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THIRD BIG BATTLE OF WAR NOW ON; GENMANS IN DEFENSIVE ENGAGEMENT; BATTLE LINE EXTENDS OVER 110 MILES

Opposing Forces Arrayed From the Argonne Hills to Point Near Sissone—German General Staff Denies Allies' Victories; Claims Situation at West Front Favorable

OBJECT OF FIGTH IN DOUBT

Whether Tuton Armies Plan Battle to Finish or are Fighting to Cover Retreat to Meuse Uncertain—Commanders Show Skill in Keeping Forces in Tact.

PARIS, Sept. 16.—The second great battle in Northern France since the sweep of the German invaders met its check, and the third great battle of the war, is raging Wednesday, The battle line extends from the Argonne forests through Rethel to Chateau Porcein and near the practice camp of Sisonne, where the French Summer maneuvers were to have taken place. This would show a battle front of approximately 110 miles, with the extreme west at a point fifty-five miles northeast of Paris.

The real purpose of the battle is uncertain. It may be that the Germans purpose fighting to a finish in this engagement, or they may be fighting to recover their retreat to the river Meuse. The German commanders are showing the same skill in keeping their forces intact as was shown by the allies a fortnight ago.

ARRESTING A SPY IN LONDON



London police seizing a German spy in front of Premier Asquith's house in London.

An official German statement issued in Berlin declares the situation at the front is "favorable" and denies that the allies have won a single victory.

Tee German rush into France and back thus far has brought no decisive result, and until a pitched battle on a huge scale is fought and won, neither side is in a position to claim that it has obtained more than the opening advantage in the war game.

The allies, for the moment, have retrieved their perilous position and have turned the tables on the invaders, but the next move is with the Germans, whose armies are still in great force on the ground more or less selected by themselves.

KIT INSPECTION OF BRITISH NAVAL VOLUNTEERS



Last inspection at the headquarters of the Royal Naval Volunteer reserves the day they were mobilized in consequence of the king's proclamation.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

W. J. Gllistl of Hermleigh was in the city Wednesday.

John Adams of Hermleigh visited friends here Suuday.

Marshall Fuller made a business trip to Dermott Thursday.

Don't fail to get a ticket for the fiist number of the Lyceum Course. Now on sale at Grayum Drug Co.

Mesdames W. A. Mobly and J. L. Breeden and Miss Bernice Brock of Hermleigh spent Wednesday in the city.

Tickets for the first number of the Lycium Cource are going fast. Get them at the Crayum Drug Co.

The dinner given by the ladies of the M. E. church Wednesday, was a success, the net proceeds amounting to $64.

Newspaper headline—"High Food Cost Rouses Wilson To Aid People." The President's way of making war!

Dr. A. O. Scarborough made a professional visit to the Jasper Helm ranch at Cottonwood Flats Tuesday.

The "White Star Concert Company," will appear at the Snyder Opera House Wednesday night, Sept. 23. Tickets now on sale at Grayum Drug Co.

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Elmer Louder of Hermleigh was a visitor here Sonday

Judge Thomas has continued all cases on the Criminal docket of his court until the next regular term. This was done to allow our farmers to go home and assist in gathering their crops.

Tickets are now on sale at the Grayum Drug Co., for the first number of the Lyceum Course which will be given at the Opera House, Wednesday night, Sept. 23.

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TWENY-SEVEN PERSONS DEAD

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 15.—Twenty-seven persons are known to have perished and eighteen were injured in a wreck caused by a cloudburst which washed out an embankment on the Frisco Railroad two miles east of Lebanon, Mo., at 2:35 o'clock this morning and ditched the Frisco passenger train khown as the St. Louis and Texas Limited. Fifteen of the dead have been identified, according to reports from the Frisco offices, and only descriptions could be furnished for the twelve unnamed dead.

Camp Spring Locals

Some of the Camp Springs young people attended singing at Bugtussel Sunday.

The ice cream supper given at the home of J J. Harris Saturday night was largely attended.

E. Irwin was a guest of Miss Nina Hudnall Sunday evening.

Cotton picking is the order of the day.

Buford Robinson was a guest of Miss Ada Maule Sunday.

Mrs. Pallie James is spending the week with Miss Lulu Harris.

Calvin Helms of Hub and Miss Annie Guinn attended singing at Bugtussel Sunday afternoon.

Jenkins Deshazo and Guss Pollard were pleasant callers at the Butler home first of the week.

J. D. Boone and family spent Sunday witn Mrs. Guinn.

Miss Sallie Martin is reported sick.

Miss Nina Cauley spent Saturday with the Misses Boone.

Mrs. Dorsett spent Sunday with Grandma Guinn.

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Mrs. Ethel Berry, wife of J. A. Berry, died at the home of her father, J. D. Sears, Sep't 16th. Funeral services were conducted at the Shyder Cemetery Thursday afternoon. Deceased leaves a fatner, husband, three children and other relatives to mourn her departure. The News extends sympathy to all the bereaved.

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Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, Friday, September 18, 1914.

W. O. W. to Buy a Bale

Snyder W. O. W. lodge at its last meeting discussed the proposition of "buying a bale of cotton." It was decided that the Snyder Camp buy a bale at 10c per pound. All members of the lodge are earnestly requested to be present at the next regular meeting, especially those who have cotton for sale as the Camp at this time will buy a bale. Come out and give your reasons why the Camp should buy your bale.

Feed Galore

Jasper Helms of Cottonwood Flats has two four room houses filled with Kaffir heads, and sixteen large ricks of headed Maize, also 32 acres of maize which he cut with a row binder and shocked. Everybody in that part of the county is well supplied with feed and cotton will make from one-third to half a bale per acre.

Presbyterian Church.

No services last Sunday evening owing to threatning rain. The subject chosen for that time will be used next Sunday evening at 7:30. "Resurection Unto Newness of Life" is the subject for the morning hour.

It is planned to have a brief sermon review of the previous Sunday at the close of Sunday school.

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Prof. and Mrs. Hazel came in Saturday. Prof. Hazel is the superintendent of the Tahoka High School for this term, which we understand begins the second Monday in September.—Lynn County News.

Prof. Hazel is well and favorably known in Snyder having taught here a number of years. He was also superintendent of the Hermleigh schools. We congratulate Tahoka in securing his services.

President Wilson's record is mined against attack from any quarter of the compass.

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Jim Dawson.

An Army Of Clowns Will Be Here.

The Great London Shows Consolidated present, along with their comedy department this year, numerous prominent jesters commonly called "clowns." Delfugo is the principal jester, and associated with him are forty-five kings of the clowning world. Along with these funny chaps, others also assist with the comical antics.

When intermingling with citizens on the streets, none of them would be suspected of wearing the loose robes of the fool, but when they are in the ring with their makeups on, they laugh and the crowd laughs with them

Clowning is an art of itself, the best clowns are born not made; the funmaking department of the Great London Shows is fully up to the high standard of its other departments; in fact, many a person will testify to the statement that the clowns with this show are worth the price of admission. Their work is appreciated, as the present strenuous life of most people causes them to relish a little sure nonsense now and then.

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THE POWER OF THE PRESS

THE HONEST EXPENDITURE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS DEFENDED.

The Problems of Agriculture Now Understood and Government, Business Men and Farmers Co-operating.

Fort Worth, Tex.: We want to thank the press of this State for the liberal space given our discussions during the past few months and as evidence of the power of publicity we want to briefly review the results which have accrued to the farmers of Texas from the courtesies extended the Farmers' Union by the press.

There never was in the history of Texas a more studied and determined effort on the part of government to co-operate with the farmer than at present; there never was a time when the city business man was rendering as able and conscientious a service to the farmer as at present; there never was a time when organized co-operation was more thoroughly understood and a more friendly relation existed between the different lines of industry than at present. There never was a time when the desire on the part of the individual to promote the welfare of all the people was greater than at present. This has been the result of publicity.

This world was not made for any particular individual and none of us can have everything we want, just the way we want it. It takes patriotism, courage and wisdom to make good citizens and while these virtues may become temporarily obscured by the heat and smoke of a campaign, they abound abundantly in Texas.

The Campaign an Economic Education.

The campaign just closed is a most convincing demonstration of the power of publicity. Obscure issues and obscure men have in some important instances prevailed over those more noted and well-established and the results should thoroughly convince everyone that "it pays to advertise." No campaign ever made a greater contribution to the education of the citizenship and no issues were ever faced more intelligently than during the last election. Wisdom should always be a welcome guest and understanding sought from every source and no limitation should be placed upon the honest efforts of any individual or person to intelligently discuss economic issues. It is not only the prerogative of every American citizen, but his patriotic duty to participate in disseminating information and awakening public thought.

We take no stock in the wail that is going up from disgruntled politicians in cities in regard to the misuse of campaign funds. We are not familiar with city ways; perhaps they have sinned grieviously, but there was no bartering of sovereignty or abuse of influence in the rural sections.

This campaign was won by the farmers standing together and understanding their problems. The farmers of this State are intelligent and open minded. They are neither mummies nor exhuman beings; they are open to conviction and willing to vote for their best interests according to their understanding.

Farmers Thank the Press.

The farmers of this State are under obligations to the press for important direct results. We will mention a few of them:

The most important single result transpiring in Texas during the past quarter of a century was the election of a governor and legislature pledged to give agriculture first attention. The transition from petty politics to sound business discussion will call for a new order of statesmanship, a new line of thought and open a new era of progress.

Until a very short time ago the problems of agriculture were supposed to lie in production alone, but the public now realizes that the farmer is a capable workman and that the real problem is on the business side of agriculture. The city business man, by co-operating in marketing, has become a powerful ally to the farmer, and farmers, business men and bankers are co-operating in building warehouses and financing the crop.

The State Agricultural Department has been illy supported and without a comprehensive plan of operation which promoted the interests of agriculture from seed-breeding to marketing. The Farmers' Union, through the press, has brought to the attention of the public the necessity for a constructive agricultural policy that involves production, marketing and business co-operation, and the next Commissioner of Agriculture will be a practical farmer. Mr. Davis went before the people with a platform contemplating the expenditure of $100,000 and giving prominence to organization and co-operation of farmers and promoting the business side of agriculture, all of which, no doubt, the legislature will ratify.

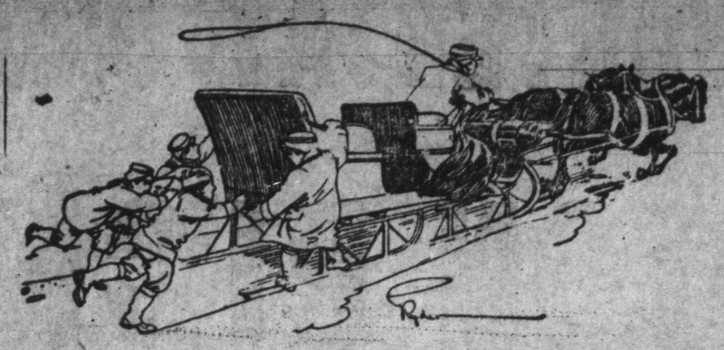
The Farmers' Union has since its organization endeavored to construct and put into operation a system of warehouses but has failed to receive sufficient encouragement and co-operation. The necessity for such action is now universally acknowledged, and the legislature has met in special session to consider the problem and numerous meetings are being held daily to organize associations and promote the construction of warehouses.

In closing we want to again thank the press for the splendid co-operation given to the farmers of Texas in their struggle to receive public recognition of their problems.

W. D. LEWIS, President,
PETER RADFORD,
Ex-President
Texas Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union.

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THE CHURCH AS A SOCIAL CENTER

A Broader Sphere for Religion. New Field for the Rural Church.

(By Peter Radford.)

The social duty of the rural church is as much a part of its obligations as its spiritual side. In expressing its social interest the modern rural church does not hesitate to claim that it is expressing a true religious instinct and the old-time idea that the social instincts should be starved while the spiritual nature was over-fed with solid theological food, is fast giving way to a broader interpretation of the functions of true religion. We take our place in the succession of those who have sought to make the world a fit habitation for the children of man when we seek to study and understand the social duty of the rural church.

The true christian religion is essentially social—its tenets of faith being love and brotherhood and fellowship. While following after righteousness, the church must challenge and seek to reform that social order in which moral life is expressed. While cherishing ideals of service, the rural church which attains the fullest measure of success is that which enriches as many lives as it can touch, and in no way can the church come in close contact with its members as through the avenue of social functions.

The country town and the rural community need a social center. The church need offer no apology for its ambition to fill this need in the community, if an understanding of its mission brings this purpose into clear consciousness.

The structure of a rural community is exceedingly complex; it contains many social groups, each of which has its own center, but there are many localities which have but one church and although such a church cannot command the interest of all the people, it is relieved from the embarrassment of religiously divided communities.

Social Needs Imperative.

The average country boy and girl have very little opportunity for real enjoyment, and have, as a rule, a vague conception of the meaning of pleasure and recreation. It is to fill this void in the lives of country youth that the rural church has risen to the necessity of providing entertainment as well as instruction to its membership among the young. The children and young people of the church should meet when religion is not even mentioned. It has been found safest for them to meet frequently under the direction and care of the church. To send them into the world with no social training exposes them to grave perils and to try to keep them out of the world with no social privileges is sheer folly. There is a social nature to both old and young, but the social requirements of the young are imperative. The church must provide directly or indirectly some modern equivalent for the husking bee, the quilting bee and the singing schools of the old days. In one way or another the social instincts of our young people must have opportunity for expression, which may take the form of clubs, parties, picnics or other forms of amusements. One thing is certain, and that is that the church cannot take away the dance, the card party and the theatre unless it can offer in its place a satisfying substitute in the form of more pleasing recreation.

Universal Instinct for Play.

In providing for enjoyment the church uses one of the greatest methods by which human society has developed. Association is never secure until it is pleasurable; in play the instinctive aversion of one person for another is overcome and the social mood is fostered. Play is the chief educational agency in rural communities and in the play-day of human childhood social sympathy and social habits are evolved. As individuals come together in social gatherings, their viewpoint is broadened, their ideals are lifted and finally they constitute a cultured and refined society.

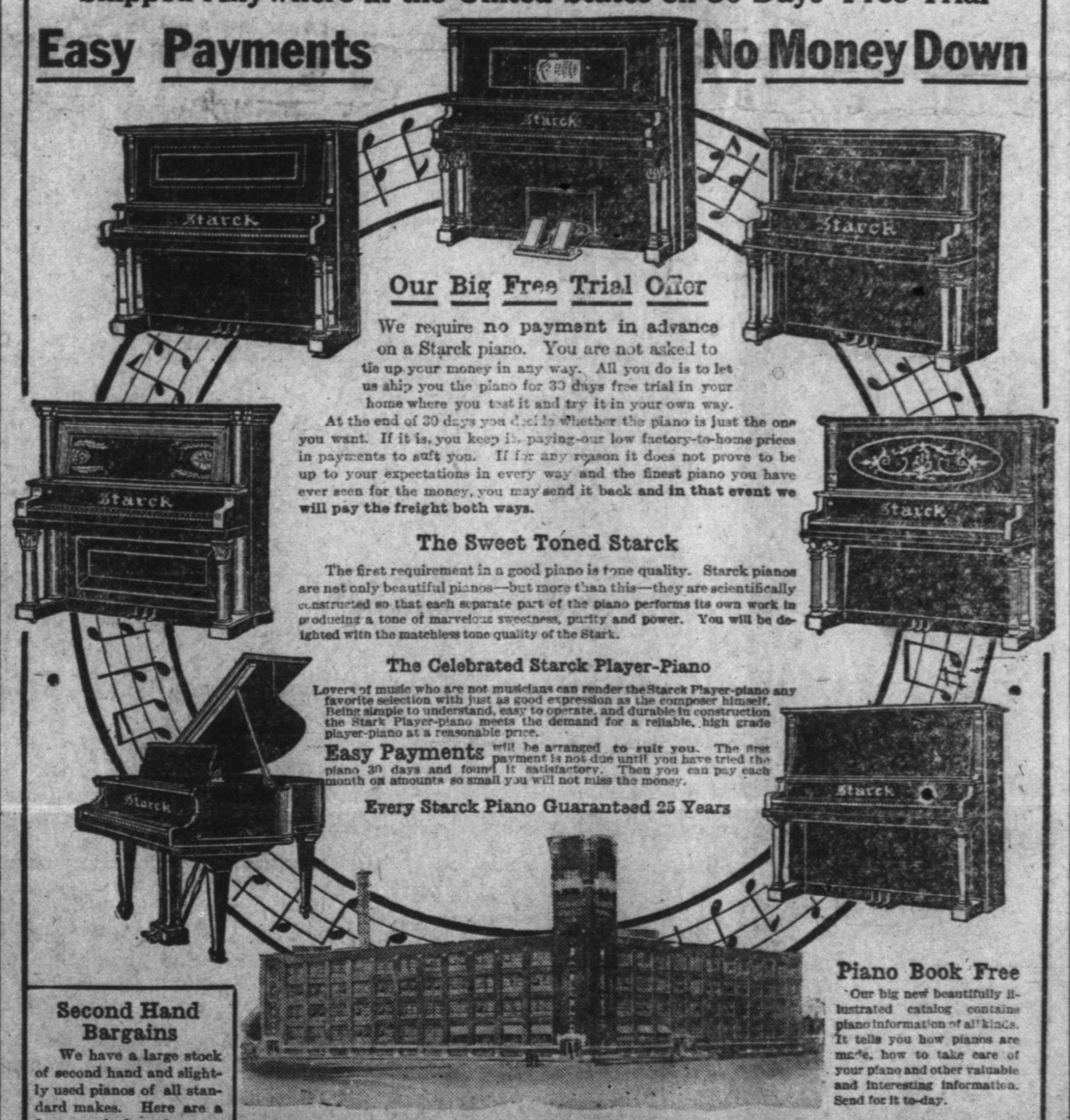
It is plain, therefore, that the church which aims at a perfected society must use in a refined and exalted way the essential factors in social evolution and must avail itself of the universal instinct for play. If the church surrounds itself with social functions which appeal to the young among its membership, it will fill a large part of the lamentable gap in rural pleasures and will reap the richest reward by promoting a higher and better type of manhood and womanhood.

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NATIONAL FARMERS HOLD CONVENTION

Government Aid Sought in Marketing Cotton—Work of Peter Radford Commended.

Fort Worth, Texas.—The eleventh annual meeting of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America came to a close in this city today. More than two thousand delegates were present, representing the various state organizations and covering an area from coast to coast and from the great lakes to the gulf.

President Chas. S. Barrett, presided over the sessions and introduced the various speakers. The keynote of the convention was the action of the convention in asking governmental aid in financing the cotton crop of the south.

"The greatest crisis in years brought on by the European war, faces the United States," said President Barrett in his opening address. "There is only one thing to do and that is for the United States government to buy three or four million bales of cotton at not less than ten cents a pound from the farmers of the south to be held until a higher price may be obtained and, when sold, the profit, minus the expense of handling to be remitted to the farmers."

The convention went on record as favoring the Henry bill introduced before Congress recently, which favors the buying of cotton by the government as a relief of the present situation. This bill was drafted with the co-operation of President Barrett, who believes that it fully covers the situation.

Provision was made for the raising of a fund of $200,000 for the purpose of maintaining a committee to devise plans for relieving the depressing results of the European war. This committee will include a member from every organized state, together with the national officials and the national executive committee. The committee will be in charge of Peter Radford of Texas, who was appointed chairman, and before the adjournment of the session more than $10,000 of the fund had already been pledged.

A resolution was passed condemning the present war and recommending the establishment of an international parliament and an international court, looking to universal peace and good will between the nations of the world.

Child Labor Condemned.

A resolution was passed endorsing the bill providing for the elimination of products from interstate commerce which are manufactured in factories employing children less than fourteen years of age or those employing children under sixteen years of age more than eight hours.

A marketing plan introduced by Harry Tracy of Texas, in which a practical system of marketing farm products was outlined was heartily endorsed by resolution.

Peter Radford Commended.

Referring to the work of the officers of the Farmers' Union, Mr. Barrett paid a high tribute to the manner in which they have co-operated with him. "They have stood steadfastly by me in every call to duty," said Mr. Barrett, "and in every endeavor for the general good. They are true, faithful and conscientious men. I want to pay especial tribute to one individual, Peter Radford. If I should be asked to name one man in the Union who has done more to lighten my own load, who stood ready day or night for service, who doesn't even wait for the distress signal, then I'd have to say Peter Radford. Men like Peter Radford keep one's faith sound, his courage high and renew belief in humanity."

Union Growing Rapidly.

President Barrett stated that the Union was fast growing in numbers and in strength. Twenty-seven states in the Union are included in its membership and the total number of members aggregate more than eight million. It is the boast of the Union that all its members are men who are actual farmers and that no one who does not till the soil, is eligible for membership in the organization.



Didn't I Told You to Bring Home The West Texas News ?

The officials of the Union were unanimously re-elected for the coming year as follows: C. S. Barrett, Georgia, president; A. V. Swift, Vice President, Oregon, A. C. Davis, Secretary, Arkansas.

RADFORD REAPPOINTED

Fort Worth.—President Chas. S. Barrett, of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America has announced the re-appointment of Peter Radford as lecturer of the National Union during the coming year. Extensive plans have been outlined for publicity work throughout the nation to be carried on through Mr. Radford's department. This publicity work will be modeled on the lines of the educational work done in Texas on the subject of farm problems.

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An Army Of Clowns Will Be Here.

The Great London Shows Consolidated present, along with their comedy department this year, numerous prominent jesters commonly called "clowns;" Delfugo is the principal jester, and associated with him are forty-five kings of the clowning world. Along with these funny chaps, others also assist with the comical antics.

When intermingling with citizens on the streets, none of them would be suspected of wearing the loose robes of the fool, but when they are in the ring with their makeups on, they laugh and the crowd laughs with them

Clowning is an art of itself, the best clowns are born not made, the funmaking department of the Great London Shows is fully up to the high standard of its other departments; in fact, many a person will testify to the statement that the clowns with this show are worth the price of admission. Their work is appreciated, as the present strenuous life of most people causes them to relish a little sure nonsense now and then.

Everything in all departments of the Great London Shows this year is positively new, refreshing and up-to-date.

This splendid Show will be seen in Snyder, Monday, Sept 28.

If you want wood or coal watch for the "Red" wagon.

Jim Dawson.

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GOVERNMENT HELPS.

In addition to all the other reasons for encouragment which Americans must feel regarding the future, it is especially encouraging that Washington understands the dimensions of the world cricis precipitated by Europe. The President and the Secretary of the Treasury are cooperating heartily and vigorously with banking and business interests to deal with the altered circumstances under which business and banking must be done if the worst happens abroad. Congress is showing itself patriotically appreciative of the needs of the moment, and is no less responsive than the administration to the requirements of this fateful occasion.—New York Sun.

IN GOOD SHAPE.

We heve not had to mobilize armies, but we did have to mobilize our finances and put them on a war footing, and we have a right to feel some complacency and satisfaction at what we have done. Europe was quick in rushing into war, but we have been just as quick in preparing ourselves for business contingencies. Our financial experts feel certain that our monetary fortifications will hold against all assaults, and that as a result of the recent legislation and of banking precautions the country is safe from either stringency or panic, and ready to meet any business demands that may arise. Baltimore Sun.

Be a Booster for your town.

Developments in the financial world are of a more cheerful character. The fortnightly report of idle freight cars revealed a decrease of nearly thirty thousand, bringing the number of unemployed cars down to the smallest since April 1. The United States Steel Corporation's monthly report unfilled tonnage showed an increase of 125,000 tons, the amount of business on hand being the largest for five months."

No. The above is not a "canned" Democratic editorial. It is the opening parapraph of a news story sent out from New York by the Associated Press August 10.

Call 154 and the "Red" wagon will deliver your wood and coal promptly. Jim Dawson.

Some political diagnosticians are saying the European war will help the Democrats in the fall election by obscuring domestic issues. To do complete justice they should say the shock of the European cataclysm but gave the Wilson Administration an opportunity to complete its Record of Efficiency by meeting an unparalled emergency promptly and effectly.

Have you any news, tell the editor and he will serve it in a la mode. In case you do not happen to meet him, use the telephone or the mail. You will be helping to make your town paper of greater interest and thereby serve the general community. What ever news may interest you, must surely interest others.



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THE RURAL CHURCH

THE FARMERS THE CUSTODIANS OF THE NATION'S MORALITY.

Co-Operation of Church, School and Press Essential to Community Building.

(By Peter Radford.)

The church, the press and the school form a triple alliance of progress that guides the destiny of every community, state and nation. Without them civilization would wither and die and through them life may attain its greatest blessing, power and knowledge. The farmers of this nation are greatly indebted to this social triumvirate for their uplifting influence and on behalf of the American plowmen I want to thank those engaged in these high callings for their able and efficient service, and I shall offer to the press a series of articles on co-operation between these important influences and the farmers in the hope of increasing the efficiency of all by mutual understanding and organized effort. We will take up first the rural church.

The Farmers Are Great Church Builders.

The American farmer is the greatest church builder the world has ever known. He is the custodian of the nation's morality; upon his shoulders rests the "ark of the covenant" and he is more responsive to religious influence than any other class of citizenship.

The farmers of this nation have built 120,000 churches at a cost of $750,000,000 and the annual contribution of the nation toward all church institutions approximates $200,000,000 per annum. The farmers of the United States build 22 churches per day. There are 20,000,000 rural church communicants on the farm and 54 per cent of the total membership of all churches reside in the country.

The farm is the power-house of all progress and the birthplace of all that is noble. The Garden of Eden was in the country and the man who would get close to God must first get close to nature.

The Functions of a Rural Church.

If the rural churches today are going to render a service which this age demands, there must be co-operation between the religious, social and economic life of the community.

The church to attain its fullest measure of success must enrich the lives of the people in the community it serves; it must build character; develop thought and increase the efficiency of human life. It must serve the social, business and intellectual as well as the spiritual and moral side of life. If religion does not make a man more capable, more useful and more just, what good is it? We want a practical religion, one we can live by and farm by as well as die by.

Fewer and Better Churches.

Blessed is that rural community which has but one place of worship. While competition is the life of trade, it is death to the rural church and moral starvation to the community. Petty sectarianism is a scourge that blights the life, and church prejudice saps the vitality of many communities. An over-churched community is a crime against religion, a serious handicap to society and a useless tax upon agriculture.

While denominations are essential and church pride commendable, the high teaching of universal christianity must prevail if the rural church is to fulfill its mission to agriculture.

We frequently have three or four churches in a community which is not able to adequately support one. Small congregations attend services once a month and all fail to perform the religious functions of the community. The division of religious forces and the breaking into fragments of moral effort is ofttimes little less than a calamity and defeats the very purpose they seek to promote.

The evils of too many churches can be minimized by co-operation. The social and economic life of a rural community are respective units and cannot be successfully divided by denominational lines and the churches can only occupy this important field by co-operation and co-ordination.

The efficient country church will definitely serve its community by leading in all worthy efforts at community building, in uniting the people in all co-operative endeavors for the general welfare of the community and in arousing a real love for country life and loyalty to the country home, and these results can only be successfully accomplished by the united effort of the press, the school, the church and organized farmers.

THE RURAL PREACHER

The Pastor Should Be a Director of the Moral, Economic and Social Life of the Community.

(By Peter Radford.)

The most indispensable servant to society is that of the ministry, for without the high moral precepts and lofty examples of those who walk and talk with God, man would be little more than an naimal. These divinely commissioned custodians of virtue and masters of the forces of civilization have leavened human nature, sweetened humanity and given life its savor, but their glorious achievements of the past are eclipsed by the marvelous possibilities of the new rural civilization now confronting them, ushering in a new world of usefulness.

Strong Leadership Needed.

A human life can best be measured by service and the preacher is divinely appointed to teach and to serve. The rural church has in the main fulfilled its evangelical mission, but the economic and social requirements of the age now rest heavily upon it awaiting the leadership and inspiration of the church.

It is as much a part of the duty of a minister to inspire us to own a home on earth as it is to exhort us to build mansions in the skies; to persuade us to fill the mud holes from our homes to the church, as to preach of the golden streets of the new Jerusalem; to teach us how to find the markets as well as to teach us how to reach the holy city; to teach our young girls to wear modest clothing here on earth as well as to teach them to wear a crown in glory. To teach our young people how to play constructive games while they are here as well as to teach them to play on a harp with a thousand strings in the land beyond the grave; to teach us how to live as well as teach us how to pray.

There must be a readjustment of the evangelical and an extension of institutional work of the church. The frailties of human nature strongly attracted the pioneer pastor and pity has flowed freely for the life with sin, but the building of individual character and training of the emotions of human life are entitled to more earnest consideration.

The farmer needs the personal touch of the pastor. He seldom comes in direct contact with his hallowing influence except when he is baptized, married and buried. It is a time-honored custom for our pastors to visit their rural congregations once a month, preach a sermon, take up a collection, eat dinner and hurry back to the city. We approve it all, except hurrying back to the city. To interpret the life of the farmer and construct Christian character in the community, the preacher must live with us and share our trials and tribulations.

Constructive Work for the Pastor

There is an emptiness in the life of rural communities and we want preachers who can weave into the social fibre educational pastimes, profitable pleasures and instructive amusements. Too often we find the games of our young people a search for a suggestion in immorality and a stepping stone to sin. The pastor should supervise the growing lives of young people, approve their amusements, create expressions of joy and pleasure that make for Christian character and bless their lives with Christian modesty.

A pastor in a neighborhood studying the economic, social, moral and educational problems of the community, presenting fresh visions of potential possibilities and native power with beauty and new meaning, interpreting the thought-life of the community and administering to their daily needs will contribute more toward the advancement of a locality than a dozen preachers who occupy the pulpit at irregular intervals, preaching on subjects foreign to the life of the community.

Too long has the farm furnished the cities with their great preachers until today the rural church is the gang-way to city pulpits. The current should be reversed. The power of the pulpit is most needed in the country where the fundamental forces of human life originate and where human nature buds and blossoms into a glorious fruition.

Why Rural Churches Languish.

The destiny of a rural church is inseparably associated with the economic and social progress of the community. If a community is content with poor crops and bad farming methods, the church attains only a small amount of success or fails altogether. If a community employs modern farming methods, improved farming machinery and builds good roads, the result will be shown not only in material benefits but the church will attain the highest degree of success. You can build a city on a rock or even on the sand, but you can't build a rural church in a non-progressive community. No church is more prosperous than the country which supports it and the pastor cannot build his church without first building the community.

Many a rural church is languishing or has died altogether because of bad economics and many pastors have found that it takes work as well as prayers to make their church a success.

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Beginning Thursday September 10, and on every Thursday Thereafter, I will crush maize and kaffir corn at my mill on wood yard. Jim Dawson. Phone 1-5 4.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Elmer Louder of Hermleigh was a visitor here Sonday

District Attorney Stimson is here attending district court this week.

L. M. Perryman of Dermott was here this week as a juror at the district court.

J. C. Day of the China Grove community served as a grand juror here first of the week.

Eddie Northcutt from Hermleigh vifited friends here Sunday.

Fred Morris of near Fluvanna was here transacting business with our people Saturday, He says crops in tne Fluvanna country were never berter.

Dave Jones of Fluvanna, and Warren Scrivner of Dermott are here this week serving as grand jurors.

Harry Harlan, prominent farmer and stock raiser of the Hermleigh community was here Wednesday and reports splendid crops and all the people busy.

Attorney Spencer of Beal & Spencer, Sweetwater, was here Wednesday.

We are sorry to report J. K. Blackard of the firm of Blackard Bros., confiined to his home by sickness a few days this week.

Ike Boren and family have moved in town from their farm in Kent county. They come here to take advantage of our excellent schools.

There were very few farmers in town Saturday. They are all busy gathering their immense crops.

Dr. Warren was taken suddenly ill Wednesday evening, but at this writing he is reported much improved.

Attorney W. W. Weems returned Sunday from a visit with his parents at Fludanna. He was accompanied as far as Snyder by his sisters, Misses Mary and Bulah, who were enroute to Abilene where they will enter the Cnristian College.

Faed R. Haynes, wife and baby spent Sunday with Mr. Haynes' brother in Fluvanna.

Dr. Avery was in Fluvanna Sunday.

Carl Hutcheson and J. J. Koonsman shipped two cars of cattle from from Fluvanna Sunday to the Fort Worth markets.

The Bynum "out-law" horse will be rode at the Cowboy Show Saturday, Sep't 19, at Wolfe Park Don't fail to see this great show.

M. D. Looney returned Sunday from Dallas where he went to visit his father, who has been very low for several months.

County Commissioner, J. D. Letcher of Fluyanna is here this week attending Commissioners court. He can be relied on to do what he considers to be for the best interest of his district and the county as a whole.

Mrs. J. Ketner and sister Mrs Dale Warren, left Monday for Nashville, Tenn., in response to a message recieved anuouncing the serious condition of their brother Charlie Rainwater. It be remembered that Mr. Rainwater was severely hurt in an automobile wreck near Snyder some time ago.

Mrs. C. I. Jaeggli was here from Hermleigh Monday.

Judge Thomas arrived Monday morning and opened district court on schedule time. He has only a light docket to dispose of at this time.

See H. H. Cotten for abstracts and loans on city property.

Atty. H. M. Boyd left Thursday for Graham on legal business.

The Pentecostal people begun a meeting last night in their Tabernacte. Rev. Fisher and wife of Vigo Park, Swisher Co., will conduct the meeting. General public invited.

Jeff. D. Justice of Ft. Worth, enroute to his ranch in Garza county, stopped over in Snyder Wednesday.

If your Stove is crippled or your Furniture is sick, I'm the "doctor."

A. P. Morris.

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Prize	$1.00
CIGAR RACE (On Horse back)—	
Prize	$1.00
LITTLE BOY'S SACK RACE	
First Prize	50c.
Second	25c.

First fifty boys (under 14 years of age) who enter this race before Saturday, September 19th, will receive a ticket FREE, see Manager at the Maxwell Hotel.

FREE! FREE!! All horses and mules brought to Snyder on the above date will be rode FREE no rider will be allowed to abuse his horse or mule in any way—$3.00 will be given to the man bringing in the worst bucking horse or mule. For further information see

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J. A. Farr was here from Hermleigh Wednesday,

Maize and Kaffir is being shipped "back east" in carload lots yet some people back there say we can't raise crops in the West.

J. W, Watson of near Hermleigh was here Tuesday.

Rev. L. S. Knight left for Roscoe Tuesday where he goes to assist Rev. C. E. Leslie in a protracted meeting.

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AS A PEOPLE THINKETH.

As a people thinketh, so are they. If they get it into their heads to do so, they may sit down and weep and let business go to the bow-wows while the people of the old country tear at each other's hearts. On the other hand, if they can be made to understand the real conditions as they relate to this country, they will see that the United States must become the world's lunch counter and there'll be no free lunches!

As Napoleon truly said, "Soldiers, like snakes, travel on their bellies;" and soldiers cannot go far or fight hard on empty stomachs.

With this country at peace and supplied with every necessity, and most of the luxuries to make her own people comfortable, and an abundant quantity of things to sell that the others must have at any price, we can see no reason why our people should not be unusually prosperous and happy, except for grief ~~because of the misery of the people of~~ the old world.

Texas alone for this year will have, outside of cotton and wool: corn, wheat, oats, rice, potatoes, sugar, syrup and honey, cattle, hogs, mutton poultry and dairy products; truck and fruit worth at prevailing prices one half, a billion dollars—the same proportion holds good in other Southwestern states—plenty to live on and a big lot to sell!

It is unfortunate that the civilized world cannot dwell in harmony and peace, and work unitedly for universal prosperity and happiness. However, if profit is to be made off the misfortunes of others, we are glad that the people of the United States are to get the money instead of bayonets and bullets.

This country can, and will supply clothes, food and war materials and if they demand it, coffins to bury the people that are being murdered.

Let us do business over here and pray for the poor misguided people on the other side.

FRANK P. HOLLAND,
Manager Farm and Ranch.

The City Should Have Market Square

The time has arrived in the growth of our city for the city council to establish a "market square." Other places, not near so large as Snyder, have a certain lot, near the business center, to which all country products are taken and offered for sale.

By having such a place for the farmers to assemble it is a great convenience both to buyer and seller. It is a shame to litter up the streets around our beautiful public square by letting all sorts of produce be placed on same for sale. It won't be but a little while now until our streets will blocked with cotton wagons and the streets littered up with cotton by cutting samples from same.

Now is the time to secure suitable ground at a nominal cost. The longer the matter of securing ground for a market square is put off the higher will be the price to be paid.

Yes, Snyder needs a Market Square and the News believes that our city council, after thinking the matter over, will see the necessity of one and establish the same in the near future.

Case Set for Dec. 2nd.

The following letter is self eqplanatory:

Snyder, Texas, Sept. 28.
West Texas News:—

As a good many of the witnesses in the Will F. Latham case reside in your county it will be a matter of news interest to them to know just when the case is set for trial at Haskell. Court convenes November 23rd, 1914, but this case is set for Wednesay, December 2nd, 1914. It will not be necessary for the witnesses to appear there before December 2nd.

Very truly yours,
Jas. P. Stinson,
Dist. Attorney.
Higgins & Hamilton,
Attorneys.

Moves to Snyder.

R. O. Dawson of Big Springs, who recently accepted a position here with Denson & Smith, the popular grocerymen, has been joined by his wife and little son. We extend to Mr. Dawson and family a cordial welcome as citizens of our town.

They will reside in the eastern part of the city.

Presbyterian Chureh.

Sunday at 11 a. m. the Presbyterian church will observe the quarterly Communion; Also the order of the President for Peace.

In the evening (7:30) the pastor will give the first of his series of lectures on the question "Will Any Really Regenerated Soul Ever Be Lost?"

The public is invited to attend these services.

Press Reporter.

Beginning Thursday September 10, and on every Thursday. Thereafter, I will crush maize and kaffir corn at my mill on wood yard. Jim Dawson. Phone 1-5-4.

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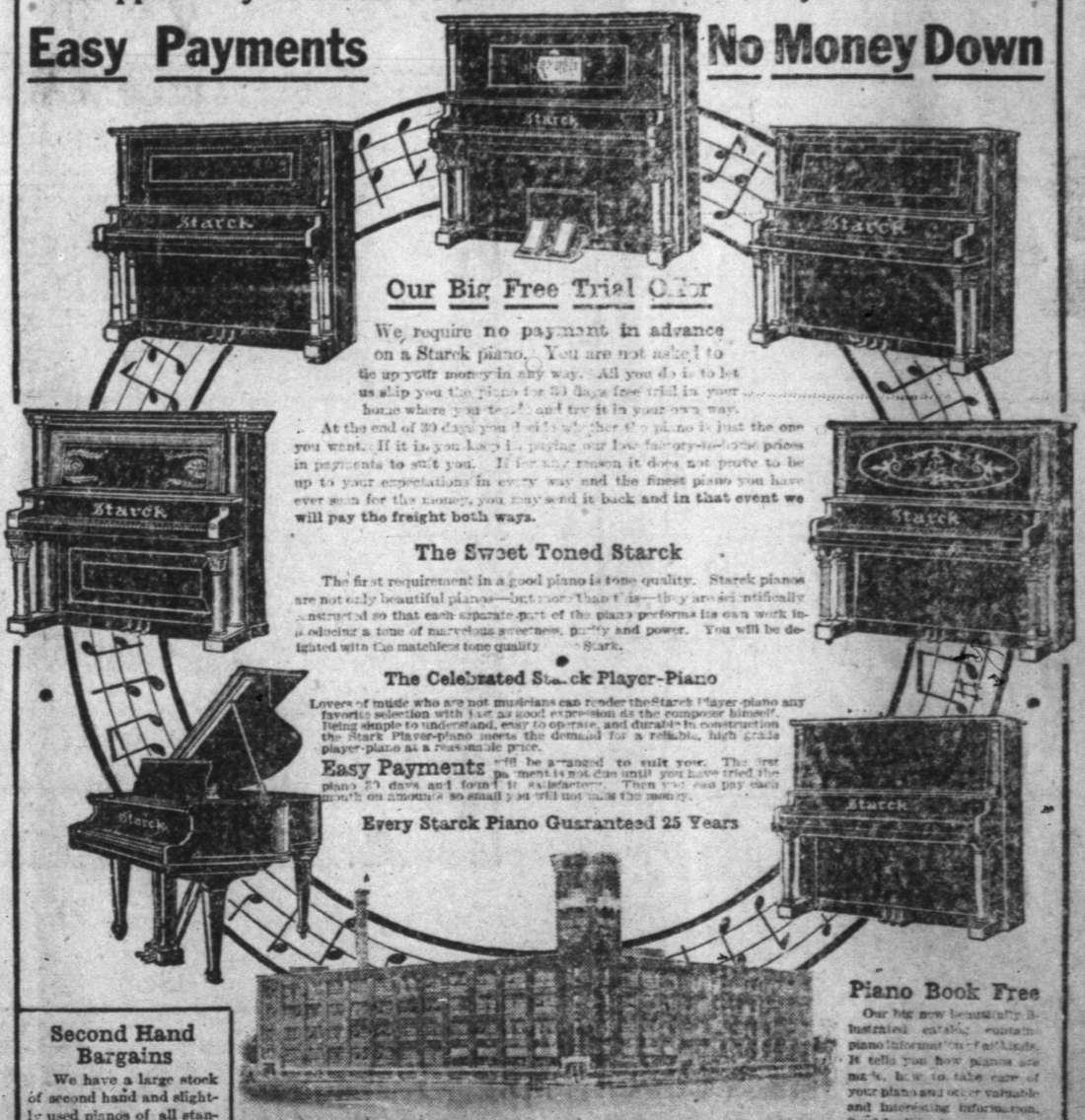
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Persuading Children.

By HELEN YOUNG.

"You can't imagine," said the earnest little woman, "how I wish I had had that book years ago when the children were mere babies! What I might have accomplished! It makes me want to cry now when I consider the time wasted! Still, I am going to begin at once and make up for lost time!"

"I don't take much stock in it," commented the lady who had brought up six children, all of whom had escaped the penitentiary.

"Mercy!" cried the earnest little woman. "How can you feel that way! What particularly impressed me was the part which said not to hamper their individual development, to give them mental freedom, to allow their minds to work out problems their own way, and always to answer their questions, because they may be working to the point where they will be presidents or something famous some day! As for corporal punishment—it made me feel I deserved to be shot at dawn because I used to spank them once in a while! I am going hereafter to treat them like human—"

"Mother!" interrupted seven-year-old Henry, "kin I go over to Oscar's?"

The earnest little woman smiled at him beamingly. "No, darling," she said. "I told you yesterday you could not go to Oscar's at all!"

"Why?"

"Why, I explained to you very carefully," said the earnest little woman in some surprise. "Oscar is not the sort of boy I want you to be with. He is not the right kind!"



"Susanna! Come Down at Once!"

"I wanna go to Oscar's!" roared her son loudly. "I wanna go! I wan—"

Rising hurriedly, the earnest little woman clutched her recalcitrant son's arm and turning him over her knee administered the old time discipline. After which he departed growling.

"Of course," said the earnest little woman, somewhat flushed, "that was unavoidable. In special cases I guess you have to spank them. Argument seems to make no—"

"It's been my experience," said the woman who had brought up six, "that argument hasn't any effect on anyone this side of the grave! Of course, it's good for the lungs, sort of exercises them, if you care for that, but for children especially argument is nothing but an annoying noise!"

"The book said you should always explain to them when you refused them anything," said the earnest little woman, somewhat mournfully. "And then their quick little intellects would grasp your meaning and see that you knew best—what?"

"I just choked," said the woman who had brought up six. "I never knew even a grownup who would abandon something he wanted to do and thank you for your wisdom if you tried to stop him! I suppose you are following the few rules with Susanna, and in that case it is all right to let her climb that tree out there—when that limb breaks she's now on it will develop—"

"My goodness!" gasped the earnest little woman, dropping her work: "Susanna! Come down at once!"

"But you must let her work out her own problems!" reminded the woman who had brought up six. "She'll learn a lot about gravitation before she gets through—"

"Susanna!" cried her mother underneath. "Come right down!"

"I don't wanta!" protested Susanna, climbing higher.

"Susanna!" shrieked her parent. "It'll break—and you'll hurt yourself badly—"

"I don't wanta!"

Crack! Crash!

Binding up the lump on Susanna's head with trembling hands somewhat later the earnest little woman spoke at last through her teeth. "Susanna!" she said distinctly, "if ever again you don't mind instantly when I tell you to do a thing, without stopping to talk about it, I'll give you a spanking you'll remember! You are lucky you're not killed!"

"Why?" inquired Susanna.

"Cheer up!" said the woman who had brought up six, as the earnest little woman clutched her brow and breathed hard. "Only I'd dig a hole in the back yard and bury that book! There's nothing much beats the old way of bringing up children!"

"I'd like jolly well to meet the woman who wrote it!" vindictively said the earnest little woman.—Chicago Daily News.

Humanity May Shiver For Lack of Fue.

A world-wide coal famine is predicted this winter. The mines of Europe have been closed by the war which is raging over there, while the foreign coal miners have laid down the pick and shovel to shoulder the rifle and bayonet. The nations which now are at war with each other previously furnished 50 per cent of the annual coal supply of the world, and if the conflict continues serious results will be felt on this side of the water on account of the clossing of foreign mines

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We owe it to the town and community in which we live to do everything we can that will be to its advantage. Our neighbor means more to us than someone who lives elsewhere. We should bear this in mind when buying our goods. We can afford tot pay our home man a firm price for his wares rather than send our money away, knowing as we do that every dollar our citizen makes will help sustain our schools, churches, and public institutions. It pays richly to patronize home industries.

Have you any news, tell the editor and he will serve it in a la mode. In case you do not happen to meet him, use the telephone or the mail. You will be helping to make your town paper of greater interest and thereby serve the general community. What ever news may interest you, must surely interest others.

Went After First Money.

Paul Hamilton went over to Roscoe this morning determined, and whispered to his friends just as he boarded the train that he would bring back first money in the "Old Fiddlers' Contest," to be pulled off there tonight. However, a clever joke was worked on him while he was getting his ticket, someone slipped his violin case and took out the old reliable violin which has enabled him to win out in many contests, and returned the case empty. Mr. Hamilton proceeded to Roscoe not knowing that he was the victim of a joke. His friends have already figured his chagrin and disappointment when he discoveres that his fiddle is missing. However, the instrument was sent over this afternoon and will be on hand for the contest.

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One Matinee Ticket

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The worthy Mr. Francis Scarlet was one of the city's most brilliant lawyers. Petite Pamelia was his wife. Both were fond of a little joke.

Mrs. Scarlet had a mania for clubs. She was an active member of several, which she attended religiously.

Mr. Francis Scarlet's one source of recreation was comic opera, for which he had a weakness; particularly opera of a spectacular nature requiring a large and good-looking chorus.

Upon the billboards there appeared the flaming pictures and large type announcing the coming of a much-talked-of musical extravaganza. Passing the box-office Mr. Scarlet was unable to resist the purchase of a seat.

The next morning as he donned his waistcoat a single thread broke and a button fell to the floor.

"Great Scott!" he exclaimed. "I can't go into court with a button off."

"Perhaps I can fastep it," smiled Pamelia.

With a sigh of relief he tore off the waistcoat, handing it to her as she returned with needle and thread. Then he went to the library to collect some papers.

After sewing on the button, Mrs. Scarlet gave the waistcoat a shake. A small envelope containing a matinee ticket fluttered to her feet.

Snatching up her scissors she cut down a postal card to the exact size of the ticket. Inserting the counterfeit she sealed the envelope.

Precisely at two o'clock Francis Scarlet, with a flower in his buttonhole, entered the theater lobby. Tearing open the envelope he drew out the bogus ticket.

"What in thunder is this!" he exclaimed.

For some weeks small articles and loose coin had disappeared from the office. Suspicion lay between the clerks and the janitor.

Having an acquaintance with the opera house manager he explained the circumstances, with a view to catching the thief.

"Do you remember the location of your seat?" he inquired.

"No. 5; Row 1; Center."

"Go in and enjoy the show," suggested the manager. "I'll watch for the culprit."

Shortly a well-dressed lady presented ticket No. 5; Row 1; Center.

At a sign from the manager an officer approached.

"Guess you'll have to come 'long with me, lady."

"Sir!"

"You're under arrest," he affirmed.

By this time the attention of the late comers was attracted and a crowd blocked the entrance.

"Come, hurry her out of here," commanded the manager.

"I'm Mr. Scarlet's wife," informed Pamelia.

"You can tell that to the sergeant," sneered the policeman.

Before she knew it she was rattling down the street in the patrol wagon. At the station-house she failed to convince any one of her identity. Dire threats of vengeance, and pleadings that would melt a stone made little impression upon the sergeant. The most she gained was permission to sit in his office until Mr. Scarlet appeared.

"Hello! Yes, this is the police station. That you, Mr. Scarlet? We got her safe enough. Says she is your wife. What's that? Wife gone to a club meeting. Oh, yes, I'll hold her till Monday morning. Good-by."

Calling the matron, the sergeant gave orders to have the prisoner held for trial.

Back to his seat went Mr. Scarlet for the final act. By the time he reached home it was nearly eight o'clock. The telephone bell was ringing furiously as he entered the house.

"Hello!"

"This is the police-station," answered the sergeant. "The lady has club membership cards with your wife's name—"

"Why didn't she show them in the first place?" interrupted Scarlet. "She's trying to fool you."

"Says she didn't think of it," continued the sergeant. "Of course, she is lying, but you'd better come down and see about it."

Securing a cab Scarlet drove to the station at breakneck pace.

When he entered the sergeant's office Pamelia threw herself into his arms, exclaiming:

"Francis! how could you do it? Take me away from here."

"It's all a mistake, sergeant. Come, Pamelia."

Not a word was said till they were nearly home.

Pamelia's hand stole quietly into his. Cautiously he gave it a gentle squeeze.

"Pamelia," said Francis, "did you take that ticket out of my pocket?"

"Yes," she timidly replied.

"Well, I guess after this, if you can spare the time from the clubs, we'd better attend matinees together."

"I'm going to resign from every one of them," she replied.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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T. H. Crowder of the Conway community wos here Saturday

The best one dollar Alarm Clocks just received by Grayum Drug Co.

A. W. Mobly and wife of Hermleigh were here Monday meeting friends and attending the circus.

All cities of any importance have a "market square" and so should Snyder.

T. H. Crowder hands us cash on subscription this week for which he has our thanks.

Furniture, New and Secondhand, I'll sell you the new and takeyour old on the deal.

A P. Morris.

Talking of "needed improvements for our city," nothing is more important just now than a market square.

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J. D. Sneider was in from his farm east of the city first of the week transacting business with our people.

J. H. Pinkerton of near Hermleigh was in the city Monday transacting business and having his picture "tooken."

Now is the time to put in your winter fuel. 'Phone 1-5-4 and watch the "Red" wagon come to your service. Jim Dawson.

Our friend T. A. Olhousen of the Dunn community was here transacting business first of the week. He reports everybody in his community busy.

Chalk Brown was in from his ranch in Kent county Saturday and reports stock all fat and plenty of fine grass for winter pasturage.

If your Stove is crippled or your Furniture is sick, I'm the "doctor."

A. P. Morris.

Mr. Hunter, manager for the Higginbotham-Harris Lumber Co., at Fluvanna was here Saturday.

Allen Leach came in from Fluvanna Sunday. He made a call at this office Monday. Allen informs us that the good people of his town will have a "Big Day" the second Saturday in this month, Oct. 10. A nice program has been arranged and many premiums will be awarded.

Billie Green of the Dermott community transacted business here the first of the week.

C. R. Fellmy and family and J. W. Leftwich and wife attended the Clawson-Leach nuptials at Fluvanna Sunday.

J. E. Dodson came in Wednesday morning from Santa Anna, California. Mr. Dodson has a host of friends here who will be glad to see him.

The "Barraca Class" of the First Baptist church enjoyed a "chicken fry" out on the banks of Deep creek, near the Wolfe ball park, Wednesday evening.

Rev. A. B. Ingram, formerly pastor of the Baptist church at this place, came in from his home at Austin, Tuesday. He will be in the city for several days.

O. L. Barfoot of Hermleigh was here on business the first of the week.

Mrs. C. Karnes, wife of the popular R. S. and P. Agent, at Hermleigh was visiting friends here the first of the week.

R. H. Drennen of the Hermleigh community was here sightseeing Monday.

R. C. Herm, wife and daughter, Girtie, were here from Hermleigh Monday. R. C. says that feed and cotton are rolling into his town in car-load lots and that the Hermleigh Grain Co., is paying the highest market price for all kinds of feed.

Snyder should have a Market Square and now is the time for our "city dads" to secure one cheap.

J. I. Burrough accompanied by his little seven year old son was here Monday from the Fluvanna community. J.I. informed us that his little boy had been picking over oue hundred pounds of cotton per day and that he was taking him to the circus as a reward for his faithful work. This was right, for if there is anything a boy likes better than a circus it is two circuses.

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O. F. Darby.

Oscar Seawalt of Fluvanna was here Saturday. He informed us that his town had organized a Warehouse Co., which would begin the erection of a large warehouse immediately. In fact they were here after carpenters Saturday.

Number of Bales Ginned

Following is the number of bales of cotton ginned in Snyder up to noon Thursday:

Brice-Burnett	447
Fuller	355
Farmer's Union	234
Sears & Darby	109

Clawson-Leach.

Sunday evening Sept. 27, at the First Baptist church Fluvanna, Texas; Mr. Willie Clawson and Miss Rodah Leach were joined in marriage. Rev. Walter Leach, brother of the bride performed the rites using the ring ceremony. Misses Annie Clawson and Ada Leach acted as bride's maids and Messers. Allen Leach and Robert Adams attended the groom. Little Miss Girlene Dane was ring bearer. The groom was born and reared in the Fluvanna community and the bride is a daughter of Rev. A. J. Leach pastor of the First Baptist church at Fluvanna, and is well known in Scurry county. This young couple, both so well and favorably known, are receiving heartiest congratulations from their numerous friends including The West Texas News.

Receives Sad News

Dr. A. C. Leslie recieved a letter from his brother, Dr. W. W. Leslie of Lockport, Ky., in which he relates the sad death of the eldest son of their sister, Mrs. J. G. Hall. The young man lost his life in a mine explosion. It will be remembered that only recently Mrs. Hall sustained the loss of her husband, and the sudden taking off of her son is deplorable. The News extends sympathy to all the bereaved.

Streets Being Improved.

Under the supervision of our efficient city marshal, O. P. Wolfe, the streets are being graded and otherwise improved, which helps to give Snyder decidedly a city appearance.

Harless-Berry

Mr. Bennie Harless and Miss Ola Berry, were married Sunday Sept 24, Rev. C. H. Kelley performing the ceremony.

Dr. A. C. Leslie visited his father at Hermleigh Saturday.

Brannon Hooper of Hermleigh was here Monday taking in the circus.

J. S. Gilmer of Gorman, Tex., has our thanks for cash on subscription.

N. C. Hopper who lives east of Hermleigh was here on business Monday. He says cotton pickers are in demand in his part of the county.

Our popular post-master E. B. Barnes has had his residence in the east part of town repainted, which adds greatly to its appearance.

Dr. Lane of Fluvanna was here Saturday. He reports the health of his community good. In fact he says "everybody is too busy gathering crops to get sick."

Boaz Scrivner of Dermott community was transacting business here Saturday. Boaz says he has some sure enough bronks he will bring here for the Cowboys reunion, Oct. 16-17.

Prof. J. H. Tate and children were here from Hermleigh Monday. Bro. Tate says the children just had to come to see the "elephants." Its a years subscription to a peck of "taters" that J. H. wanted to see the entire show.

NINETY-NINE YEARS AGO

There is an unhappy axiom that history repeats itself.

Ninety-nine years ago, on a hitherto obscure plain, two mighty armies were thrown together with so much fierceness that the reverberation of that mighty crash will be known as long as human history is read.

The geographies of the Nations were as liquid metal, being molded now in this form again in another.

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With this thought in mind, the organization of a "Snyder Pick-a-Bale Club" suggested itself to us.

We will be glad to here from anyone regarding the organization of such a club.

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Geo. Harris the popular manager for the Higginbotham Harris Lumber Co., received six fine hogs the first of the week. The hogs are all pedigreed stuff, and are of the Hampshire breed, a large black hog with a white stripe round the shoulders. The shipment consisted of three sows, two gilts and a barrow.

DEATHS.

Mr. J. C. Cox, superintendant of the oil mill, died Friday night Sept. 25, at his home near the oil mill. He had been ill only a few hours and was apparently well Friday morning but died that night. This is another reminder of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death.

Mr. Cox was born in Nashville, Tenn., 48 years ago and came to Texas twenty-four years ago. He was married to Miss Hulda Lackey about the time he came to Texas. They had no children of their own but reared two orphan girls and he was very fond of them and they of him. The funeral was conducted at the home by Rev. M. F. Tucker pastor of the Baptist church. To the weeping wife and family and other relatives and friends we extend our deepest sympathy.

Mrs. Emily Mercer who has suffered so much and so patiently for several months, passed to her reward Monday night Sept. 18. She was born Nov. 23, 1867 and was 47 years old. She was married to M. Mercer in March of 1888. She was the mother of eleven children, seven of whom with her husband survive her. She professed faith in Christ about thirty years ago. She had been a consistent member of the Snyder Baptist church for nineteen years and all who knew her bear one testimony concerning her, "that she was a good woman and faithful in all the relations of life." She loved God devoutly and trusted him with all the confidence of a living and vital faith.

We extend to the weeping husband and children our sincere sympathy in this their great bereavement.

Funer services were conducted at the Snyder cemetery by her pastor, Rev. M. F. Tucker, at six o'clock Tuesday.