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From Over The Panhandle

F. Graham, an old resident of Fawcett county, died at his home near Tulla on the 3rd inst. He was 82 years of age.

W. Dean, County Clerk of Fawcett county, has offered to sell the license and pay the fee for the first "Leap Year" marriage. The bride and groom are Mr. and Mrs. V. Haynes of Floydada has been elected president of the Chamber of Commerce for the year 1916.

Paul McMean and Miss Crim, a very popular couple of Shamrock, were united in marriage last Sunday.

H. Carey of Shamrock is building a new modern brick building, 25x124 feet.

A young man named Frank was accidentally shot and killed by his own gun while out hunting near Brice recently.

The big wholesale house of J. Bryant Company of Amarillo burned to the ground on Sunday night, with a total loss

of \$85,000. On the \$85,000 stock of the company only \$18,000 insurance was carried.

The Plainview public school has made a flattering increase in enrollment this year—a total of 1,070 pupils are now attending the school.

The Pampa News had a most interesting write up of the proceedings of the Gray County Teachers Institute last week.

A car of broom corn was shipped from Glazier last week, the price paid ranging from \$50 to a \$102.50 per ton.

20,410 bales of cotton have been ginned in Hall county this season, with about four thousand more bales yet to gin.

The Canyon Normal now has an enrollment of 450 students. The Normal building will likely be dedicated on April 21st.

From our exchanges it would appear that this will be the banner year for candidates. They are announcing early and fast.

Grain Situation Improving

Contrary to the prediction of some, the local grain situation is showing a gradual improvement over the early fall rulings and prices generally are slowly advancing, point at a time. Good corn this week sold as high as fifty-seven and a half in the ear and sixty-five shelled. Maize and kafir prices have shown no material advance, but the demand is steady and the outlook is favorable for a strong rise within the next few weeks.

One factor that tends to hold the price down is the fact that so far there has been no winter weather of account and the feeders are not requiring as much grain as they would under ordinary conditions. Should the weather return to its habits of other years it is reasonably safe to say that grain prices would take a sudden leap.

Speaking of grain, we are reminded of the fact that the farmers in the McLean country have harvested the past season one of the biggest yields ever recorded in this section and in spite of the low price the major portion of it has commanded, a general wave of prosperity is perceptible in all lines of business and the banks are showing unusually large deposits for this season of the year.

There is not an available vacant house in McLean for rent and even all the old shacks that have stood vacant most of the time year after year are tenanted.

Eastern Star Initiate Four

On Thursday evening of last week the local Chapter of Eastern Star met for the purpose of receiving new members and a class of four were initiated in the mysteries of the order. They were: Mesdames C. C. Cooper, W. L. Oldwell, W. H. Holt and Mr. J. M. Noel.

After the conclusion of ceremonies all the members and one or two invited guests enjoyed a splendid luncheon that had been previously prepared by Mesdames J. M. Noel and J. H. Bodine.

Prophet Predicts For 1916

Adduced from the Pythagorean Code by Dr. Delmer Eugene Croft.

"Yet a little while and I will shake the heavens, the earth, the sea, the dry land, and I will shake all Nations, and the desire of all nations shall come, saith the God of Hosts."

The present war is to be a world's war, the tragedy will spread. Greece will enter the conflict, within the first cycle of the new year. Every neutral Nation will be goaded to madness by the spear of Mars. As I said a year ago, the conflict goes on and the crises of America would come, it is now at hand. Prepared or unprepared, the United States will play her part in this greatest drama of arm-in-the history of the world.

Again I declare the German Emperor will not live to see the end of this war. His regal star will set while the profound thunders of cannons shake the heavens and the earth and all Nations. It will be a crucial year for royalty, the burden and sorrows of the war will remove two regal rulers and two others will be taken from royal families before Nov. 1. England's ruler will twice be in imminent peril.

The shadow of assassination is dark over January to May. It spreads over Greece, Austria, Italy, Bulgaria, Spain, Mexico and America.

The chronology of the Christian era ends with a world's war and we are now entering the epoch of fulfillment. A strong movement for church unity will begin in the year. Meetings of great religious fervor will abound. Not a good year for educational institutions, the excitement of war, the great demand for young men in our industries will effect both secular and denominational institutions. Noted savants will pass from educational circles, while religious circles will lose noted men. These changes will be startling, seemingly almost to remove the very pillars of the organizations, institutions and systems.

Governments will be shaken. Every Kingdom and Republic will undergo drastic reorganization, adjustment and renewal. Younger men will come into power. Governments will suffer the shocks of revolution. China, India, Egypt and all the Orient will be a sea lashed to fury by the madness of war. Humanity will unfetter itself from worn-out systems and stale forms. The war has stimulated all Governments with a mighty dynamic desire for power, progress and prosperity. A tidal wave of this sort will sweep America. The present Congress will witness giant struggles, new ideals against the old. The session will be long, many scenes take place. The policies of the administration will not prevail, the policy of preparedness, protection and power will prevail. The session will vote for war. Pseudo and petty reforms will disappear like pebbles tossed into a lake. Alien sympathy will place Congress. Government officials and financiers under crucial espionage, the shadow of the assassin will be seen in many places. Our war office will not escape. Three noted Senators pass away.

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Courage isn't the last resort In the work of life or the same of sport; It isn't a thing that a man can call At some future time when he's apt to fall. If he hasn't it now he will have it not When the strain is great and the pace is hot. For who would strive for a distant goal Must always have courage within his soul.

Courage isn't a dazzling light That flashes and passes away from sight; It's a slow, unwavering, ingrained trait That has the patience to work and wait. It's part of man when his skies are blue, It's part of him when he has work to do. The brave man never is freed of it, He has it when there's no need of it.

Courage was never designed for show. It isn't a thing that can come and go. It's written in victory and defeat And every trial man may meet. It's part of his hours, his days and years, Back of his smiles and behind his tears. Courage is more than a daring deed. It's the breath of life and a strong man's creed. —Edgar A. Gust in Detroit Free Press.

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SYNOPSIS.

Kenneth Griswold, an unsuccessful writer because of socialist tendencies, sues with his friend Bainbridge at Chaudiere's restaurant in New Orleans and declares that if necessary he will steal to keep from starving. He holds up Andrew Galbraith, president of the Bayou State Security, in his private office and escapes with \$20,000 in cash. By original methods he escapes the hue and cry and goes aboard the Belle Julie as a deckhand. He unexpectedly confronts Charlotte Farnham of Wahaska, Minn., who had seen him cash Galbraith's check in the bank. Charlotte recognizes Griswold, but decides to write to Galbraith rather than denounce the robber to the captain and so incur unpleasant notoriety.

CHAPTER V—Continued.

"Don't try that again!" he warned, angrily. "If you've got to take it out on somebody, I'm your man."

This was mutiny, and McGrath's remedy for that distemper was ever heroic. In a flash his big fist shot out and the crew looked to see its lighter champion go backward into the river at the impact. But the blow did not land. Griswold saw it coming and swerved the necessary body-breadth. The result was a demonstration of a simple theorem in dynamics. McGrath reeled under the impetus of his own unresisted effort, stumbled forward against the low edge-line bulwark, clawed wildly at the fickle air and dropped overboard like a stone.

The Belle Julie was forging ahead at full speed. Clearing the intervening obstacles in a hurdler's leap, Griswold raced aft on the outer edge of the guards and jumped overboard in time to grapple the drowning man when he was within a few feet of the churning wheel. The mate was terror-crazed and fought blindly. There was no time for trick or stratagem, and when the thunder of the wheel roared overhead, Griswold felt the jar of a blow and the mate's struggles ceased abruptly. A gasping moment later the worst was over and the rescuer had his head out; was swimming gallantly in the wake of the steamer, supporting the unconscious McGrath and shouting lustily for help.

The help came quickly. The alarm had been promptly given, and the night pilot was a man for an emergency. Before the little-used yawl could be lowered, the steamer had swept a wide circle in mid stream and



"Don't Try That Again," He Warned Angriily.

the searchlight picked up the cast-aways. From that to placing the Belle Julie so that the two bits of human fetsam could be hauled in over the bows was but a skillful hand's turn of ruder-work, accomplished as cleverly as if the great steambast had been a power-driven launch to be steered by a touch of the tiller.

All this Charlotte saw. She was looking on when the two men were dragged aboard, the big Irishman still unconscious, and the rescuer in the final ditch of exhaustion—breathless, sodden, reeling with weariness.

And afterward, when the Belle Julie's prow was once more turned to the north, Miss Farnham flew back to her stateroom with the letter to Mr. Galbraith hidden in her bosom and clutched tightly as if she were afraid it might cry out its accusing secret of its own accord.

CHAPTER VI.

Quicksands.

On the morning following the rescue of the mate, Charlotte Farnham awoke with the conviction that she had been miraculously saved from incurring the penalties dealt out to those who rush blindly into the thick of things without due thought and careful consideration.

But the Puritan conscience was not to be entirely silenced. Reason sits in a higher seat than that occupied by the senses, and reason argued that a man who would give his enemy,

and instantly risk his life in proof of the forgiveness, could not be a desperate criminal. Conscience pointed out the alternative. A little careful investigation would remove the doubt—or confirm it. Somebody on the boat must know the deckhand, or know enough about him to establish his real identity.

Charlotte worried over the wretched entanglement all day, and was so distraught and absent-minded that her aunt remarked it, naming it malaria and prescribing quinine. Whereat Charlotte dissembled and put on a mask of cheerfulness, keeping it on until after the evening meal and her aunt's early retiring. But when she was released she was glad enough to go out on the promenade just forward of the starboard paddle-box, where there were no after-dinner loungers, to be alone with her problem and free to plunge once more into its intricacies.

It was possibly ten minutes later, while she stood leaning against a stanchion and watching the lights of a distant town rise out of the watery horizon ahead, that chance, the final tribiter in so many human involvements, led her quickly into the valley of decision. She heard a man's step on the steeply pitched stair leading down from the hurricane deck. Before she could turn away he was confronting her; the man whose name on the Belle Julie's crew roster was John Wesley Gavitt.

Griswold's appearance was less fortuitous than it seemed to be. As a reward of merit for having saved the mate's life, he had been told off to serve temporarily as man-of-all-work for the day pilot, who chanced to be without a steersman. His watch in the pilothouse was over, and he was on his way to the crew's quarters below when he stumbled upon Miss Farnham. Mindful of his earlier slip, he passed her as if she had been invisible. She let him go until her opportunity was all but lost; then, plucking courage out of the heart of desperation, she spoke.

"One moment, if you please; I—I want to ask you something," she faltered; and he wheeled obediently and faced her.

Followed a pause, inevitable, but none the less awkward for the one who was responsible. Griswold felt rather than saw, her embarrassment, and was generous enough to try to help her.

"I think I know what you wish to say; you are quite at liberty to say it," he offered, when the pause had grown into an obstacle which she seemed powerless to surmount.

"I thought perhaps—I had hoped—oh, for goodness' sake, why did you do it?" she burst out, no longer able to fence with the weapons of indirectness.

He answered her frankly. "It was the old story of one man's overplenty and another man's need. Have you ever known what it means to go hungry for sheer poverty's sake?—but, of course, you haven't."

"No," she admitted. "Well, I have; I was hungry that morning; very hungry. I know this doesn't excuse the thing—to you. But perhaps it may help to explain it."

"I think I can understand—a little. But surely—"

He stopped her with a quick little gesture. "I know what you are going to say—that I should have been willing to work, or even to beg, rather than steal. I was willing to work; I was not willing to beg. I know it is all wrong from your point of view; but I should be sorry to have you think that I did what I believed to be wrong."

"But think of it; if you are right, everyone else must be wrong!"

"No; not quite everyone. But that is a very large question, and we needn't go into it. I confess that my method was unconventional; a little more summary than that of the users and the strictly legal robbers, but quite as defensible. For they rob the poor and the helpless, while I merely dispossessed one rich corporation of a portion of its exactions from the many."

"Then you are not sorry? I saw you yesterday afternoon and hoped you were."

He laughed unpleasantly. "I was sorry, then, and I am now; for the same reason. I have lost the money."

"Lost it?" she gasped. "How?"

"I had hidden it, and I suppose someone else has found it. It is all right, so far as the ownership is concerned; but I am still self-centered enough to be chagrined about it."

"But you must have returned it in the end. You could never have been content to keep it."

"Do you think so?" he rejoined. "I think I could have been quite content to keep it. But that is past; it is gone, and I couldn't return it if I wanted to."

"No," she acquiesced; "and that makes it all the harder."

"For you to do what you must do? But you mustn't think of that. I shouldn't have made restitution in any

event. Let me tell you what I did. I had a weapon, as you have read. I tied it up with the money in a handkerchief. There was always the chance of their catching me, and I had made up my mind that my last free act would be to drop the bundle into the river. So you see you need not hesitate on that score."

"Then you know what it is that I must do?"

"Assuredly. I knew it yesterday, when I saw that you had recognized me. It was very merciful in you to reprove me, even for a few hours; but you will pardon me if I say it was wrong?"

"Wrong!" she burst out. "Is it generous to say that to me? Are you so indifferent yourself that you think everyone else is indifferent, too?"

He smiled under cover of the darkness.

"I know you are not indifferent; you couldn't be. But you must be true to yourself, at whatever cost. Will you go to Captain Mayfield now?"

She hesitated.

"I thought of doing that, at first," she began, postponing to a more convenient season the unnerve reflection that she was actually discussing the ways and means of it with him. "It seemed to be the simplest thing to do. But then I saw what would happen; that I should be obliged—"

Again he stopped her with a gesture.

"I understand. We must guard against that at all hazards. You must not be dragged into it, you know, even remotely."

"I wrote a letter to—Mr. Galbraith," she confessed.

"And you have not sent it?"

"No. If I had, I shouldn't have spoken to you."

"To be sure. I suppose you signed the letter?"

"Certainly."

"That was a mistake. You must rewrite it, leaving out your name, and send it. All you need to say is that the man who robbed the Bayou State Security is escaping on the Belle Julie; that he is disguised as a deckhand, and that his name on the steamer's books is John Wesley Gavitt. That will be amply sufficient."

She was silent for a moment. Then: "Why mustn't I sign it? They will pay no attention to an anonymous letter. And, besides, it seems so—so cowardly."

"They will telegraph to every river landing ahead of us within an hour



"One Moment, if You Please."

after your letter reaches New Orleans; you needn't doubt that. And the suppression of your name isn't cowardly; it is merely a justifiable bit of self-protection. It is your duty to give the alarm; but when you have done that, your responsibility ceases. There are plenty of people who can identify me if I am taken back to New Orleans. You don't want to be summoned as a witness, and you needn't be."

She saw the direct, manlike wisdom of all this, and was quick to appreciate his delicate tact in effacing the question of the reward without even referring to it. But his stoicism was almost appalling.

"It is very shocking!" she murmured; "only you don't seem to realize it at all."

"Don't! You must remember that I have been arguing from your point of view. My own is quite unchanged. It is your duty to do what you must do; it is my affair to avert the consequences to myself if I can manage it without taking an unfair advantage of your frankness."

"What will you do?"

"It would be bad faith now for me to try to run away from the steamer, as I meant to do. So far, you have bound me by your candor. But beyond that I make no promises. My parole will be at an end when the officers appear, and I shall do what I can to dodge, or to escape if I am taken. Is that fair?"

"It is more than fair; I can't understand."

"What is it that you can't understand?"

"How you can do this; how you can do such things as the one you did last night, and still—"

He finished the sentence for her—"and still be a common robber of banks, and the like. I fancy it is a bit puzzling—from your point of view. Sometime, perhaps, we shall all understand things better than we do now, but to that time, and beyond it,

I shall be your grateful debtor for what you have done tonight. May I go now?"

She gave him leave, and when he was gone, she went to her stateroom to write as he had suggested. An hour later she gave the newly written letter to the night clerk; and the thing was done.

In the ordinary course of things, Miss Farnham's letter should have reached New Orleans in time to have procured Griswold's arrest at any one of a score of landings south of Memphis. When the spires of the Tennessee metropolis disappeared to the southward, he began to think that her resolution had failed.

He had no means of knowing that she had given her letter to the night clerk within the hour of their interview on the saloon deck promenade; nor did he, or anyone else, know that it had lain unnoticed and overlooked on the clerk's desk until the Belle Julie reached Cairo. Such, however, was the pregnant fact; and to this purely accidental delay Griswold owed his first sight of the chief city of Missouri lying dim and shadowy under its mantle of coal smoke.

The Belle Julie made her landing in the early evening, and Charlotte was busy up to the last moment getting her own and her aunt's belongings ready for the transfer to the upper river steamer on which they were to complete their journey to Minnesota. Hence, it was not until the Belle Julie was edging her way up to the stone-paved levee that Charlotte broke her self-imposed rule and slipped out upon the port promenade.

The swing stage was poised in the air ready to be lowered, and two of the deckhands were dropping from the shore end to trail the bowline up the paved slope to the nearest mooring ring. There was an electric arc light opposite the steamer's berth, and Charlotte shaded her eyes with her hands to follow the motions of the two bent figures under the dripping hawser.

One of the men was wearing a cap, and there was a small bundle hanging at his belt. She recognized him at once. At the mooring ring he was the one who stooped to make the line fast, and the other, a negro, stood aside. At that moment the landing stage fell, and in the confusion of debarkation which promptly followed, the thrilling bit of byplay at the mooring ring passed unnoticed by all save the silent watcher on the saloon deck.

While the man in the cap was still on his knees, two men stole from the shadow of the nearest freight pyramid and flung themselves upon him. He fought fiercely for a moment, and though he was more than doubly outweighed, rose to his feet, striking out viciously and dragging his assailants up with him. In the struggle the bundle dropped from his belt, and Charlotte saw him kick it aside. The waiting negro caught it deftly and vanished among the freight pyramids; whereupon one of the attacking pair wrenched himself out of the three-man scuffle and darted away in pursuit.

This left but a single antagonist for the fugitive, and Charlotte's sympathies deserted her convictions for the moment. But while she was biting her lip to keep from crying out, the fugitive stepped back and held out his hands, and she saw the gleam of polished metal reflecting the glare of the arc light when the officer snapped the handcuffs upon his wrists.

It was with a distinct sense of culpability oppressing her that she went back to her aunt, and she was careful not to let the invalid see her face. Fortunately, there was a thing to be done, and the transfer to the other steamer came opportunely to help her to re-establish the balance of things disturbed.

CHAPTER VII.

Moses Ichthyophagus.

After suffering all the pangs of those who lose between the touch and the clutch, Griswold had found the red-handkerchief bundle precisely where it had been hidden; namely, buried safely in the deckload of sacked coffee on the engine-room guard.

It came to light in the final half-hour of the voyage, when he and his mates were transferring the coffee to the main deck, forward. It had not been disturbed; and what had happened was obvious enough, after the fact. After its hiding, arm's-length deep, in a cranny between the sacks, some sudden jar of the boat had slightly shifted the cargo, closing one cranny and opening another.

With the money once more in his possession he had a swift return of the emotions which had thrilled him when he found himself standing on the sidewalk in front of the Bayou State Security with the block of banknotes under his arm.

As to the battle for the keeping which was probably awaiting him at the St. Louis landing, the prospect of coming to blows, man-fashion, with the enemy, was not wholly unwelcome.

The few necessary preliminaries were arranged while the Belle Julie was backing and filling for the landing. Since to be taken with the money in his possession was to give the enemy the chance of winning at one stroke both the victory and the spoils, he made a confederate of the negro, whose part he had taken in the

quarrel with McGrath. The man was grateful and loyal according to his gifts, and Griswold's need was too pressing to stick at any trifle of un-intelligence.

"Mose, you'll go ashore with me on the spring line," he said, when he found his man at the heel of the landing stage.

"Yes, suh, Mars' Gravitt; dat's me, sholy."

"All right. You see this bundle. If anybody tackles me while we're making fast, I'm going to drop it, and you must get it and run away. Do you understand?"

"What-all mus' I do when I's done tuk out wid hit?"

"Get away, first; then keep out of sight and hang around the levee for an hour or two. If I don't turn up be-



Griswold Knew That the Levelled Pistol Meant Surrender or Death.

fore you get tired, pitch the thing into the river and go about your business. If you open it, it'll conjure you worse than any Old-man you ever heard of."

"No, suh! I ain't gwine open hit, Cap'n—not if dey's cunjuh in hit; no, suh!"

"Well, there is—the worst kind of conjure this old world has ever known. But it won't hurt you if you don't meddle with it. Keep your wits about you and be ready to grab it and run. Here we go."

The pilot had found his wharfage and was edging the Belle Julie up to it. The bow men paid out slack, and Griswold and the black, dropping from the swinging stage, trailed the end of the wet hawser up to the nearest mooring ring. Griswold bade the negro keep watch and knelt to knot the hawser in the ring. While the negro sentinel was stammering, "L-lookout, Mars' Cap'n!" the trap was sprung.

In deference to the upcoming passenger from the Belle Julie, the two man catchers tried to do their job quietly. But Griswold would not have it so, and he was up and had twisted himself free when a blow from a clubbed pistol drove him back to his knees. Half stunned by the clubbing, he still made shift to spring afoot again, to drop his handkerchief bundle and kick it aside, and to close with his assailants while the negro was snatching up the treasure and darting away among the freight pyramids. After that he had but one thought; to keep the two plain-clothes men busy until the negro had made his escape. Even this proved to be a forlorn hope, since the smaller of the two instantly broke away to give chase, while the other stepped back, spun his weapon in air, and leveled it.

Rage-blinded as he was, Griswold knew that the leveled pistol meant surrender or death. When his captor had handcuffed him and was walking him toward a closed carriage drawn up before the nearest saloon in the river-fronting street, he ventured to ask what he was wanted for.

"You'll find that out soon enough," was the curt reply, and nothing more was said until the carriage was reached and the door had been jerked open. "Get in!" commanded the majesty of the law, and when the door was slammed upon the captive, the plain-clothes man turned to the driver, a little wizened Irishman with a face like a shriveled winter apple. "What time does that New Orleans fast train pull out?"

Griswold heard the reply: "Sivin-forty-five, sorr, and something in the thin, piping voice gave him fresh courage. Through the open window of the carriage he saw his captor glance at his watch and begin an impatient sentry beat up and down under the electric transparency advertising the particular brand of whiskey specialized by the saloon. He was evidently waiting for his colleague to bring in the negro, and time passed.

The spring evening was raw and chilly, and the open doors of the saloon volleyed light and warmth and a beckoning invitation. Griswold's gift, prostituted to the service of the changed point of view, bade him read in the red face, the loose lip and the bibulous eyes the temptation that was gripping the plain-clothes man.

By a careful contention of the manacled hands, which seemed suddenly to have become endowed with the crafty deftness of the hands of a pick-pocket, he found his working capital in a pocket of the short-sleeved coat. It had been diminished only by the hundred dollars put into John Gavitt's hands, and the twenty he had given

the negro. He wished he had had a glimpse of the little man's face. Since he had made two hundred dollars money into a compact roll and remainder back into the inn.

It was only a minute or so that the red-faced man's tolerance blossomed into the will not be denied, and he the saloon to get a drink, fire the cabman on guard.

"Get down here and keep this dicky-bird," he ordered him if he tries to make a break. But the cabman hung back.

"I'm no fightin' man, sorr, sides, I don't dare lave me be objected. But the officer's angry."

"What the devil are you doin' here?" He's got the clamps on, and hurt you if he wanted to. Here!"

The little Irishman clambered from his box reluctantly, reins reined looped over his arm, peered in at the open window of the carriage the big man had yond the swinging screens, loon entrance and Griswold opportunity quickly.

"What's your job worth, he whispered.

The cabman snatched a swag over his shoulder before he to answer.

"Don't yez be temptin' a wid a wife an' sivin childer um—don't yez do it, sorr!"

Griswold, the brother-keeper, have thought twice before any door of temptation for man. But the new Griswold's compunctions.

"It's two hundred dollars you can get me away from here for a fore that red-faced drunkard back. Have a runaway—One hun Here's the money!"

For a single timorous ins the cabman hesitated. Then he by a roll of money and crammed pocket without looking at it. Griswold could brace himself as was a quick wish of the wailing cry from the driver, set to the horses sprang away at a rocking gallop, with the little Irishman on past to the reins and shouting feebly, the faint-hearted Automedon.

Griswold caught a passing glimpse of the red-faced man wiping the sole in the doorway of the saloon. A man carriage bounded forward; a critical instant came, he hands full to fall out on the river's working of the vehicle. It was a desperate crop-pedient, since he could not choose the favorable moment, and handcuffs made him practicing his less. Chance saved the clumping all from resulting in a speedy rear, and when he tumbled out of the carriage he was hurled against something that figured a wall of solid masonry and wife Milk stunned by the concussion. Help, less, he had wit enough to lie motionless in the shadow of the walled a let's see time to a yelling mob, sweating without discovering him.

When it was safe to be up and felt for broken bones, got 65 were none; and he looked resolved. The wall of masonry piled into a cargo of brick piled levee side of the street, and the primary impulse of a fugitive quickly put the sheltering base between himself and the light-oughtfare.

The next step had to be thought out. How was he to the handcuffs? Any would have a key, and the doubtless plenty of locksmiths in Louis. But both of these assistance were out of the American Whom, then? The answer a through one word—McGrath. On a Regina, the upriver voyage was no crew had procured a bottle or saw whisky. To pacify him the country or handcuffs for the purpose. McGrath must have a key.

But would McGrath do it? done the man to be seen; and since tion was no part of Griswold's ment, he covered the fetters as he could with a scrap of country, and walked boldly down the with the returning file of roof.

The mate was at the foot plank, and he saw at the scrap of sacking was his hide.

"Hello, there, Gavitt!" he less gruffly than of yore, but the customary imprecation; "ye doing with thim things of Old Star?"

Griswold told a straight cealing nothing—not even the tive's refusal to tell him what arrested for.

"Ye'd ought to find that buy him a seegyar," was the comment. "So ye legged it, He led the way up to his wait, went down on his knees mage in the locker beneath the

"I've got a couple of pair things in here, somewhere, and the key to 'em will fit yours."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Parrots Fail as Sentinels. Parrots as aeroplane sentinels proved the entire success were expected to. A parrot, will fore human eye or glass screen and flap about in with a dignifi ment.

A number were placed in er to signal the approach of craft, but as the birds failed distinguish between friend and usefulness as sentinels was ably limited.

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TEXAS

By A. G. RICHARDSON

SUBSCRIPTION.

One Year\$1.00

Entered as second-class mail matter May 8, 1905, at the postoffice at McLean, Texas, under the Act of Congress.

Have You Invoiced?

This is the season of the year when the careful business man takes an inventory of his stock, casts up his expense account and counts his cash on hand to ascertain the measure of his success from the previous year's work operations. He carefully weighs every factor that has contributed to the end obtained and then looks about him for any available means of making business more profitable and more successful during the coming year.

That is business. Our local merchants are alive to the necessity of making every edge cut—of taking advantage of every suggestion that promises to add to their efficiency—in order that the coming year will be to them a successful one and bring their business increased patronage and larger profits, but the most potent of all factors that contribute to this end they studiously overlook. We all go to our places of business with punctual regularity in the morning and close with punctual regularity at night, retiring to our homes with the satisfying knowledge that we have done a honest days work; that is we have committed no purposeful wrong; that we are entitled to home and fireside.

However, this may be true, we have all done just the things mentioned and nothing more. We have taken what has come our way honestly and made no effort to step aside and grasp the bigger things that are passing us by. We are making no effort to assist in the development of our untilled acres from whose bounty must come our greater achievement. We are making no effort to induce the home seeker to settle in our midst and add the fruits of his labors to our community advancement.

We are doing exactly nothing to promote our own interest and

Holloway Company Pleases

The Holloway Company has been playing at the Electric Theatre this week and the character of vaudeville entertainment they have been giving has been a source of great pleasure to local Theatre goers.

The acrobatic feats of Mr. Holloway deserve special mention, as does also his renditions on the violin. On this instrument the gentleman is an artist. Song and dance specialties, playets and acrobatic feats comprise their repertoire. This troupe did not come here with any special recommendation, but they will carry away with them the hearty approval of those who witnessed their performances.

Tomorrow night will end their engagement.

Faulkner Ships Sheep.

F. M. Faulkner loaded out last Saturday night fifteen hundred head of sheep, the remainder of the big lot he has been feeding during the past few months, and shipped them to Kansas City. In the shipment was also a car belonging to Geo. Colebank and one belonging to Willard Smith.

All the sheep were fat and ready for the butcher market. We have not learned at what price they sold.

Lost—Hand Satchel with a check made to Mrs. W. F. Hall—Return to John Carpenter of News office.

the interest of society in general other than what might accrue from our selfish pursuits.

This may seem like arrogant impertinence at first, but it is as true as preaching and the sooner we realize our utter worthlessness to the community at large the sooner will we betake ourselves out into the highways and lend a hand to the public weal.

McLean Hardware Dissolve

It is announced that the McLean Hardware Company, Messrs. C. S. Rice and W. B. Upham, has been dissolved by mutual consent and the big stock of hardware will be divided, Mr. Rice moving his part to the Rice Cousins building formerly occupied by C. C. Cook, and Mr. Upham continuing at the old stand.

Mr. Rice has been engaged this week refitting the building and completing his arrangements for transferring the stock which will be moved as soon as the building is ready.

Eye Badly Burned.

W. H. Holt suffered a very painful accident at his home Saturday morning which came near causing the loss of his left eye. He had been building up the fire in the basement furnace and had hung the red hot poker to a nail in one of the floor joist above. He stooped down to clean up the ashes and coal from around the furnace and when he raised up the hot end of the poker struck him in the eye and stuck to the flesh burning it very severely.

At first he was not aware of the extent of his injury, but the pain was so intense he summoned a physician, and it was found that the burn was confined to the lower lid and had not affected the eyesight. He was able to take the bandage off and resume his duties in the bank Tuesday.

Duplicate of the Roosevelt African Shotgun.

A duplicate of the shotgun which Col. Theodore Roosevelt took with him on his African trip, a gun constructed expressly for him by an American armorer, is on display at the manufacturer's exhibit in the Manufacturers' Palace at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco. The gun cost its illustrious owner \$360, and its beautiful design, graceful lines and wonderful inlay work would justify the expenditure to any lover of fine pieces. The stock is elaborately hand carved, the barrels and lock are hand engraved, and the lock is inlaid with a hunting scene in gold. The barrels are of the finest Krupp steel. Before starting on the trip the ex-president wrote to the makers: "I really think it is the most beautiful gun I have ever seen. I am almost ashamed to take it to Africa and subject it to the rough treatment it will receive."

The left barrel is choked and the right open. It is cored to shoot either buckshot or a single ball.

In a group in this Palace are displays by four of the world's greatest manufacturers of sporting arms, which form an exhibit which attracts hundreds of sportsmen. Each display is in charge of a firearms expert.

Pearl Culture a New Industry.

Among the interesting exhibits of the Japanese in the Manufacturers' Palace at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition is a demonstration of the methods and results of pearl cultivation in the far East. The displays of this cultivated product, showing hundreds of pearls which until pearl culture was placed on a commercial basis a few years ago would have been the possessions of royalty, will delight any lover of beautiful gems, and the methods of production will prove interesting to any observer. Though pearl culture has become a thriving industry in Japan, attempts to reproduce it in other parts of the world have yielded but meager results.

The successful method of propagation was evolved by the Japanese scientist Kokichi Mikimoto, who discovered a species of oyster which produced the pearl on the surface of the shell. Though the finding of the oysters and inserting the nuclei, then waiting for the pearl to grow to a commercial size may seem a simple process, the fact that it has not reduced the price of the gems, even to that of the most expensive imitations, shows that it is beset with many difficulties.

Daniel Webster's Plow at the Panama Pacific International Exposition.

One of the most valuable exhibits commercially, in the Agricultural Palace at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco is an ancient plow displayed in the Massachusetts exhibit, and forming a striking contrast to the highly-complex modern machinery displayed on the same floor about it.

The plow owes its distinction to the circumstance that a hundred years ago Daniel Webster's faithful hands

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to make the following announcements subject to the Democratic primary in July:

FOR SHERIFF:

W. S. COPELAND
C. L. UPHAM

FOR TAX ASSESSOR:

A. H. DOUCETTE

Woman's Auxiliary Notes.

At the business meeting held by the Auxiliary recently the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Mrs. S. A. Cousins, President.
Mrs. J. P. Allison, 1st Vice President.

Mrs. R. N. Ashby, 2nd Vice President.

Mrs. S. E. Boyett, 3rd Vice President.

Mrs. J. M. Noel, 4th Vice President.

Mrs. J. S. Denson, Secretary
Mrs. W. A. Hedrick, corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. F. M. Faulkner, Treasurer.

Mrs. S. S. Shelton, Missionary Voice Agent.

Mrs. Scott Johnson, Superintendent of Supplies.

Mrs. J. O. Phillips, Superintendent of Publicity.

During the past year the Auxiliary disbursed \$104.75 for local works and gave \$83.25 for home and foreign missions. The members paid 260 visits to the sick and strangers.

The Junior and baby departments, with Mrs. Ashby as leader, raised \$28.00 for home and foreign work. They sent to Stamford Mission a box of supplies valued at \$25. Thirty Juniors are enrolled in the study class and have as a text book "Around The World With Jack And Jill."

Our bible study lessons are growing more and more interesting. With the help of a large map we are teaching Paul's Journeys.

The following interesting program was rendered on last Tuesday afternoon:

What are co-operative Homes? Mrs. Cousins.

Westley Homes Mrs. Ashby
Schools Maintained by the Council—Mrs. Denson.

Statistics of our foreign Work—Mesdames Haynes and Henry.

The pledge—Mrs. Hedrick.

Supt. Publicity.

See
Will Langley
For
Painting
And
Paper Hanging

We have opened up a new
Blacksmith
Shop

And will appreciate a share of your patronage

Welch Bros.

Card of Thanks.

It is with hearts full of gratitude that we take this method of thanking our many friends and neighbors for their assistance and words of comfort during the recent illness and death of our husband and father. When sorrow comes to you may your burden be thus lightened as ours has been.

Mrs. J. T. Foster
and Children.

Pay your subscription now.

"Cabbage Plants"

We have now ten million cabbage plants on hand ready for shipment. Our plants are grown close to the sea coast in the open air and our seeds are grown by the very best seedsmen on Long Island, N. Y.

We have the following varieties: "The Early Jersey Wakefield," "The Charleston Wakefield," "The Succession" and "Flat Dutch."

Our prices are: In lots of 1 to 5 thousand \$1.00 per thousand, 5 thousand and over 75 cents per thousand F. O. B. here cash with order. We will make you a special price on larger orders. Give us your order, and we will ship you plants that will give you the very best results. Yours very truly,

The Only Plant Co., Meggetts, S. C.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Of the financial condition of the Bank of Alanreed at Alanreed, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of Dec., 1915, published in the McLean News, a newspaper printed and published at McLean, State of Texas, on the 14th day of Jan., 1916.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, personal or collateral	\$82,502 82
Loans, real estate	400 00
Overdrafts	2 21
Real estate (banking house)	4,000 00
Furniture and fixtures	1,000 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	8,272 71
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	855 68
Cash Items	2 93
Currency	1,350 00
Specie	1,603 32
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	274 03
Revenue Stamps	39 25
Total	\$50,282 95

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$10,000 00
Surplus fund	3,000 00
Undivided profits, net	4,411 30
Individual deposits subject to check	28,271 66
Time Certificates of Deposit	2,100 00
Demand Certificates of Deposit	2,500 00
Bills payable and rediscounts	
Total	\$50,282 95

STATE OF TEXAS

County of Gray } We, F. R. McCracken as president, and C. B. Hedrick as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

F. R. MCCRACKEN, President.
C. B. HEDRICK, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 12th day of Jan., A. D. nineteen hundred and sixteen Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. [SEAL]

J. P. CAPPEDGE, Notary Public.

Gray County, Texas.

CORRECT--ATTEST: { S. R. LOFTIN } { S. R. KENNEDY } Directors

WHY NOT
PAY
YOUR
SUBSCRIPTION
NOW?

Read the News

To The PUBLIC

Christmas time is over and we have again entered upon a new year. We have the best stock of building material in every line that we have had for a long long time.

We thank you for your past patronage and hope that our dealings with you in the past have been satisfactory and that we may still have a liberal share of your business. Fair dealing is our motto.

Call And See Us

Cicero Smith
Lumber Company

Phone 3

Local Happenings

Items of Interest About
Town and County

Men's work shoes and dress shoes at Bundy-Hodges.

W. H. Bates made a business trip to Lubbock this week.

Fresh fruits, candies and nuts at Earp's confectionery.

Our merchants are invoicing their stocks and figuring up their "profits or losses."

We sell bedsprings guaranteed for life. Bundy-Hodges.

Rev. J. T. Howell left Sunday for Vaughn, N. M., where he will conduct a revival meeting.

Bring all your repairing to us—we are able to take care of it. McLean Shoe Store.

Mrs. T. J. Coffey is enjoying a visit this week from her uncle, Chas. Grange of Chillicothe.

Leave your washing at the Tailor Shop.

Mrs. T. J. Coffey returned yesterday from a three week's stay at Erick.

Men's shirts—both work and dress—Bundy-Hodges.

Mrs. Ella Crabtree enjoyed a visit at the Hedrick ranch several days last week.

Ringlet Barred Rock Cockerels for sale. Price from .50 to \$1.25. R. F. Hamilton. 2c

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Webster have returned from a visit to Amarillo.

Half price—all coats and suits for Ladies, Misses and children—at Coffey's.

C. A. Watkins is a recent subscription renewal.

For Sale—New ten pound lard buckets. See Mrs. Hindman at the hotel. 2p

Miss Iris Morse is visiting relatives in Groom this week.

Found—Several weeks ago, bunch of good looking keys on a ring. Call at the News office.

A good warm mattress is mighty fine these cold nights. Bundy-Hodges.

Ladies, Misses and childrens suits and coats at half price Coffey's.

Mrs. W. S. Copeland of LeFors was a guest in the Morse home the first of the week.

C. Dean who has recently moved here from Henrietta, Texas, had his name placed on our subscription list.

Call and inspect our furniture when in the market. Bundy-Hodges Co.

Ladies, Misses and childrens suits and coats at half price. At Coffey's.

Mrs. J. Y. Bates and children have been spending the week in town.

We carry always a good line of men's work trousers. Bundy-Hodges Co.

F. M. Faulkner has gone to Kansas City with five car loads of sheep.

For Sale—Good Jersey milk cows—some fresh. See Will Dougherty, phone 52 2 rings.

I have five head of cattle, 1 horse and one good surrey for sale for \$300. R. F. Hamilton.

The J. W. Beall residence in north part of town was bought last week by A. T. Rassel.

You cannot afford to do with a coat or suit when you can buy them at half price at Coffey's.

We are sorry to learn that Perry Coons is suffering from an attack of rheumatism.

We still insist on you inspecting our five dollar rugs—9X12. Bundy-Hodges.

Everett Watkins has recently renewed the subscription of his cousin, Mrs. Elsie Smith, to the News.

Anything cleaned, pressed, washed and ironed at the Taylor Shop.

W. J. Ball of Alanreed has our thanks for a nice order of stationery.

We cannot charge any goods. We sell for cash. McLean Shoe Store.

R. S. Jackson and family have returned from an extended visit with relatives near Corpus Christi, Texas.

A little son, Vincent Forrest, came to make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Roach Christmas Eve.

We are doing our best to have what you want when you want it. Bundy-Hodges.

Ladies, Misses and childrens suits and coats at half price. Coffey's.

A recent letter from H. M. Allagood at San Angelo asks that the News still keep coming to his address.

We are indebted to Mrs. J. O. Phillips for a nice bucket of apples and a pan of home-made sausage.

Men's dress and work hats. Also John B. Stetson's. Bundy-Hodges.

Emmet LeFors remembered the News family with a bushel of lovely apples, the product of his own orchard.

The first real cold spell this winter struck us Tuesday night. The thermometer dropped to 4 degrees below zero both Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

We have a nice little line of drygoods and gloves in addition to our shoes. McLean Shoe Store.

Another new family to move to our city recently is S. D. Ball and family of Graham, Texas. They are living in the Orr cottage.

See us for farm and ranch loans, 5 and 10 years' time, low rate of interest, no red tape get the money without delay. Hooper & Roach, Groom, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Faulkner of Plainview have been in the city this week visiting the F. M. and J. F. Faulkner families.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured
with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surface. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surface. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Get your seed oats now. I have good clean oats, no Johnson grass. 50 cents a bushel. J. W. Hardy, 2 miles West of Shamrock, Tex. 4p

There are so many strangers moving in our midst it is impossible for us to see them all. If you are our friend tell them about the News and ask them to subscribe for it.

The biggest stock of shoes in town to select from will be found at the McLean Shoe Store.

Mrs. Mary Parker and daughter of Oklahoma City have been visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Roach at the Charlie Roach home.

Coming—Two barrels of pure ribbon cane syrup—bring your buckets and get them filled. Bundy-Hodges.

J. R. Gracey has sold his section in the Gracey neighborhood to J. H. Chambers and will move to Chillicothe. Mr. Chambers and family will soon move to their new home.

Found—Piece of hardware looks to be part of an automatic shot gun. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying for this ad.

Mrs. F. M. Faulkner left Tuesday night for Miami in response to a message telling of death of her brother, Mac McCauley which had occurred at that place Tuesday.

MR. FARMER ARE YOU PROTECTED? AGAINST FIRE HAIL TORNADO SEE RICHARDSON

Culberson Bogan is the proud possessor of a new Ford runabout.

A. B. Christian and family have moved to Elida, N. M., where they will make their future home. They have filed on land out there. The News will follow them.

Rev. V. H. Rollins made a trip to Erath county where he had been called to a pastorate. It is not known whether the gentleman accepted the call or not.

Mrs. Mamie Simmons of Canadian is in the city visiting at the homes of her brothers, T. J. and Luther Coffey. The lady will be here a couple of weeks.

Roger Francis left Monday for Ochiltree county where he expects to make his home. He went overland taking his herd of cattle, farming tools etc. Reep and Barto Landers assisted him.

We are requested to announce that S. R. Jones will hold services at the Nazarine church both Sunday morning and evening. There will also be services at this church on the fifth Sunday.

A. W. Haynes has disposed of his interest in the Haynes Grocery Company to Fred Haynes and will no longer be identified with the business.

Norman Johnson, son of Mr. Mrs. Scott Johnson, is still suffering from an attack of appendicitis. The little fellow was stricken while visiting with his parents at Arlington during the holidays.

Mrs. J. M. Carpenter and small children and mother, Mrs. Hall, left Thursday night for Corpus Christi where they will spend the winter. Mr. Carpenter and the two older boys will follow later.

Mrs. W. T. Wilson and Carl Heffner left Tuesday night for Frederic, Okla., in response to a message stating that their father, A. C. Heffner, had dropped dead in the depot at Lawton.

Money To Loan

Our Company has plenty of money for quick loans on farms and ranches in Gray and surrounding counties. If you are thinking of getting a loan write, phone or come to us. We will take pleasure in serving you and will give your business our prompt attention.

R. B. Bonner,
Shamrock, Texas

Birthday Party.

Celebrating the birthday anniversary of their daughter, Miss Opal Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver entertained a crowd of young people at their home on Friday evening of last week. Games, contests and music were enjoyed until a late hour when delicious refreshments were served. Many expressions of numerous happy and prosperous birthdays were made by the guests. About twenty were present.

Senior League Program.

Song.
Prayer.
Leader—Homer Wilson.
Subject—Moses.
The Birth of Moses. Ex. 2—Leader.
Moses as leader of the Israelites—Alma Evans.
Moses' death—Bessie Christian.
Comparison with other great leaders—Lula Faulkner.
Song.
Benediction.

Receives Court Appointment.

Friends will be glad to know that E. B. Guertin, who has visited the News family several times, has been appointed Official Court Stenographer for the 13th Judicial District of Oklahoma, located at Oklahoma City.

Over-shoes for men, also heavy coats and wool shirts. Bundy-Hodges Company.

Notice

Those knowing themselves indebted to the Haynes Grocery Co. will please call and settle their accounts at the very earliest possible date. On account of the change in our business it is necessary to get our books balanced up at once.

Your future business will be appreciated and we will do our best to please you.

Haynes Grocery
Company

D. N. Massay

Dealer in Real Estate and Rental Property
A List of Your Property Solicited
McLean Texas

HORSE AND DAIRY BARN WITH SILO

Constructed of Hollow Tile, It is a Building That Will Be Permanent.

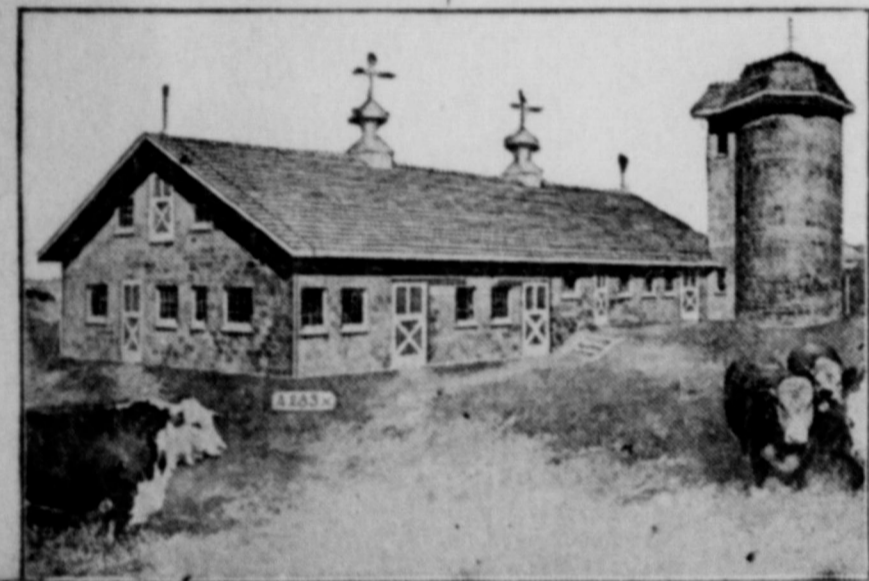
IS WATER AND DAMP PROOF

Easy to Keep Such a Structure in Sanitary Condition—Construction of Silos Made a Matter of Thought—Complete Drainage System Provided.

By WILLIAM A. RADFORD.
Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to the subject of building work on the farm, for the readers of this paper. On account of his wide experience as Editor, Author and Manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on all these subjects. Address all inquiries to William A. Radford, No. 1827 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Ill., and only inclose two-cent stamp for reply.

Permanent buildings are required on the farm more than they are anywhere else. In the city, buildings often become obsolete long before they are in bad condition and they have to be torn down to make room for a building that will be more suited to the uses for which it is intended. Also the price of real estate may become so high that a large building will be required to pay a revenue that will take care of the higher taxes.

Buildings on the farm are not subjected as much to such conditions. After a good building has been erected it can be used until it becomes broken down and of no further use. It is passed down from generation to generation, and is always of some use.



though it may be made over to be used for a different purpose than was intended at the start.

Hollow tile construction is one of the forms that is particularly enduring under all conditions. Its glazed surface will not take up moisture, and is not affected in any way by the weather. The hollow space effectively prevents the interior wall from becoming chilled so that moisture will form on the interior wall. There is nothing to burn, as the tile and the cement that is used to set up the walls are fireproof. The air space will also keep the barn warmer in cold weather and cooler in hot because of the insulating value of the dead-air space. Air is one of the best insulators known and is utilized for this purpose in many forms of construction.

Hollow tile is one of the easiest building materials to handle, and buildings made of it can be erected in a short time. It is practical for

come useless. Excessive moisture will also cause the material to rot, and it will have to be thrown away. Ensilage must also be protected against freezing, and this is where the hollow air space again plays a big part. The protection of the air space will prevent the silage against the walls from freezing and will protect it against all changes in temperature.

The silos are re-enforced so that they will not be blown down in the wind, and so the rows of blocks near the bottom of the silo will be able to withstand the pressure that is brought to bear on them. Each course of blocks is re-enforced with a band of steel that completely encircles the silo. This band is buried in the wall so that it cannot be seen and the handsome appearance of the silo is not spoiled in any way. The bursting pressure on the bottom part of a silo especially is very large, and the steel band will supply plenty of strength to resist it.

Special arrangements are made to provide for the doors, and all the tile companies have systems that will insure a tight fit.

The floor plan gives an idea of the size of the barn. It is 100 by 50 feet. One end of the barn is used for horses and the other is arranged as a dairy and cattle barn. A solid wall separates the two parts of the barn. In the cattle barn the facing-in arrangement is used, with the feed carrier track running between the two rows of stalls. In back of the stalls are the litter carrier tracks. The same track is used in the main passageway through the barn for both the litter and the feed carriers.

This is a type of barn that is very popular in certain parts of the country. No haymow is built over the barn proper, and the hay is handled in a shed that is built alongside if needed. It can be made a part of the barn by building it with tile in the same way as the rest of the barn.

The floor is made of concrete and in the pens and cow stalls another

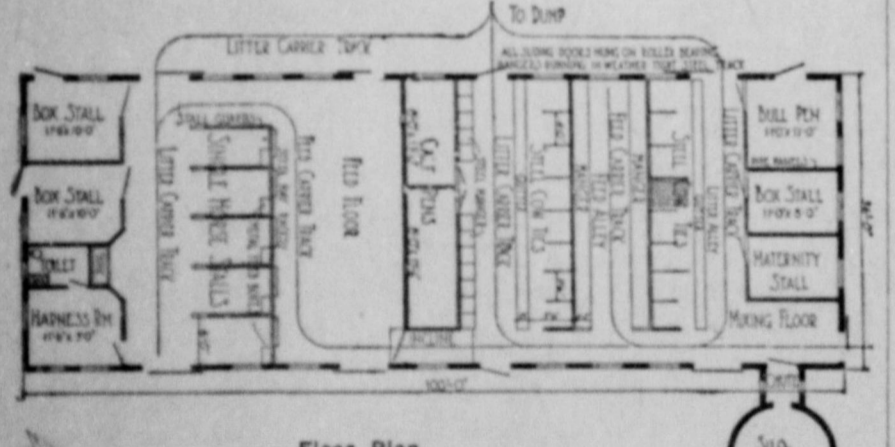
floor of cork brick can be placed. This material makes a fine floor for cows or other stock on the farm.

The ceiling above the cow and horse stable can be finished with metal lath that is plastered with three coats.

Along the partition between the cows and the horses are calf pens, while the other end of the cattle section is occupied by a bull pen, a box stall, and a maternity stall. On the horse side of the stable is a broad feed floor and five single stalls. In back of these along the wall are two box stalls, a harness room, and a toilet.

There is a system of water pipes which extend all over this barn, with hydrants at the ends of the different rows of stalls. This makes it a simple matter to water the animals that are confined in the stables. A complete drainage system is provided that connects with the gutters that are in back of the stalls.

The floor in the horse stable is



all classes of building and can be used for the entire wall and foundation of the buildings. It makes an excellent foundation material because of the fact that it is not affected by dampness and will not deteriorate in the presence of it. Its use for sewer construction shows it is proof against water and dampness.

The walls of barns and other farm buildings that are made of this material can be washed down and thus can be kept in an absolutely sanitary condition. There are no cracks or projections to hold germs and dirt, and the tile will not absorb odors of any kind. No painting is required, and the handsome appearance of the buildings will last forever.

The silo at the back of the barn shown here is made of a curved tile that is made particularly for this purpose. Hollow tile makes an excellent wall for silos for various reasons. The material that is put in must be protected against the elements in every possible way. If air can reach the ensilage it will spoil, and soon be

made level, but in the cattle part the standing floors of the stalls are made with a slight incline with the gutter behind. The stalls are separated from iron partitions.

Economy in England.
The feathered quill has disappeared from the desks of the British parliament. The dignified instrument for the writing of epoch-making legislation and such other literary exercises as concerns the statesman has yielded to cheap wooden holders with steel nibs. At first there was indignant protest from sundry important gentlemen who saw in this substitution nothing less significant than a movement subversive of the empire. They were somewhat mollified, however, when told that the change was a war economy; that Mr. Reginald McKenna needed the money, and that something must be sacrificed for the common cause. On fine days the members are still allowed to drink tea on the terrace if they pay for the tea.

FLOATING TEETH OF HORSES AND MULES



Superior Animals for General Farm Work.

(By J. M. BELL.)

Some months ago the writer had occasion to purchase two "second-hand" mules to do some farm work. These mules were bought at public auction, and were secured at prices that might be termed cheap.

They were shipped to the country and put to work at once, but unfortunately, although they performed their work faithfully, it was noticed that they fell off in flesh.

Upon careful examination of their teeth it was discovered that their grinders were worn and uneven, and that consequently they could not thoroughly masticate their grain or forage.

Therefore it was a case of either selling them at a loss or having their teeth repaired.

My mules were shipped to a veterinary surgeon, and after a thorough examination of their mouths, he expressed the opinion that they could be helped.

It was discovered that one of the mules had a boil ulcer in its mouth, caused by the loss of an upper grinder. The lower grinders having become elongated, had cut into the upper jaw, causing ulceration and much pain when the animal attempted to eat either grain or forage.

These long teeth were sawed off, but in the attempt the mule became restive and in spite of the efforts of two strong men, pulled back, and the tooth was extracted. Her other teeth were filed down and put in as good order as possible. This mule was shipped back to the farm and in a few days began to improve in flesh. A healing lotion was used in her mouth for several days. The ulcer disappeared, and after that she had no trouble whatever in masticating either hay or grain, and performed her work so well that she was finally sold at a profit—a few weeks after being cured.

When she was bought at auction she was a living skeleton and the other one, while fat when brought in town, had evidently been fed on soft food, for he could neither masticate hay or grain in sufficient amount to keep him so. In fact, he practically refused to eat corn either on the cob or shelled and had to be fed on meal and grass.

When his teeth were treated he was able to masticate his food fairly well and did very good work, selling at public auction after hard work on the farm for some months, for what he cost.

There are thousands of horses and mules that, arriving at old age, are still capable of performing hard labor every working day in the year, if they can thoroughly masticate their food, and the writer would advise that when horses or mules of this class begin to

fall off in flesh they be taken at once to some reliable veterinary surgeon for examination.

If they are past treatment they should be sold at auction for what they will bring for no animal can perform a day's work satisfactorily when its teeth are in condition to prevent the mastication of its food properly.

When a mule or horse of uncertain age is to be bought by a farmer who is looking for cheap animals it would be advisable for him to take a veterinary along—if he (the farmer) cannot tell ages—and have the veterinary make a thorough examination before a purchase is made.

The writer has had about thirty years' experience in handling horses and mules, and can safely assert that age does not count so much in their ability to do good work as the condition of their teeth; but in order to do a day's work they must be able to masticate their food thoroughly.

LIVE STOCK IS BIG FACTOR IN FARMING

One of Most Important Elements in Making Farming Profitable—High Labor Income.

(By A. H. BENTON, Assistant in Farm Management, University Farm, St. Paul, Minn.)

Records from 400 farms in Rice county, Minnesota, show that good live stock was the most important factor in making farming profitable. The labor income, or the amount of money the farmer earned above farm expenses, interest on the farm investment at five per cent and the value of farm produce used in the household, was used as the measure of success.

The productivity of live stock is measured by the value of the returns to the farmer. Those farms having live stock returning less than 60 per cent of the average of all the farms on the basis of the amount of live stock kept, gave an average labor income of \$49 less than nothing. In other words these farmers had to take \$49 from the interest on their investment in order to pay their farm expenses.

Farms with live stock returning from 60 to 100 per cent of the average, gave an average labor income of \$148; those with live stock returning from 101 to 140 per cent of the average gave a labor income of \$506; those with live stock returning over 140 per cent of the average, gave a labor income of \$911. Live stock did not give a high labor income in every instance. Yield of crops, size of farm business, efficiency of labor and the amount of live stock are all important factors.

HEAVY FEEDING OF SILAGE TO A BULL

Majority of Breeders Feed It in Limited Quantities Together With Alfalfa.

Heavy feeding of silage to a bull at service is not desirable and may render him impotent. Some breeders will not feed silage under any condition, but probably the majority will feed it in limited quantities together with all the alfalfa or clover hay the bull will consume. To supplement this roughage sufficient grain is fed to keep the bull in good service condition but not fat. Restricted and careful feeding and plenty of exercise are the fundamental requirements in keeping a bull in good service condition.

A good ration for the bull will consist of all the clover hay he will consume without waste and ten to fifteen pounds of good silage. If bull is at heavy service or it is necessary in order to keep him in good condition, feed sufficient of a grain mixture consisting of equal parts of dried brewer's grains and ground oats or bran. At \$20 per ton the dried brewer's grains are the cheapest feed, but the oats or bran will add variety and lighten up the ration. If no silage is fed, it may be desirable to feed from a half pound to a pound of oil meal daily, possibly adding corn and cob meal to the regular grain ration.

Real Crop Rotation.
A mere succession of the various grain crops is not a rotation that has any real significance. Real crop rotation to be worthy of the name must include some legume.

SALT IS ESSENTIAL FOR DAIRY CATTLE

Important Item Often Overlooked in Cow's Ration—Put in Convenient Place.

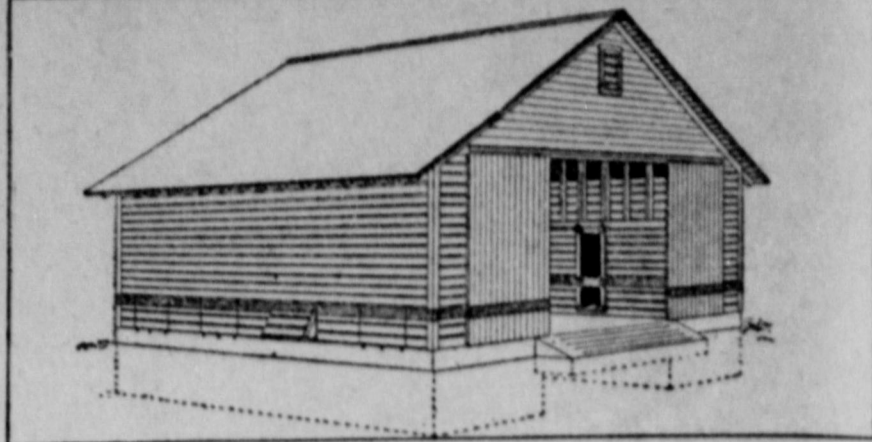
(By E. V. ELLINGTON, Idaho Experiment Station.)

An important item that is often overlooked in the management of the dairy herd is the necessity of providing salt in the ration of the cow. All animals that consume large quantities of vegetable food require salt. Babcock of the Wisconsin experiment station found in his experimental work that the cattle when deprived of salt became emaciated and were of low vitality and finally suffered a complete breakdown. He recommended that they should be fed three-fourths of an ounce per day with an additional six-tenths of an ounce for each 20 pounds of milk produced.

While salt may be provided in the daily ration by mixing it with the grain, an equally satisfactory method in practice is to keep it in a convenient place, where the animals may have ready access to it when they so desire. It may be used in the form of rock salt or placed in boxes in the feed lot. However, it should be borne in mind that salt is very essential to the economical handling and health of dairy cattle.

Give Sheep Water.
It is a queer fancy with some men that sheep can get enough drink by eating grass when the dew is on in the early morning. Stop and think how very, very little water a sheep could get that way. Give them a good spring or a trough to drink from.

THOROUGH VENTILATION OF CORN CRIB



Perspective of Rat-Proof Corn Crib, Showing Concrete Foundation by Dotted Lines.

As a result of many requests for information regarding a building of this sort, specialists in rural engineering in the United States department of agriculture have worked out plans for a corn crib that will both aid in the drying of corn and protect it from rats. As the accompanying drawings show, there are really two cribs in the complete structure, each 32 by 8 feet, with a capacity of 1,000 bushels. If desired, however, only one of the cribs may be put up at first and the construction of the other left to a more convenient time.

The two cribs are separated by a driveway 12 feet wide, and the whole is covered by a gable roof. The driveway floor may be of concrete or dirt. If the ground is well drained, a dirt floor in the driveway will answer very well. If the floor is of concrete, it will also serve as a feeding floor for hogs. A wood floor should not be used, as it would harbor rats.

The details of construction can be used in building cribs of greater or less dimensions or of a different type. The devices for ventilating and rat proofing can be used in new cribs or in remodeling old structures.

As the plan shows, a concrete foundation is put in for all of the walls. This foundation should extend from below the front level to 6 inches above ground for the outer wall and to 8 inches above for the inner wall. The space between the foundation walls should be filled in with well-tamped cinders or gravel, and on top of this base a concrete floor laid. The difference in height above ground between the inner and the outer concrete foundations will give a 2-inch pitch to the floor toward the outer edge and thus drain off water that may beat through the walls of the crib. The cinders or gravel underneath the floor prevent moisture rising from the ground through capillary action. The floor itself should be constructed of 4 inches of re-enforced concrete, with the surface troweled to a smooth finish.

If a concrete driveway is decided upon, 6 inches of gravel or cinder floor should be first tamped down and a 4-inch concrete floor with a float finish laid on top.

The iron sockets or joist hangers, which can readily be obtained on the market, should be set in while the concrete floor is being laid. As the drawings show, the studs themselves should be 2 by 6 inches. To these is nailed siding for the outer walls. This siding consists of 1 by 6 inch boards with both upper and lower edges beveled at an angle of 45 degrees. They should be set about 1 1/2 inches apart. This permits free entry of air, while the beveled edges lessen the danger of rain beating into the crib. However, the beveled edges are not absolutely necessary. In the complete structure the siding on the walls facing the driveway need not be beveled, as there is no necessity for protection from rain here. On these sides, too, the siding boards should not be carried high-

er than 6 1/2 feet. This permits the crib to be filled by throwing the corn over the boards. If the quantity of corn on hand is sufficient to fill the crib above this point, additional siding boards can be hung on 20-penny spikes driven into the inner side of the studs. The boards have holes at proper intervals to fit over the spikes and are held in place by the pressure of the corn.

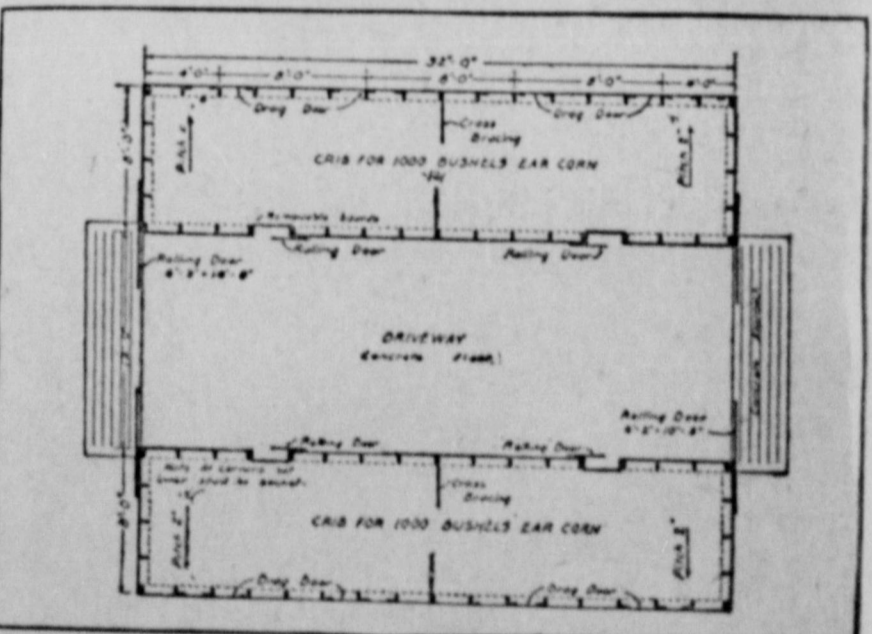
The rat-proofing is an important feature of the design which the farmer can not afford to neglect. One-half inch mesh wire netting is put on all sides of the crib between studs and siding and carried to a height of 30 inches above the ground or above the floor of the driveway. At the top of the wire a strip of 8-inch galvanized iron should be nailed to the outside of the siding. The bottom of the galvanized iron is 2 inches lower than the top of the wire, making a total height for the wire and iron strip of 36 inches all around. This galvanized iron strip will halt any rats that may climb up the walls. The rat-proofing is put on the drive side of cribs so that if the doors are left open rats will still be unable to get at the corn. Care should be taken not to leave any objects near the walls which would enable a rat to jump above the rat proofing.

Provision is made for 4 drag doors on the outer side of each crib and 2 rolling doors on the inside. The drag doors are so designed that corn will roll out of them on to the conveyor belt of a sheller. The rolling doors on the inside are for access to the crib. They should consist of a frame completely filled with wire netting, with a galvanized iron strip at the same height as on the wall. The drag doors are made of siding nailed to cleats with the wire mesh between.

Movable inverted troughs of slats are placed on the floor lengthwise of the cribs. These are in sections to facilitate handling and are designed to increase the circulation of air through the corn. As a further aid to circulation of air, movable shafts may be placed at the side or on top of the troughs. The shafts are constructed of 1 by 3 inch vertical strips nailed to frames made of 1 by 2 inch stuff. In order to hold the shafts in place while the cribs are being filled, they may be tacked to the crosspieces overhead. The number of shafts to be used will depend upon the amount of moisture in the corn.

Complete working drawings for this crib may be obtained from the office of public roads and rural engineering of the department. A bill of materials to enable those interested in the matter to form some idea of the probable expense in their locality of erecting the structure will also be furnished on request.

As has already been said, however, some of the fundamental principles involved, the rat-proofing, the ventilation, and the protection against ground moisture, may be employed advantageously in smaller buildings.



Floor Plan of Rat-Proof Corn Crib.

Best Trees for Fire Wood.
The man who burns up his post timber in the winter should have no sympathy when he is searching for trees suitable for posts and cannot find them. All gnarled and knotty trees, all crooked and deformed trees, and all partly dead trees should be used up first. This gives room for the good timber to grow larger and gives the woodlot a good appearance.

Advantage of Spreader.
A good reason why the manure spreader is advantageous is because a man who has his money invested in an implement of this sort will take better care of the manure on the farm. He will not allow it to lie around and leach, but will get it back on to the field where it should be placed.

Marketing Live Stock.
"Every farmer should market his own live stock." This is to be the slogan of the extension work in Minnesota during the coming winter. There are about 200 live stock shipping associations in Minnesota. These should be three or four times as many. Through a co-operative association which is well organized and managed, the farmers can market their own stock to the very best advantage.

Adding Vegetable Matter.
Plowing cowpeas under adds vegetable matter to the soil which tends to make it loose and resistant to excessive dry weather or wet weather. It also adds chemical fertility to the soil in the way of nitrogen.

GERMAN SCOUTING PARTY IN THE CHAMPAGNE



An advance guard of the Germans in the Champagne making its way through a village which had been under constant shelling by the German guns. These men, moving in the van of the German army, warn the incoming troops of any pitfalls which the enemy may have set.

TAKING ALSACE INTO FRANCE ONCE MORE



This interesting photograph, taken recently along the French-Alsation border, shows a number of Alsatian children being led by a French soldier into France, there to be taught the French language and customs.

NEW ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO



Rt. Rev. George William Mundelein, appointed by the pope to be archbishop of the diocese of Chicago, has been auxiliary bishop of Brooklyn and at the time of his consecration, in 1909, was the youngest bishop in the United States. He is now forty-six years old.

PAUL FULLER HAS NEW JOB



Paul Fuller, who at one time was special representative of the United States in Mexico, has been selected by the French trade commissioners as their legal representative on their tour of the United States.

LOOKING FOR BOMBS IN OIL CASKS



Extraordinary precautions are being taken in the examination of casks of freight for European countries, the recent activities of the plotters having aroused the shippers to the necessity of doubly safeguarding the war munitions leaving this country for Europe. The photograph shows how even oil casks are examined for fear that some alert person might have dropped a bomb into the bung-hole.

Your Health Account

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Some Car. "That's a pretty speedy car of yours, isn't it?" "You bet your life it is! I've only had that car six months and I've paid out more money in fines than the car cost me originally."

Gay Old Bird. "The turkey is an unusual bird," remarked the star boarder to start the dinner time conversation. "I wonder how far back in history it goes." "If you mean this particular specimen," said the man who is always kicking, "I should say that it goes back quite some time—probably to Colonial days."

Not Needed. "I hear you're getting up a bazaar for the benefit of the unemployed. I shall be glad to give my time to help make it a success." "Thank you ever so much, but the people whom we are trying to help have more time than they know what to do with."

Truth for the Traveler. Man at Ticket Office (purchasing transportation)—Can I stop over in Dubhurst on this ticket? Agent—Well, this ticket is only good for so many hours, and there is no other train until after it expires. Before that time you will be kicking yourself because you did not keep on.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

COW'S MOO KILLS CHILD

Baby Frightened into Convulsions When Wandering Bovine Puts Head in Window.

Investigation by Dr. H. Albert Murray, coroner of Westmoreland county, into the death of James Henry Pershing, three-year-old son of Lawrence Pershing of Grapeville revealed that the child was literally frightened to death.

Several days ago the boy was playing when a cow at pasture in a lot adjoining the house looked in at an open window of the room where the child was. As the little one glanced toward the window the cow mooed loudly.

With a scream the child collapsed and went into convulsions. A physician was unable to give the boy any relief, and death ensued twelve hours later.—Greensburg (Pa.) Dispatch Philadelphia Record.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are the original little liver pills put up 40 years ago. They regulate liver and bowels.—Adv.

Some women put on airs and some others try to whistle them.

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Her Vindication. He (annoyed)—It's eight o'clock and you said you would be here at six. She—Did I say six? I thought I said seven.—Boston Transcript.

Going Some. "How did King Solomon get such a reputation for wisdom?" "Well, he seems to have been able to make his thousand wives believe that his affection for the Queen of Sheba was purely platonic. It takes a wise guy to pull a stunt like that."

Should Have Been Enough. Mrs. Morgan had a colored maid named Sarah. One Sunday afternoon the mistress saw Sarah's lover leaving the house clad in a suit of white flannel. A little later, when the maid appeared, Mrs. Morgan said: "Sarah, that beaus of yours should never wear white. He is so very black that white clothes make him appear all the blacker. Why don't you give him a hint?"

"Why, Mis' Morgan," said Sarah, with animation, "I done give him er lot ob hints, but he jes' natterly ain't got no sense an' didn't take 'em." "Probably you didn't make the hints strong enough," said the mistress. "Well, no'am, dat's jes' what I think myself," agreed Sarah, reflectively; "I don't believe I did. I jest looks at him right hard an' I says, 'Isham, yo' sho do look like a black snake crawl'n' out ob cream, you do!' The't's jes' all I s'ys to him, Mis' Morgan."—Everybody's Magazine.

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A Difference. "I heard that your son had become an actor." "Glad to hear it. All I know about it is that he went on the stage."

Surface Delicacy. "Maw'nin', colonel," saluted the Senegambian garcon. "What's de state ob yuh longin' dis maw'nin'?" "Have you any preserved pineapple?"

"No, suh, not dis maw'nin'. De las' we had wuz frayed and in sech a state of decomposin' dat de shoeef sed we'd serve it in de future in de raw. When a man gnaw a pineapple hull a little while he don't notice what's de matter wid de inside." "Liver and bacon." "Yes, suh, mighty fine substitute."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Special Delivery. Young James had been outdoors playing all the afternoon. "What have you been playing all the afternoon, James?" asked James' mother. "Postman," said James enthusiastically. "It was great, too." "How do you play postman?" asked his mother dutifully. "Oh, I took all those piles of old letters you had done up with blue ribbons in your lowest bureau drawer and gave 'em out to people all down the street. They thought it was great, too."

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RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$58,319 73
Overdrafts	948 25
Loans, real estate	1,653 80
Bonds and Stocks	1,015 15
Real estate (banking house)	2,765 00
Other real estate	1,124 79
Furniture and fixtures	2,586 00
Due from approved Reserve agents net	22,410 47
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	5,403 97
Cash Items	211 64
Currency	4,598 00
Specie	1,249 23
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	33,873 31
Other resources as follows:	2,024 98
Assessment Guaranty Fund	169 27
Revenue Stamps	37 50
Cash Collections	132 50
Suspense	30 54
Total	\$104,690 82

LIABILITIES:	
Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000 00
Surplus fund	3,000 00
Undivided Profits, net	1,851 63
Individual deposits subject to check	63,259 19
Time certificates of deposit	12,460 00
Demand certificates of deposit	2,700 00
Cashiers Checks	1,320 00
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	5,000 00
Total	\$104,690 82

STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Gray } We, J. S. Morse as president, and Clay E. Thompson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. S. MORSE, President.
CLAY E. THOMPSON, Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 8th day of Jan. A. D. nineteen hundred and sixteen. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
[SEAL] A. G. RICHARDSON, Notary Pub.
Correct—Attest { J. M. NOEL }
 { W. E. BALLARD } Directors.
 { J. S. MORSE }

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RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, personal or collateral	\$96,867 77
Overdrafts	744 78
Bonds and Stocks	1,600 00
Real Estate (banking house)	4,700 00
Other Real Estate	4,562 14
Furniture and Fixtures	2,900 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	14,824 94
Cash items	221 15
Currency	4,062 00
Specie	949 94
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	5,223 09
Other Resources as follows:	1,648 74
Internal Revenue Stamps	24 41
Cash Collections	2,596 43
Total	\$135,712 30

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$25,000 00
Surplus Fund	12,500 00
Undivided profits, net	3,061 60
Individual deposits subject to check	69,041 79
Time certificates of deposit	16,108 91
Cashier's Checks	
Bills payable and rediscounts	10,000 00
Total	\$135,712 30

State of Texas }
County of Gray } We, D. B. Veatch as president, and W. H. Holt as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

D. B. VEATCH, President.
W. H. HOLT, Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 11th day of Jan., nineteen hundred and sixteen. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
[SEAL] A. G. RICHARDSON, Notary Public.
CORRECT—ATTEST { D. B. VEATCH }
 { GEO. W. SPITZER } Directors.
 { A. P. CLARK, JR. }

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Our President has a master mind his administration has been marked by profound scholarship, penetrative logic and that com of knowledge. But America is restless, impatient and filled with ambitions. The people will not return the President to another term of office. President Wilson is concentric. His political family is concentric. The administration will fall from lack of party unity. The President will see a crises in January will be in danger the last of February and again in March. He will suffer both mental and physical depression in June and July.

It will be an old fashioned winter from January to April. Severe storms, high winds. The Middle West will suffer both storms and floods. The South will be favored with early rains, but a summer drouth. Cotton will be an abundant crop of fine quality. The early crops will be best in the West. A great wheat and corn year. New England will have storms and high winds in January, with big storms the middle of February. An immense season for the maple sugar industry, because of deep frost and heavy snows. A wonderful fruit season is promised. All farm and garden products will be blessed with high markets.

The tragedies of the year will be on land, not the sea. Beginning with the 20th of January and stretching across to July 20, will be a period of intense magnetic tension. The bands of magnetic ether will come close to the earth. The principal earthquakes of the year will happen within this period. Volcanoes become active. There will be tidal waves in the Pacific. With waterspouts in the tropical waters. A period of terrific heat will follow the first eleven days of July, followed by cyclones and sweeping storms. The first cycle of four months will be severe in fires. The principal fire zone lies between Montreal and Chicago. London will have a big fire. Railroads suffer the first half of the year.

The end of the war will be in the last half, not the first of the year. The tide will turn in April. It will come through force of verities, not through force of arms. Blood is the verity of life. Life is the verity of God. "God hath made of one blood all nations of men." God through the everlasting covenant, shall bring again the verity of peace. "Saith the God of host I will shake all nations." Not England, not Germany, not Russia, nor any other Nation produced this war. What God permits he produces. What exists God created. The humblest life and the noblest life that is sacrificed in the war shall have part in building the new world God has ordained. They have fought unknowing, but through the ages, in their spiritual and real embodiment they shall know and will co-operate with endless generations in perfecting peace, love and brotherhood.

"And the desire of all nations shall come." God shall ordain greatness and glory out of the madness of nations. Not thrones empires or republics, but man is the purpose of eternal ages. The presidential election will arouse immense enthusiasms. There will exist tense situations. The nominating conventions of both parties will be full of sensations and the scenes of great rivalry. The President will be opposed by a big contingent of pacifists, but will be nominated. In the Republican conventions favorites crowd for recognition. The demands of the people will out general the politicians. The party will not try fate in so try.

ing a crises. The ultimate hour of America turns upon the election. America will rise as the sovereign Nation of the world. The administration will change with the election. The next President's name will begin with "R" and he will be elected by the greatest vote ever given a President.

America will not suffer greatly through war. The period will be brief. She will win the respect and confidence of the whole world. She will become the supply house of the world; America will supply and rehabilitate Europe. An era of Utopia will begin. Industries will be crowded day and night. Manufactories will multiply like magic. Facilities of transportation will be jammed by land and by sea. Prosperity will become a swollen river gold sweeping from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Architecture will change from stone to marble. Ornaments from brass to gold. Science will make a most phenomenal advance, while art will take on inspirational life through wonderful and exalted ideals. This era of American greatness and wealth will begin in this year of 1916.

The United States will have three earthquakes in the year. Two will occur between Jan. 18 and March 25. Another will occur in July. These will be felt in the coast cities. March, May and August are months of peril, dangers, accident, crime and disasters. It will be a most favorable year for inventions. Great interest will be taken in music and all fine arts. Musical conventions, assemblies and organizations will increase. A new demand will come for artists with musical talent. Congress will remove the problem of tariff from politics, it will become an American institution of protection.

The author prophesied the present war in December 1912, and again in March, 1913. In December 1914 he declared the German Emperor would not live to see the end of the war. That Italy would enter the war in the first quarter of 1915. That alien sympathizers would endanger neutrality, the war would continue and America become involved.—New Haven, Conn., Dec. 10, 1915.

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