.
 "For calling me by first name
 before unlimited number, \$20.
 "These rates are subject to
 change without notice. Satisfac-
 tion guaranteed."—Book of
 Smiles.

Top Price for Milo-Feds
 From all parts of the corn belt
 the cry has gone up during the
 last few years that corn has be-
 come too expensive for use in
 fattening cattle and hogs. But
 in a sale on the Kansas City
 market yesterday of two car-
 loads of baby beef which topped
 the market at \$7.85, out selling
 cattle of the same class from the
 corn belt, it was obvious that
 a substitute for high priced corn
 had been discovered, as this
 bunch of cattle had never had a
 grain of corn.
 Coverdale and Armstrong, of
 Floydada, Tex., were the owners
 and feeders of these cattle, which
 included steers and heifers of
 the yearling class. These cattle
 were fed on millet hay, ground
 milo maize and a little cotton
 seed cake. They were put on
 feed November 1, fed in a dry
 lot, and made a remarkable rapid
 gain in weight from the start.
 As they are old cattle feeders
 having followed that business in
 Kansas many years, they are
 enthusiastic over this successful
 experiment, which they state,
 can be duplicated in any place in
 the corn belt.
 "Ground milo maize is a first
 class substitute for corn for fat-
 tening either cattle or hogs,"
 Mr. Coverdale said. "It will
 grow any place where corn can
 be raised. We cut it with a
 header and grind it head and all.
 We fed these cattle about 15 lbs.
 of the milo meal a day. With
 this we gave about four pounds a
 day of cotton seed cake, making
 up a balanced ration. The feeds
 were mixed together in troughs.
 In addition to this, we fed millet
 hay, that is, millet cut and cured
 as hay, heads and all. In all of
 my feeding experience I never
 saw cattle do better, but the ex-
 pense was far less than it would
 have been, had we fed corn.
 "Milo maize will make a good

yield in a season when corn will
 prove almost a failure, as it is a
 better drought-resister. The ques-
 tion of rough feed can be solved
 by the corn belt farmer, who can
 use silage, corn fodder or any
 other roughage. By switching
 to milo maize, the corn belt farm-
 er will discover that he will not
 be compelled, as many of them
 have been in recent years, to
 ship in high priced corn."—Kan-
 sas City Drivers Telegram of
 February 16th.

The Pessimist
 By Ben King:
 Nothing to do but work.
 Nothing to eat but food,
 Nothing to wear but clothes
 To keep one from going nude.
 Nothing to breathe but air,
 Quick as a flash 'tis gone;
 Nowhere to fall but off,
 Nowhere to stand but on.
 Nothing to comb but hair,
 Nowhere to sleep but in bed,
 Nothing to weep but tears,
 Nothing to bury but dead.
 Nothing to read but words,
 Nothing to cast but votes,
 Nothing to hear but sounds,
 Nothing to sail but boats.
 Nothing to sing but songs,
 Ah, well; alas! alack!
 Nowhere to go but out,
 Nowhere to come but back.
 Nothing to see but sights,
 Nothing to quench but thirst,
 Nothing to have but what
 we've got;
 Thus thro' life we are cursed.
 Nothing to strike but a gait;
 Everything moves that goes;
 Nothing at all but common sense
 Can ever withstand these woes.

Beware of the Mental Rut
 Wise Man Should Be Willing to
 Change His Opinions as
 He Learns.
 Lincoln once said: "There is not
 much to a man who is not wiser today
 than yesterday." This is universally
 true. It is only the fool who never
 changes his mind. The wise man is
 always endeavoring to add to his
 knowledge. If what he learns today
 is different from what he learned yester-
 day and gives him different views
 of things, he should keep his mind
 open to new knowledge. He will not
 change his opinions for light reasons,
 but will consider all that comes to
 him and change when he sees good
 reasons for changing. If one is not
 willing to listen to the arguments of
 others he need not expect them to
 listen to his opinions. He gets in a
 mental rut and sticks there, never
 improving.
 The wise man learns something, be
 it ever so little, from everyone with
 whom he has to do. Even the fool
 teaches him to keep his mouth shut,
 when he has nothing to say, and many
 wise thoughts come from the prattle
 of a child. No man is so ignorant
 that he does not know something that
 may be of benefit to others. Learn
 something in old age as well as in
 youth. There is a proverb, "Live to
 learn and you will learn to live."
 Keeping the mind active is one way
 of keeping your youth. Learning at
 all times and in all ways gives one a
 cultivated mind. The man who has
 cultivated his mind is ready to make
 his knowledge useful to others. Un-
 expected occasions often arise when
 knowledge is needed for immediate
 action. The man with cultivated mind
 is ready, while the man who has lived
 in a mental rut cannot adapt himself
 to the occasion.

TURN OF FORTUNE'S WHEEL
 Lucky Find Lifted Diamond Digger
 From Poverty to Compara-
 tive Affluence.
 From the Kimberley diamond dig-
 gings comes the story of a diamond
 digger who for some time had met
 with ill luck. One day he found himself
 face to face with starvation. In ad-
 dition to himself he had to support his
 wife and two little children, and his
 credit with the neighboring shopkeep-
 ers having been exhausted, his position
 was by no means an enviable one.
 The only possession of the unfor-
 tunate man consisted of two miserable
 fowls, which he exchanged with a
 shopkeeper for a quantity of mealie
 meal. Having concluded his bargain
 the digger and his family trekked
 away to another spot.
 One day on their trek, while the
 mother of the family was preparing
 the evening meal, which consisted of
 meal pap, she noticed some hard sub-
 stance in the food. She took out a
 spoonful, which she showed to her
 husband, who suddenly became inter-
 ested, carefully sifted the mealie meal
 through his fingers, and in the end re-
 tained in his hand a bright sparkling
 stone, which the next day was sold
 for \$7,500.

Raise a garden. Live at home.

FERNS NEED THE SUNLIGHT
 Idea That They Must Be Confined Al-
 ways to Darkness Is a Mis-
 taken One.
 The prevalent idea that ferns must
 have no sun is a wrong one. Ferns
 will live in the shade, and there are
 some sorts, of course, that are
 scorched by the sun. But most ferns
 that are cultivated in the house like
 a good deal of sunlight, and never do
 their best without it.
 Window-boxes where ferns are
 growing should be sprinkled lavishly
 twice a day. If the leaves are dry and
 dusty they should be well shaken be-
 fore sprinkling.
 If possible, get the earth with which
 to fill your boxes from an old hotbed—
 rich loam and rotted manure about
 half and half.
 Failing that, take any which is
 handy and enrich it with ammonia,
 and bone meal, mixed thoroughly. A
 heaping teaspoonful of manure is
 enough for a six-inch pot of earth.
 Neither must be kept directly on the
 roots of the plants. Liquid fertilizer,
 likewise, must be kept off the roots,
 stem and leaves. Make a hole at one
 side of a trench just inside the pot
 rim, pour in the fertilizer and let it
 sink, then put back the earth.

FROM A DISORDERED MIND
 Premonitions the Product of Lax Men-
 tal Discipline—Suggestion a
 Great Factor.
 The belief in premonitions is based
 upon superstition, suggestion, and
 fear. Premonitions are indicative of
 lax mental discipline, and serve to
 show that the mind is permeated with
 fear and dominated by dread.
 People are more subject to premo-
 nitions on dark and dismal days.
 They are also common in the spring
 and in the fall. This particular form
 of dread is also greatly increased by
 suggestion. I well recall a case of a
 suburban wreck a few years ago, in
 which the front coach was badly de-
 molished, and I noticed that for
 months and even years after this ac-
 cident, that the passengers studiously
 avoided that front coach. There was
 an immediate decrease in the number
 of people who would allow themselves
 to ride in that car. The soil and the
 seed for suggestion are both needed to
 produce premonitions.—Exchange.

Borneo Pirates.
 Brunei, Borneo, is one of the strang-
 est cities in the world. Once the
 headquarters of the Borneo pirates, it
 is a kind of eastern Venice, being
 built entirely over the water. This
 remarkable city is the capital of the
 state of Brunei, Borneo. All the
 houses are built over the River Lim-
 bang, constructed on slender piles
 made from the Nibong palm, a wood
 that resists the action of water for
 many years. The inhabitants of
 Brunei are Malays, Kadayans, Orang-
 Buskits, and a few Muruts. They
 earn their living mostly by trading
 with other tribes in the interior of
 Sarawak and British North Borneo.
 Some of them are very skillful brass
 workers, and the Brunei women make
 beautiful cloth, interwoven and em-
 brodered with gold thread. Sago is
 grown in the valleys near by, and a
 small quantity of rice is also raised.
 In the early part of the nineteenth
 century Brunei was the rendezvous
 of the dread Borneo pirates, and a
 market for the slave trade.—Wide World
 Magazine.

Discouraging Dishonesty.
 Punishment for giving short weight
 is far from new, and the Turks long
 ago took drastic measures to check
 this tendency on the part of trades-
 men. The Sultan Achmet II, walking
 through the streets of Stamboul, saw
 at the door of a baker's shop the
 owner, his hands tied behind him, with
 one ear nailed to a post. Upon inquiry
 he was told the cause of the poor fel-
 low's predicament. "Who is he?"
 asked the sultan. "May it please your
 highness," was the reply, "he supplies
 the bread for the imperial seraglio."
 "Ah, my baker? Then set up another
 post and nail his other ear to it. The
 sultan's baker should have a double
 reason for honesty."

Bible for Burmese Moslems.
 A colporteur of the British and For-
 eign Bible society in Burma reports:
 "I sold one Holy Bible to an orthodox
 Mohammedan. He has been one of
 my bitterest opponents, and has often
 laughed and scoffed at me as I passed
 his shop. I asked him why he wanted
 to buy a Bible, and he confessed that
 he had secretly read an Urdu Gospel
 bought from me by one of his servants.
 In this book he had found many good
 things which he had never heard of,
 and he now wanted to read the whole
 Bible."

Cause for Suspicion.
 A mother who frequently went out
 to spend the day with her friends
 had been accompanied always by her
 seven-year-old son. One evening, on
 returning home very much bored with
 the day's experiences, he said to her:
 "Mother, if you don't stop taking
 me around with you so much, people
 will think you have married a
 dwarf!"

Bound to Happen.
 "How would you like to give away
 lakes to deserving towns?"
 "I don't think I'll go in for that form
 of philanthropy. Somebody is sure
 to accuse me of squeezing the water
 for the same out of my stocks."—Lou-
 isville Courier-Journal.

Town Lots in Floydada For Sale
 Lot No. 4, Block No. 88 on California Street fronting north,
 5 blocks west of Square.
 Lot No. 2, Block No. 112 facing north, 4 blocks south-west
 of square, between Tennessee and Georgia streets.
 Lot No. 16, Block No. 51 situated in the second block north
 of the north-east corner of square, and fronting west;
 across the street east of lumber yard.
 Will sell all three lots for \$300 cash. Abstracts ready.
 Address ALBERT WOLDERT, TYLER, TEXAS

Locals And Personals

Tulia Papers Consolidated.
 The two Tulia papers, the En-
 terprise and the Herald have
 been consolidated and will be
 known as the Tulia Herald, with
 J. C. O'Bryan as Editor.
 Lee Satterwhite, of the Enter-
 prise, made the announcement
 of the deal last week.

Howard Lands on the Market
 (Formerly the old F Ranch.)
 Easy terms. 6 per cent inter-
 est. In small or large quantities.
 Located in Floyd, Motley, Bris-
 coe and Hall Counties. Rich
 plains and Fertile Valleys.
 A variety of soils and locations
 in a country fast growing famous
 for its productiveness of cotton,
 maize kaffir and many other
 crops.
 Address, W. M. Massie & Bro.,
 Floydada, Texas.

For Sale
 Black Percheron stallion, 9 yrs
 old, weight 1500 lbs. Extra
 breeder. M. D. Ramsey, Peters-
 burg, Texas. 3tp.

The two year old baby of Mr.
 and Mrs. Sam Farnsworth, of
 Lockney, was badly burned with
 scalding water last week while
 playing in the wash room. The
 baby's arms, face and left side
 were scalded.

For Sale or Exchange.
 5 passenger, electric light and
 starter automobile, in good shape
 Car been used very little. Could
 use maize or kaffir heads or
 threshed grain.
 E. T. Coleman,
 4tc. Box 145, Plainview, Texas.

Cheap Lumber.
 2000 feet 1x10 Com. Shiplap.
 2000 feet 1x8 Com. Shiplap.
 tf. A. G. McAdams Lbr. Co.

O. B. Olson is spending a week
 in Dallas and at his former home
 at Mabank. He will buy spring
 goods for his store while in Dal-
 las. He left last Thursday.

For marble monuments see,
 S. B. McClesky. tf.

When you want the best bug-
 gy on the market, get a Moon
 Bros. Kirk & Windsor. 1tc.

Work Stock for Sale.
 2 mares and 1 horse. Good
 young stock, gentle broke. See
 4tp. F. Pelphey.

"Let Texas Feed itself."

**AT THE
 FARMERS' EXCHANGE**
 Carload Flour,
 Carload Stock Salt,
 Carload cotton seed meal and cake,
 Still got coal.
THE FARMERS' EXCHANGE
 A. L. BISHOP, Manager.

You can get a Moon Bros.
 buggy, hack or surry at Kirk &
 Windsor's. 1tc.

See J. C. Mason--
 For flue building, windmill re-
 pairing or plumbing. Good sat-
 isfactory work at reasonable
 price. tf.

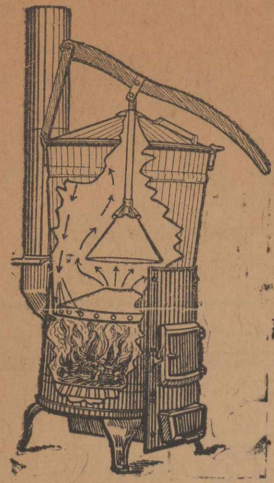
Echo Plant Burned
 The printing plant of the Roar-
 ing Springs Echo was burned in
 last week's fire the entire plant
 being a loss.
 Mr. Douglas, editor and owner
 will continue publication of the
 paper.

If you want to know about the
 Moon Bros. buggies, ask your
 neighbor. He has one. For sale
 by Kirk & Windsor. 1tc.

For Sale.
 About forty head of bulls run-
 ning all the way from coming 2
 year old to coming 6. Apply at
 my place 4 miles north of White-
 flat. These bulls are from the
 Newman herd.
 4tp. Ross Renfro.

W. A. Robbins spent Thursday
 and Friday of last week in
 Canyon on business.

....NOTICE....
 Those knowing themselves
 indebted to the firm of
NEWELL BROS.
 either by note or account
 may find the books of the
 same at THE FAIR STORE
 It is desirable that these ac-
 counts be settled just as
 soon as our friends can do so
Newell-Liston Co.



THE AL-METAL STEAM WASHER

Is a Furnace and Washing Machine Combined. It boils the water and washes the clothes cleaner, with less effort and in less time than any hand machine on the market. The washing problems have been solved in over sixty homes in the Floydada trade territory by the introduction of the Al-Metal machine. An absolutely dependable machine, easily within the reach of all.

JONES HARDWARE

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There is a constantly growing fear in the minds of all sober-minded men that the United States is to be drawn into the war now raging in Europe. Both the Allies as well as Germany and the nations arrayed with her have announced plans which go far beyond anything ever before attempted in the abridgement of rights of neutrals, and if either is able to carry out her plans there can be no good come to the people of the United States. There does not seem to be any telling which of the two warring factions may be first to carry out their threats. For that matter this country might become entangled with both factions. Of course, other neutrals will be equally involved.

The seriousness of war has never been before the people of this generation like it has before the people whose life-spans reach back past the sixties. The Spanish-American War was a hundred day holiday. Disease killed three times as many men as bullets did. But a war with a power like England or Germany means millions of men and billions of dollars lost.

If there ever was a time for a president and a congress to be sober-minded now is the time. The only way people of this country will acquiesce in a war with any nation is to save themselves and the nation from positive disgrace.

If it come to a matter of actual war the United States could in the course of some three months raise an army of anywhere from three to six million men, if a large enough number of recruiting officers were established and the government had enough officers to fill these recruiting offices and receive applicants. But after this three million men army had been raised the equipment for them would still be to provide and the training would have to be drilled into them so that it would be at least nine months before this country could put an effective army of a million men in the field. All the things that could happen while this program was being carried out would be hard to enumerate.

The Public Defender is a new office which has been created

with much success in some of the large cities of the United States. This official defends all against whom charges are preferred in the same manner as the publicly-paid prosecutor prosecutes them. The new departure is said to have reduced no little the costs of many cases and has also insured the "down-and-outs" more fair treatment after falling into the toils of the law.

The tempest in a teapot over the "punch and salad" items of Governor Colquitt's deficiency bill, has been at once a sensation and a joke. The items include besides the "punch and salad" a phonograph, a piano, and flowers. While the legislature of the state has for some years been approving such items in the governor's bills it is said, it will be just like Tom Ball was last summer trying to explain how he belonged to the club and didn't mix drinks with the boys.

The Denton Record and Chronicle says "we don't know just what this "punch and salad" business will lead to, but evidently not to the United States Senate."

It's a hard road politicians travel, but O. B. Colquitt has been in the middle of a fight ever since he got into the political arena, and he will likely not back off from this one.

Dope fiends will have a hard time securing the necessary narcotics to keep up their spirits after March first, when the new Federal Law passes. Drug stores must pay a license before they can fill prescriptions containing any narcotic and cannot sell opium and like medicines without the prescription from a doctor.

The consumption of narcotics has grown by leaps and bounds during the past few years, and the legislation here mentioned will likely be endorsed by all people who are anxious to see the "dope" business diminish.

Kaffir corn and Indian corn brought the same price per bushel in Kansas on Monday of last week, according to newspaper reports. The two feeds are approximately of the same feeding value and when the kaffir becomes more familiar to feeders of the middle west it will likely sell at close to the same price as corn the year round.

Interesting Debate Among Jewish Students.

The Menorah, a society of Jewish students in the University of Texas, held a very interesting debate recently on the subject, "Resolved, that the establishment of a Jewish political state in Palestine would be for the best interest of the Jew." William Zinn defended the affirmative, while Jerome Crossman spoke on the negative. The society then joined the debate, with George Hexter leading the discussion.

Kingsville, Texas, Feb. 22.—Producers of large crops in Kleberg County are to receive cash

prizes from the Commercial Club of Kingsville, according to a plan formulated by Mr. Robert J. Kleberg. Mr. Kleberg's plan involves, first, making a large contribution to the work of the Texas Industrial Congress, and second, the raising of a fund to be distributed among farmers of the county whose yields, according to the records of the Congress, are most satisfactory, cost of production considered.

In order to benefit from county contest a farmer of Kleberg Co. will have to enter the contest of the Texas Industrial Congress, for which there is no charge. This is required because the records of the Congress are to be used in determining the prize winners in the county, and because the Commercial Club believes in the value of the information furnished by the Congress to its contestants, and is convinced the Congress should be universally supported and assisted.

First, second and third prizes have been provided, and ten smaller prizes will be awarded. These are to be given to the contestants who make the greatest yields in the classes of the Texas Industrial Congress in which they are entered.

Few regulations are imposed in addition to those of the Congress, but registration with the Kingsville Commercial Club and an agreement to furnish samples of prize winning crops to the Club for use as a permanent exhibit of Kleberg County products, are required.

Mr. Kleberg's plan will bring about a coordination of the various agencies employed in the county for the advancement of agriculture. It will harmonize and utilize the literature, speakers, lecturers and information of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, The Texas Industrial Congress, the A. M. College of Texas, The Extension Department of the University of Texas, the State Department of Agriculture and the Agricultural Agents of the Railway Companies. Both the Club and Mr. Kleberg are very optimistic over the present prospects of this particular undertaking.

Birds Destroy Insects and Weed Seeds and are Useful.

How birds which destroy harmful insects and weed seeds may be useful to the farmer is described in a new Farmers' Bulletin [No. 630] of the department entitled, "Some Common Birds Useful to the Farmer." The new publication has 27 pages and 23 illustrations (not colored) of the birds described. It contains much of the information included in one of the department's former publications entitled, "Fifty Common Birds of Farm and Orchard." The department's supply of this latter pamphlet has been exhausted and it can now only be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., where it is sold at 15 cents a copy. It contains numerous colored illustrations of the birds mentioned. The new bulletin, "Some Common Birds Useful to the Farmer," will be furnished free to all applicants by the department.

Whether a bird is beneficial or injurious depends almost entirely

on what it eats, says the introduction to the new bulletin. In the cases of species which are very abundant, or which feed to some extent on the crops of the farmer, the question of their average diet becomes one of supreme importance, and only by stomach examination can it be satisfactorily solved. Field observations are at best but fragmentary and inconclusive and lead to no final results. Birds are often accused of eating this or that product of cultivation, when an examination of the stomach shows the accusation to be unfounded. Accordingly the Biological Survey has conducted for some years past a systematic investigation of the food of those species which are most common about the farm and garden.

Within certain limits birds eat the kind of food that is most accessible, especially when their natural food is scarce or wanting. Thus they sometimes injure the crops of the farmer who has unintentionally destroyed their natural food in his improvement of swamp or pasture. Most of the damage done by the birds and complained of by farmers and fruit growers arises from this very cause. The berry-growing shrubs and seed bearing weeds have been cleared away, and the birds have no recourse but to attack the cultivated grain or fruit which have replaced their

natural food supply. The great majority of land birds subsist upon insects during the period of nesting and moulting, and also feed their young upon them during the first few weeks. Many species live almost entirely upon insects, taking vegetable food only when other subsistence fails. It is thus evident that in the course of a year birds destroy an incalculable number of insects and it is difficult to overestimate the value of their services in restraining the great tide of insect life.

In winter, in the northern part of the country, insects become scarce or entirely disappear. Many species of birds, however, remain during the cold season and are able to maintain life by eating vegetable food, as the seeds of weeds. Here again is another useful function of birds in destroying these weed seeds and thereby lessening the growth of the next year.

The new publication discusses the food habits of more than 50 birds belonging to 12 families. Many are eastern forms which are represented in the West by slightly different species or subspecies, but unless the food habits differ they are not separately described. Among the popular birds included are the robin, bluebird, wren, brown thrasher, catbird, bobolink, oriole, crow,

and the American sparrow-cuckoo, and the American sparrow-cuckoo.

What S. O. S. Means.

[Ocean Wireless News]

In talking with the wireless operator many ship passengers ask the meaning of the three letters used in the distress signal, "S. O. S." There seems to be a general opinion that the letters are the abbreviation of three separate words with a definite meaning. Persons of an imaginative trend will tell you that the letters stand for "Save our ship," "Send out succor," "Sink or swim," or some such meaning. The letters signify nothing but that a ship is in distress and in need of assistance. The call is used by all nations as a universal code, so that any wireless operator, regardless of the language he speaks, can immediately intercept the call of distress. Inasmuch as the call is in use by all countries, it can be seen that the signal can have no meaning in any language. The character of the code makes it a call that can be picked easily from other signals, being composed of three dots, three dashes, three dots.

Duncan's Grocery has the real table needs, also the fancy groceries which go to make up a good menu. Phone your next order to Phone 77 or 88 2tc.

LADIES-NEW FURNITURE FOR HOUSE CLEANING TIME

Late winter house-cleaning emphasizes the need of new furniture--we have bought for your spring needs
You'll miss something if you fail to visit our store right away and see our display of furniture and house furnishings--many helpful hints here at reasonable cost for Quality goods.

Rugs in various designs and weaves; new kitchen cabinets, dining tables, buffets; iron beds, mattresses and springs, sanitary folding beds, rockers, chiffoniers, dressers; suits for the living room.

High chairs for the babies too. We have overlooked nothing to make your next visit to our store pleasant and profitable.

C. SURGINER AND SON

Floydada,

Phone 24

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r Store..

in a lot of new goods
not more will be in in a
me and see them.

s, and hats will be ready for
and then don't forget that we
Brown shoes. If you want a
I get one..

Yours truly,

on Company

And Personals

erwood, who formerly
Lockney, is attending
in Floydada this week.
us, now living in Groesbeck,
ere he is manager for the
ering Oil & Gas Company.
Lee declares that, after an 18
onths' absence from the South
ns, Floyd County cer-
y looks good to him.

idge J. N. Stalbird, of Lock-
y, was attending district
rt in Floydada the earlier
rt of this week. He says
nditions are excellent in the
orth end of the county.

Mrs. W. S. Posey, of Lubbock,
ad an operation for appendicitis
at Plainview last Saturday, and
is recovering rapidly according
to reports received by relatives
here.

Mrs. W. L. Boerner, mother
of Mrs. Posey, spent last week
with her in Lubbock, and Mrs.
S. W. Ross spent Saturday in
Plainview with her.

Bonus Votes in Piano Contest.
Special for Friday, Saturday
and Monday, 26th and 27th of
February, and March 1st: with
each 50 cent purchase of station-
ery we will give 5000 bonus
votes in the piano contest.
1tc. Tom B. Triplett, Druggist.

Notice-For Chicken Raisers.
Young Thoroughbred White
Wyandotte cockerels \$1 each.
See J. T. Pitts or call at Hesper-
an Office. 2tc.

James Brown, of Macador,
who represents the Walter Dar-
lington loan in this and Motley

county, was in Floydada last
week and the first of this.

Miss Mary Applewhite of
Lone Star, visited in Floydada
Friday with Miss Virginia
Rucker.

J. R. Snapp, of Tulia, was a
business visitor in Floydada the
latter part of last week.

Sam Goslee is spending this
week in Plainview.

Have your dresses made at
Maud Russell's. Call printing
office for information. 2tc.

Best grade of staple and fancy
groceries at lowest cash prices—
Duncan Grocery 2tc.

Herschel Roberts, 25, of the
Petersburg community, lost an
arm Saturday of last week
while working with a thresher.
His right arm got caught in the
machinery and was jerked off
and thrown into the machine.

He was working on the farm
of Will Helt.

Born.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. M.
Griggs, of the Lakeview neigh-
borhood, Monday, February
22nd, a daughter. The young
lady was presented by Mr.
Stork as an anniversary remem-
brance of the birth of the father
of our country.

White Crest Flour—better than
other brands,—sold only by
Duncan Grocery 2tc

Fresh fruits and vegetables at
Duncan Gro., Co. 2tc.

Substitutes for Gasoline.

The efficiency of the German
military motor transport service,
in which substitutes for gasoline,
such as benzole and alcohol, are
very extensively employed, is
gradually forcing the attention
of engineers and investigators
to the fuel question, and calling
attention to the very material
advance that Germany has made
in this direction. In America,
when cheaper fuel is mentioned
to an automobile maker or dealer
the reply too often is that
the price of gasoline has not
gone up, consequently there is
no necessity for worry. But how
long will this condition last?
And in the meantime why
should motorists pay twice what
they should for fuel? Too many
people in the automobile busi-
ness are so unwise as to persist
in regarding their product as a
luxury, in regard to which no
one should consider the ques-
tion of expense; but some of
the wise business men are
quietly pressing forward
their preparations for meeting
the new conditions that are
sure to come.—Scientific Amer-
ican.

WANTED.—To buy good sec-
ond hand range. See W. T.
Brown. 2tc.

Good Farm for Rent.
Want to sell renter feed, im-
plements, and teams to work
land. P. O. Box 344, Floydada,
Tex. 1tp.

Good things to eat at Duncan
Grocery. 2tc.

Using T. U.'s Extension Department.
Two women's clubs of Plainview,
the Browning Club and "As
You like it" Club are using the
groupstudy plan of the Exten-
sion Department of the Uni-
versity of Texas. The Clubs
observe regular dates for meet-
ing and the regulations of the
Extension Department.

Doesn't Approve the Warehouse System.

I introduced a bill in the sen-
ate yesterday to repeal the state
warehouse system. This is an
extravagant piece of legislation
that never should have been
enacted and I have lots of en-
couragement that it may be
repealed at this session.—Sen-
ator Johnson, in Austin Corres-
pondence to Memphis Herald.

W. R. Cope and wife, Mrs.
Jno. F. Elder and Mrs. H. O.
Pope left last Friday for Ama-
rillo, from that place they went
to Clarendon to visit. They are
touring in Mr. Cope's Pierce
Arrow.

Raise a garden. Live at home.

PATTERNS PATTERNS

The Ladies Home Journal Patterns are now on sale here.
Showing advance fashions from New York, London and Paris.

Ladies: IN planning your new spring dresses ask to
see the beautiful creations in dress and
waist materials, trimmings, etc.



KABO CORSETS

Call and see our new Spring line of corsets
They are authoritative and when wearing one
there is a feeling of satisfaction in knowing
that you are wearing the corset that is right
in every detail

Style A 6

Ladies Trimmed Hats

For Spring and Summer wear. The newest creations di-
rect from fashion centers are now on display. Call in and make
your selection early.

We have new goods on display in every department. Ask
to see them. We will be pleased to show you. Watch our show
windows from time to time and see the new spring and summer
creations.

Mathis-Martin D. G. Co.

"The Store With The Goods"

Seed Irish potatoes—Ohio
Early Irish cobbler, Tennessee
Triumph, Maine Bliss Triumph,
at Duncan Grocery. 2tc.

Jess Adams on Fisherman's Rights.

Commenting on the fact that
the Arkansas legislature has
made it an offense to fish on
Sunday, Jess Adams of the
Plainview News, Says:
"The editor of this paper is an
elder in the church, teaches a
class in the Bible school, has
read the book through several
times and has studied it quite
consistently, yet he has never
seen a passage in it saying fishin'
on Sunday is harmful. If a man
wants to fish on Sunday, let him
fish, for while fishing he is
communing with nature and is
not doing harm to anyone—usu-
ally not even to the fishes."

Mr. Adams imbibed most of
his fishing ethics on the banks
of the Leon in Comanche
county, a place where the best
Bible student is the most suc-
cessful fisherman, and we are
inclined to take his word for
what may or may not be con-
tained in the Book concerning
the rights of anglers to cast the
hook and line: We should
think it a constitutional right
of a citizen to lie on the sand
bank of a shady stream and
doze whilst turtle and minnow
nibble at the worm on the end
of a vicious hook, but since its
o. k. these days to regulate a
person's business, it should be
fair to regulate his fishing hours
as well.

New Ford Owners.

G. B. Marshall and C. H.
Featherston are the latest
purchasers of Fords, securing
their cars Wednesday.

Come in and take a look at our
furniture whether you want to
buy or not. 1tc.

Kirk & Windsor.

Great Cattle Exhibit Panhandle State Fair.

The American Hereford Cattle
Breeders Association has
appropriated \$1000 for premiums
to be offered to exhibitors of
Herefords at the Panhandle
State Fair this year.

Secretary McGregor was
apprised of this fact by a letter
recently received from R. J.
Kinzer, Secretary of the Here-
ford Association, with head-
quarters in Kansas City Mo.

The letter from the Hereford
Association had hardly been
read, when another was opened
by Sec. McGregor announcing
that the Aberdeen Angus
Association with headquarters
in Chicago, had also set aside an
appropriation of \$100 for dis-
bursement at the local fair
this year.

The Hereford appropriation
of \$1000 will in all probability
be more than duplicated locally,
and with cash premiums aggre-
gating over \$2000 in the Here-
ford division alone, it may easily
be imagined that Hereford
breeders from far and near will
be attracted to the coming Pan-
handle State Fair.

The fact that two of the
prominent cattle breeders' as-
sociations of the country have
decided to offer premiums in
our Panhandle exhibition is of
far-reaching significance. Here-
before the Dallas State Fair has
been the only show in which
these organizations have offered
premiums in Texas. That the
Panhandle State Fair should be
second in the state which is
deemed of sufficient importance
to the National Hereford and
Angus associations to set aside
liberal premiums for it, is certain-
ly most gratifying to all who
are interested in the success
of our annual exhibition.

In fact this action is proof
that breeders and stock-farmers
in distant sections of the country

have already come to look upon
the Panhandle State Fair as one
of the foremost annual exposi-
tions of the country, and that
they foresee in it a permanent
institution which is destined to
grow in size and importance
from year to year.

Among other advances to be
fostered in this year's fair will
be an extensive showing of
range cattle. Arrangements
are under way for liberal pre-
miums in this department and
there is every hope of strong
and keen competition in this
division at the coming show.

This early announcement is
made in order that intending
exhibitors may be induced to
make proper and timely pre-
parations for their exhibits.
The 1915 Panhandle State Fair
faces the most favorable condi-
tions in its history. If effort,
energy and means can do it,
the fair this year will far
eclipse all former attempts.

Stolen.

About 20 head of coming 2
year old steers, branded 2 on
left side, also rafter extending
from right hip across the back
to left hip. Underslope in each
ear. Will pay reward for in-
formation leading to their re-
covery.

J. M. Gates, Floydada, Texas.
2tp-1f.

Earl Walling of Lockney, is
in Floydada this week attending
court.

ELLERD & KIRK
Lawyers
Plainview, Texas.

Will practice in all the
Courts.

REMOVAL SALE

Just received a car of the White
Billows Flour that I had booked be-
fore the rise. I have it in the house
now. I am going to sell it before I
move to the new brick. Better come
and get your summer supply as this
will be the last car of cheap flour.
Come and see me. I will make the
price interesting. Remember

WHITE SELLS FOR LESS

The PUBLIC SALE

That was to have been held on
Monday, March 1st, at Culwell Farm
HAS BEEN CALLED OFF

The Last Buffalo on the East Plains

Killed by Tennessean Near Present site of Crosbyton 31 Years Ago.

The Crosbyton Review is running an interesting series of stories of the old days in Crosby County, under the heading "Tales of Lonesome Trail." In the last article, the story of the passing of the buffalo is told by George W. Smith, son of Hank Smith, now deceased, and brother of R. B. Smith of Floydada. The story is as follows:

"I do not know who saw the first buffalo that ever came to this country, but I do know that I saw the very last one that ever was here. In the year 1884 a young man came here from Tennessee it has been so long that I cannot even think of his name now. He was crazy about buffaloes and constantly saying he would like to kill one. We told him they were all gone and that if he wanted to shoot one he would have to go further west. One day after he had been gone several hours, he came riding furiously to the house crying out that he had shot a buffalo up on the plains and wanted me to hitch up the wagon and go and help him bring him in. We thought he was funning at first, but he appeared so much in earnest that at last I consented to go with him. Sure enough when we got a few miles out on the plains he showed me a black object lying on the ground and

when we got up to it a dead buffalo was surely lying there. It was a great big one, which had got cut off in some way from the herd and wandered no doubt a hundred miles or more away from it. The Tennessee boy told me that he had been riding along when he saw this buffalo a mile or more away from him and thought at first it was a cow, but as he came closer and the animal got the wind of him it began to run away at break-neck speed. This made him observe it more closely and he became convinced it was not a cow but one of those animals he had been looking for so long. So off he went after it as fast as his cow pony could carry him, gradually gaining on the ungainly buffalo. Two or three times he shot at him, but did not hit him. So finally he rode right up along side of him, just as we see in the picture books, and began to shoot him in the side. This enraged the beast and suddenly he turned on the horse and tried to gore him. But the pony had been dodging the long horns of the Texas steer for too many years to be caught napping and he jumped aside as easily as a Spanish matador. The boy put one shot after another into him and proved himself a real game sport. Finally a shot struck the buffalo in the heart and down he went on his knees and then fell over on his side, and the very last buffalo that ever walked or ran in Crosby County lay dead on the plains. He fell about three miles north of where Crosbyton now is, on the ranch of the C. B. Live Stock Company, in what

is now called the north pa. The boy was certainly proud of this episode. We took the buffalo home and skinned him and had a few good meals of the meat. The boy took the skin a way with him when he left, and I suppose he has told and retold the story of his first and only buffalo hunt time and time again.

"The white faced cow has taken the place of the buffalo and has made the plains country famous. Now, the farmers are coming in so fast that the big herds of cattle are becoming scarce too, and it will be only a few more years until the big herd will entirely disappear and give way to the small bunches which the farmers will raise. Of course the meat will then be finer as the feed will be much better. But anyway some of us o'd-timers kind o' hate to see those old times go by. We were raised amongst those surroundings and they have become a part of our lives. Nevertheless we lend a helping hand to the progress of the country, feeling sure that it will be the very best in the world."

Noted Outlaw Hears Last Call.

Excelsior Springs, Mo., Feb 18.—Frank James, member of the noted James gang and former member of the Quantrell Guerrillas, died at his farm near here today of apoplexy. He was 74 years old.

The former member of the noted robber band whose unparalleled career during the civil war and the unsettled period following kept the people of a dozen states in terror has been living as a quiet farmer here for the past thirty years.

With his brother Jesse, he joined Quantrell's force during the war and after the war disbanded the James and Younger boys became bandits. Although they are known to have participated in hundreds of robberies, they were undoubtedly innocent of hundreds of others which were charged to them.

Their career of crime terminated in the assassination of Jesse James, and Frank James taking advantage of the amnesty proposition of the governor of Missouri, in which he personally appeared in the office of the governor, surrendered his weapons and announced himself to the executive after having in some unexplained way outwitted a cordon of officers that was arranged in an attempt to capture him before he could reach the governor.

The Younger brothers were captured in Stillwater, Minnesota and sent to the penitentiary for life. The younger of the three died there, James and Cole later being paroled. James committed suicide and Cole received a pardon and is probably the last member of the famous "Quantrell Gang."

The Split Log Drag.

The split log drag has contributed more toward the economic maintenance of public highways than any implement of modern usage. It does not require special acts of the legislature, but issues nor expensive educational campaigns to make it available as usually precedes construction work. A drag can be built or purchased for twenty dollars and is easily operated by anyone who can drive a team. We need more drags in this state,

A cubic mile of river water weighs approximately 4,205,650,000 tons and carries in solution, on the average, about 420,000 tons of foreign matter. In all, about 2,735,000,000 tons of solid substances are thus carried annually to the ocean.—United States Geological Survey.

One per cent of the contents of the oceans would cover all the land areas of the globe to a depth of 290 feet.

NO MALICE IN ELEPHANTS

Good Nature Characteristic of Jungle Monster, Says Traveler Who Should Know.

In 1905 I found myself near the Inzia, river, an important affluent of the Kwilu, flowing through a fertile region which is infested by herds of elephants, a source of constant anxiety and frequent losses to the agricultural inhabitant, writes E. Torday in the Wide World Magazine. In a country like this, where he is not hunted by man in the ordinary way and the only means for his destruction are cruel but easily avoided pitfalls, the elephant is decidedly good natured. We were told by the mission boys at Pana that in the rainless season, when their usual haunts are dried up, the elephants frequently wander near the river and attack the plantations. The natives try to drive them away with sticks! "But it is no good hitting them or throwing stones at them," I was told; "they generally refuse to take any notice. Sometimes a mother with a calf will turn on us and chase us for 100 yards or so, but no real harm is meant and the animal is not really angry, for all the signs of fury—spread ears and raised trunk—are absent. All the same we do run away, although we know there is no danger. One day a boy fell when thus pursued, but the elephant only threw sand on him."

As I have myself seen a man just pushed out of the way by one of these good-natured monsters, when the animal had more than enough provocation to kill him, I was inclined to accept this account as true.

USE OF SIGHT ON A RIFLE

Necessary Because Bullet Cannot Be Made to Travel on a Straight Line.

The average person, if asked to explain why a rifle is sighted, would probably be unable to do so beyond some vague remark about taking correct aim.

Sights are necessary because a bullet does not travel in a straight line, but, under the influence of gravity and friction, begin to drop almost as soon as it leaves the muzzle. Thus the bullet of our service rifle (Lee Enfield) drops six inches in the first 100 yards, but when it has gone 200 yards it will have dropped not 12 inches, but two feet. The drop increases by leaps and bounds with the distance. Were there no sights on the rifle and you wanted to hit a mark at 200 yards, you would clearly have to aim two feet above it.

This would be awkward, for you would lose sight of the object aimed at, to say nothing of the difficulty of correctly estimating a distance of two feet at 200 yards.

The sights of a rifle enable you to keep your eye on the mark, although the muzzle of the rifle is actually pointed above it. The moving slide of the back sight enables you automatically to point the muzzle just so many feet above the mark aimed at as is necessary to counteract the known drop of the bullet at various ranges.—London Answers.

Change of Denomination.

The collector of bridge tolls in a Scottish border town was quite a character in his way. Upon one occasion a large party of American clergymen, who were visiting Scotland, came to survey the classic Borderland. The end of the bridge bears a notice that not more than ten people are allowed on it at once, but the clerics chose to disregard this, and went on in a body.

The collector saw them from his little sentry box, and rushed out. "Back off that bridge!" he shouted, but unused to such tones the clerics pressed on.

"Back off that bridge!" shouted the collector again.

"But, my good man," expostulated the foremost, "do you know that we are members of the Pan-Presbyterian congress?"

"Ye may call yourselves Pan-Presbyterian or pot-Presbyterian," roared the collector, "but if ye no gang aff that bridge ye'll be a' Baptists in twa meenits."

One Dog Tax the State Has to Pay.

"What," asks the Mexican hairless philosopher of the Topeka Capital, "has become of the watchdog?" And here is the Emporia Gazette's answer: "He is, so far as we can make out from a cursory glance at the Kansas papers, making arrangements to come to Topeka during this legislature as 'the watchdog of the treasury.' And he isn't much of a dog—as dogs go. This state has paid more dog taxes on watchdogs of the treasury than the nation has paid on its dogs of war; personally we have a low opinion of all dogs—that grow less than four legs!"—Kansas City Star.

Their Advantage.

"Yes," said the world traveler, "the Chinese make it an invariable rule to settle all their debts on New Year's day."

"So I understand," said the American host, "but, then the Chinese don't have a Christmas the week before."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Why They Never Buy Havanas.

"What kind of cigars do you wish to give your husband, madam—Havana or domestic?" "Oh, domestic by all means. I'm giving them to him to encourage him to spend his evenings at home, you know."—Judge.

C. H. FEATHE

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Floydada, Texas

Government Issues 1914 crop Report.

Washington, D. C. Feb.—The crop reporting board of the Federal Department of Agriculture has just made public its estimate of the 1914 farm crops of the United States. Fourteen crops, covering 300,782,000 acres or 92 per cent of the nation's cultivated area are included in the report and the combined farm value of all products is estimated at \$4,946,000,000.

Although the 1914 production of crops is 10 per cent greater than the previous year the aggregate farm value is \$20,000,000 less.

Both the wheat and the cotton crops of the nation in 1914 were the largest on record. The cotton crop was nearly 16,000,000 bales and the wheat produc-

tion was approximately 891,000,000 bushels. While the 1914 cotton crop was approximately 1,800,000 bales more than the one of 1913 the value was \$306,000,000 less. Cotton in 1913 averaged \$22.50 per bale against \$14.14 in 1914. The yield per acre in 1914 was 1.5 pounds more than in 1913 but the price per pound in 1914 was 6.8 cents and 12.2 cents in 1913.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY, Notary Public. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D., 1890. A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEARS

Majority of Friends Thought Mr. Hughes Would Die, But One Helped Him to Recovery.

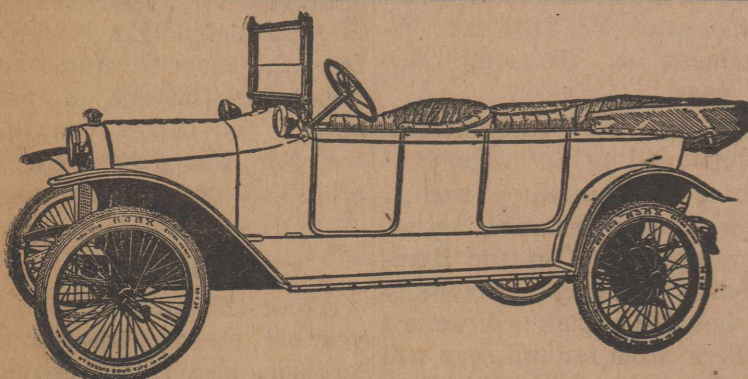
Pomeroyton, Ky.—In interesting advices from this place, Mr. A. J. Hughes writes as follows: "I was down with stomach trouble for five (5) years, and would have sick headache so bad, at times, that I thought surely I would die. I tried different treatments, but they did not seem to do me any good. I got so bad, I could not eat or sleep, and all my friends, except one, thought I would die. He advised me to try Thedford's Black-Draught, and quit

taking other medicines. I decided to take his advice, although I did not have any confidence in it. I have now been taking Black-Draught for three months, and haven't had those pains since I began using it. I am so thankful Draught has done for me. Thedford's Black-Draught has found a very valuable medicine in the arrangements of the stomach and is composed of pure, vegetable, contains no dangerous ingredients and acts gently, yet surely. It can be used by young and old, and should be kept in every family chest. Get a package today. Only a quarter.

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