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Lives of Successful Men

Did you ever read the life of a successful business man whose start did not begin with an account in a good bank and whose success in life could be traced directly to the habit of saving? Do not trust to any freak of fortune for the future but affiliate yourself with us today and lay the foundation for comfort in old age.

American State Bank

Thousands Going to Mail Order Houses

The News has come to the attention of the writer of this article (and the writer is not the Editor of The News) that business with the mail order houses is not as good as it was three months ago, when people were not selling anything of consequence, and when they were coming into the country. Upon investigation it was ascertained that something like \$100,000 was sent from McLean to the Eastern mail order houses, in a period of time of about two weeks. It was impossible to get accurate figures for the reason that the institutions through which such remittances are usually made refused to give out any such information on the subject, but the statement of \$100,000 is practically correct. To one who has the interest in McLean at heart, and who is anxious to see a town built here that will mean bigger stores and more employment of more people, thereby creating a demand for more dwellings, and the filling of church pews and school benches, it is hoped that some of the mail orders that seem to be the life of the small country merchant. Possibly if the buyer would consult the catalog of the local

merchant, turn his money over to the local merchant and wait until the goods could be ordered in, the McLean merchant could fill the order in competition with the big mail order house. Surely we should remember that the McLean merchant has to employ a book-keeper to keep account of the goods we buy from him on a credit and the book-keeper has to be paid, the clerk has to be paid, the delivery horse must be fed, but all the money remains in or around McLean, and whatever helps one McLean citizen indirectly helps many.

Let us not forget that the bigger town McLean becomes, the higher values our farming lands will command, and let us do our best to buy locally before buying the money order.

A McLEAN WELL WISHER.

The above communication touches upon a subject that is of vital interest not only to this community, but to every community. It is a matter that should have the careful and diligent study of every citizen, both rural and urban, for upon the success of the farm life depends the success of the town and visa versa.

When the farmer looks carefully over his mail order catalogue and makes estimates as to

the difference in the cost of his necessities at home and from the mail order concern, he finds, in many instances, quite a difference in favor of the latter. Naturally his instinct for thrift and economy prompts him to make the saving.

But, is it a saving? Suppose, for instance, he owns a farm three miles from town that is worth \$30. per acre. Suppose he continues the mail order houses for everything he needs (his neighbor doing likewise) and in due course of time the town dies a natural death. Suppose our neighbor towns of Alanreed, Ramsdell, Shamrock, Mobeetie, etc., suffer a like fate. His land would be left thirty or forty miles from town and practically isolated from a market. A good section of land in that case would be worth about two dollars an acre. How much goods would he have to buy from the mail order concern in order to make a saving of eighteen thousand dollars—the difference in the price of his land under the two conditions?

Another thing—When two men meet face to face in the middle of the road, it is necessary for both to vary their course slightly in order to avoid a fateful collision. By which we mean to infer that the merchants of the town could make some radical changes in their routine of business that would help materially in the matter of revolutionizing home trade.

Some sort of concerted effort should be made by them to find the cause for the unusual discrepancy in prices. If there is a way to procure dependable merchandise at a lower cost it should be discovered and turned to account. We have no positive information on the subject, but have been frequently told by reliable citizens that most every class of merchandise can be bought at retail cheaper in Mobeetie, twenty miles from a railroad, than here in McLean. If this is the case, there must be something wrong.

We do not believe that the business men of this town are making exorbitant profits. The idea is ridiculous. But there is evidently something wrong and there must be some way to correct it. It would be the part of wisdom for the merchants to get their heads together and find some means for relieving the present state of affairs. We believe the people will give their half of the road. Let the merchants also turn out and avoid the clash that seems to be imminent.

Higher Education.

Christmas advertising is showing splendidly in nearly all the Texas papers. State Press noticed one weekly the other day, printed in a town of not more than 2,000 people, which had ten pages of advertisements. Merchants everywhere are learning that to keep a store without advertising is about as sensible as wearing gold buttons on their underclothes. There is no more gamption in owning a shop that nobody knows than in owning jewelry nobody sees. Both are expensive propositions and neither pay any dividends.—State Press.

Entertainment To-Night

Tonight at the public school auditorium the Mothers' Club will hold a get-together meeting at which every body interested in the betterment of school conditions is expected to be present. A charge of ten cents will be made and the following program rendered:

Instrumental Music—Mrs. W. E. O'Neal.
Opening Address—Prof. W. E. O'Neal.
Male Quartette—Messrs. Bundy, Jones, Henry and Biggers.
Objects of the Mothers' Club—Mrs. A. G. Richardson.
Recitation—Guy O'Dell.
Solo—Mrs. Chas. Hedrick.
Instrumental Music—Miss Enoch Grundy.
Reading—W. R. Patterson.
Instrumental Music—Miss Lucile Horton.
Reading—Mrs. Sus'e Guill.
Instrumental Music—Miss Minnie Gardenhire.
Chorus—Misses Bessie Sitter, Lucile Horton, Bonnie Evans, Mamie Cheney and Ruby Rice.
Double Quartette—Messrs. Massay, C. S. Rice, Wm. Biggers, Erwin; Mesdames Stanfield, Erwin, Bird Guill, Horton.

\$50 Per Acre From Sorghum

The News is always glad to make mention of any specially good showing made by the farmers in the different products of this section and it has been our pleasure to relate some very interesting statistics in this connection this fall. There have been splendid yields of fruit, vegetables, kaffir corn, maize, potatoes, etc., but it remains for Mr. Fletcher who farmed a part of the Fred O'Dell place adjoining the town section, to establish a new record on yield of sorghum hay.

E. A. Erwin, who baled the hay in question, is authority for the statement that off of two acres he cut and baled 23,025 pounds of hay, a little better than eleven tons. This sorghum was planted rather early but was caught in a hail storm and beaten down. After the hail Mr. Fletcher mowed the stalks down and the crop men-

YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE

is likely to be exactly what you make it. What you do now in the way of saving may determine what the future may bring you. A savings account is a great helper; let us open one for you.

Citizens State Bank

McLEAN, TEXAS

tioned grew up in the form of suckers from the main stalks.

Considering the hay worth nine dollars per ton Mr. Fletcher will realize \$103. from his two acres, which is not all bad, especially in view of the fact that the plowing of the land and sowing the seed was all that was needed to be done except harvest the crop.

Time Table.

Westbound—
No. 41—1:04 p. m.
No. 43—4:26 a. m.
Eastbound—
No. 42—12:15 a. m.
No. 44—10:25 p. m.

Posted.

All parties are warned not to hunt, camp or otherwise trespass on the land owned by:

Henry Thut
Geo. Thut
W. H. Bates
J. E. Williams
Geo. H. Sanders

Real Estate

We want to list your farm or city property, or anything you have to sell or trade.

T. U. SALMON.

The City Barber Shop

L. L. LASSWELL, Prop.

Troy Laundry Basket leaves Tuesday and returns the following Friday.

ALL WORK GUARANTEED

Grain To Sell?

We are in the market for it. The highest market price paid. Figure with the

McLean Grain Co.

C. B. HEDRICK, Mgr.

ALFALFA SEED

\$11.25 per Bushel
Call at Office for Sample
Better contract now; the price will advance Dec. 1st.
T. U. SALMON

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE TEN DOLLARS

Here is a chance for young men and women to obtain a Business Education at a very reasonable price. We have THIRTY scholarships that we are allowed to sell to the first Thirty students purchasing Life scholarships after this date at a reduction of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) each. This means that you can get a Life Scholarship good to complete either a Bookkeeping or Shorthand Course for \$19.00, or a Combined Course including the Bookkeeping and Shorthand Courses for \$75.00. Regular cash prices being \$50.00 and \$85.00 respectively.

These Thirty Scholarships Will Soon Be Sold

and you will have to act at once. Should you be unable to enroll at once, get your scholarship and enroll as soon as possible. DO NOT put off entering, we have no vacations. Enter anytime. Day and Night sessions. Write for FREE Catalogue and information TO DAY. Address

DRAUGHON'S PRACTICAL BUSINESS COLLEGE

C. HOMER WILEMAN, Manager

Amarillo, Texas.

PANHANDLE BUILDING

BON TON RESTAURANT

We have purchased the Al and Joe Restaurant and will be pleased to serve you in the most up-to-date manner with clean wholesome food. Try us.

Clay & Dick Props.

Notice Tax Payers.

will be in McLean, Texas, December, 21st, 22nd and 23rd, for the purpose of collecting taxes. Please remember the dates.
J. S. Danson,
Tax Collector.

Notice Tax Payers.

I will be in Alanreed, Texas, on December the 18th and 19th for the purpose of collecting taxes. Please remember the date.
J. S. Danson,
Tax Collector.

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McLEAN

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.

It is hardly necessary to suggest to the people of McLean the necessity of early Christmas shopping. Already the stores are showing a great big variety of holiday novelties and Christmas shopping is in full force.

THE Panhandle Press Association will meet in McLean on Saturday, the 12th day of April, 1912. There will be a big bunch of pen pushers here and the News would appreciate any suggestions as to the best method of making their visit an enjoyable one.

A SYSTEM of good roads radiating in all directions from McLean would be one of the best investments the business men of the town could make. It would also add materially to the value of both town and rural property. The benefit would be for all. Why not have more talk for a bond issue looking to this accomplishment?

A MERCHANTS association would be a step in the right direction. Let the business men get together and devise ways and means for the extending and strengthening of their trade territory. Much trade that is now going to mail order houses and much that is going to other towns in this section could be brought to McLean if a well directed campaign were inaugurated.

Library Report.

When school opened in September the library contained the following books:

One Webster's International Unabridged Dictionary.

Twelve volumes New Standard Encyclopedia.

Ten volumes Standard History of the World.

The following books have been added:

One volume Pancoast's English Literature.

One volume Pancoast's Standard English Poems. (By eleventh grade.)

One volume Fernald's Synonyms. (By ninth grade.)

One volume Fernald's Synonyms. (By eighth and ninth grade.)

Two volumes Fernald's Synonyms.

One volume Pancoast's Literature.

One volume Pancoast's English Poems. (All by Miss Clara Deen.)

One volume Fernald's Synonyms.

Three volumes Plutarch's Lives. By A. G. Richardson.

Two volumes Pancoast's English Literature.

Two volumes Pancoast's Standard English Poems.

Eight volumes Fernald's Synonyms. (Purchased with Library funds raised some time ago by "Topsy Turvy" entertainment.

One volume Merrie England.

One volume Piochio. (By E. A. DeWitt, Dallas, Texas.)

Five volumes McCauley's History of England.

One volume Social Dynamite or the Wickedness of Modern Society. (By W. E. O'Neal.)

Each volume is labeled as it comes into the library, giving number of volume and stating with what funds purchased or by whom donated.

The tenth grade have agreed to help purchase some books to be used as supplementary work in connection with their course in American Literature.

All the books that have been purchased and donated are first class, and we wish to thank those who have so willingly and cheerfully contributed to this work.

Kind friends and patrons of the school are you going to help us in this worthy undertaking?

One to two hundred dollars invested now in a properly selected School Library, may be an important factor in building the character and shaping the destiny of your boy or girl.

The Mothers' Club, while yet in its infancy, has planned great things for the betterment of the conditions of our school and we are glad to say, the library is included in its plans.

Shall we show our loyalty and hearty co-operation to the library movement by wearing one of those "exemption tags" tomorrow?

"The true University of these days is a collection of books,"—Carlyle.

Yours for building a school library,

W. E. O'NEAL.

Methodist Ladies Bazaar.

We have been requested to announce that the Womans Home Mission of the Methodist church will hold a Christmas Bazaar on Friday and Saturday

before Christmas at the old post office building.

There will be two booths—one will show a great variety of useful and wearing articles priced low, and in the other will be found peanuts, popcorn, candy, cakes and pies. The ladies will also serve light refreshments in the same building. They promise to show you some real bargains in the way of Christmas gifts and invite you to call and inspect their showing.

Will Include Ladies.

Members of the local Odd Fellow Lodge having in charge the work of preparing for the big supper and love feast on Tuesday night, Dec. 26th, announce that a real interesting program is being arranged on which will be addresses by Revs. Carpenter and Bryant and Col. Gardenhire.

The lodge has decided that a feast of this character would not be complete without the presence of the ladies and in consequence have extended an invitation to the families of all members of the fraternity within hailing distance.

We hope to be able to print the program in full in our next issue.

Episcopal Ladies Bazaar.

The Ladies Guild of the Episcopal church will conduct a Christmas Bazaar tomorrow (Saturday) in the building next door to the post office. A big assortment of various useful articles will be shown and the public is cordially invited to call and see them.

There will be many articles suitable for Christmas presents for all members of the family. They will also have a quantity of good reading matter for sale at very low prices.

Orders taken at the shoe shop for tailor made suits. Ten dollars and up. Clothes and fit guaranteed.

SOME FACTS

From the earliest history up to the present day, it has been a custom among men (and women) to give tokens of remembrance to friends and relatives. And Jewelry and Gifts has been used almost altogether for these presents (because of its durability).

I now have the largest stock of beautiful articles suited for Christmas Gifts ever carried in McLean. Call at the Jewelry Store and see them.

JOHN B. VANNOY
Optician & Jeweler

Buckantwister.

We have opened up a first class tailoring establishment in the old American State Bank building and are prepared to do all work with neatness and dispatch.

We also have the agency for that good laundry, the Panhandle, in Amarillo, and will call for and deliver laundry to any part of the city. Let us have a go at your work and we will guarantee satisfaction,

Buckantwister.



Merry Xmas

If you are at a loss as to what to buy, either for the child or adult for a Christmas gift, remember Langley will have everything. You will have no trouble in selecting something that will suit the occasion. Goods will be on display about

December 15th

I have made arrangements for Santa Claus to be at my store and treat the children as he did last year.

Will H. Langley

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MUNN & Co. 351 Broadway, New York
Branch Office, 225 F St., Washington, D. C.

C. A. CASH & SONS GREAT SACRIFICE SALE

Commences Saturday, December 16, 9 a.m.

Haven't room to quote all the prices. Must have the cash therefore every article in the house is cut to the bottom. Watch this space next week.

Dry Goods	Groceries	Groceries	Suits
Domestic, worth 10c Sale price 07 ¹ / ₂	3 pounds steel cut coffee 1.00	10 pounds Snow Drift 1.19	\$6.00 Suits 4.00
4 pairs grey socks25	4 pounds Kenc coffee98	7 bars Crystal White Soap25	\$10.00 Suits 6.95
4 pairs cotton flannel gloves Sale price25	50c K C baking powder35	7 bars Sunny Monday Soap25	\$12.50 Suits 8.95
10 yards Calico Sale price39	25c K C baking powder19	Gallon Empson Kraut31	\$15.00 Suits 10.85
7 spools thread Sale price25	15c K C baking powder11	3 cans Cottage Tomatoes25	\$17.50 Suits 12.85
50c Work Shirts Sale price39	10c K C baking powder07 ¹ / ₂	Can best corn10	\$20.00 Suits 14.95
50c Dress Shirts Sale price39	25c Calumet baking powder21	New Winsdor Corn08	\$25.00 Suits 16.50
\$1.00 Dress Shirts Sale price79	15 pounds best sugar 1.00	3 pound can pie peaches10	
\$1.25 Dress Shirts Sale price89	4 pkgs. Arm & Hammer Soda25	Can Empson Beans10	
\$1.50 Dress Shirts Sale price 1.15	2 pkgs. Faultless Starch15	Can Empson Peas10	
	10 lbs Cottolene 1.25	All Toilet Soap07 ¹ / ₂	
Overcoats			Pants
\$10.00 Overcoats 5.95			\$1.50 Pants 1.15
\$12.50 Overcoats 7.95			1.75 Pants 1.29
\$15.00 Overcoats 10.50			2.00 Pants 1.35
\$17.50 Overcoats 12.85			2.50 Pants 1.85
			3.00 Pants 2.19
			4.00 Pants 2.95
			5.00 Pants 3.65

COME
And See
FOR YOURSELF

YOURS FOR BUSINESS
H. WHITEHURST

Local Hardware Co. have Grain
C. Cooper has the thanks of the
for a subscription renewal.
kinds of nuts also all kinds of
favoring at C. C. Cook's
A. Ashby has had his subscrip-
credit advanced another year.
lemon pool, jello and gela-
at C. C. Cook's.
W. E. Ballard is out again
short spell of sickness.
Tamales and Chili in cans at
Cook's.

Suggestion

Christmas is near at hand and we are prepared to show you a complete new line of Holiday Goods—will have them open and ready for inspection

December 15th

Call and see our stock—we can please you. Below we make just a few suggestions for your consideration:

- Manicure Sets.
- Box Fancy Stationery.
- Perfume.
- Fountain Pens.
- Books.
- Bibles.
- Fancy Candy.
- Box Cigars for men.
- Dolls for the girls.
- Dolls for the babies.
- Comb and Brush for the home.
- Books for boys.
- Books for girls.
- Merchaums and fine other pipes for the men.
- Linen A B C books for the little ones.
- Nice sets of small books for the Sunday School teacher.
- Empty boxes for wrapping up presents.
- Calendar pads for fancy workers.

Arthur Erwin
Druggist

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Local Happenings

Items of Interest About
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For Sale—Single harness as good
as new. CPEAP. Apply this office.

D. W. Owen is down from Amarillo
looking after business interests.

I have 160 acres, with 45 acres in
farm, all fenced, to sell at \$10.00 per
acre. J. L. Crabtree.

Miss Orce Stephens is visiting with
her sister at Hadley.

All kinds of fruit for baking that
Christmas cake can be found at C. C.
Cook's.

D. P. Kauffman of Amarillo was
among the business visitors in the
city Tuesday.

The Vortex Hot Blast always made
good—not a dissatisfied customer in four
years. McLean Hardware Co.

Ben Moore was down from Amarillo
the latter part of last week for a bird
hunt.

Do not forget that I have a com-
plete line of Loose Wiles candy for
Christmas. C. C. Cook.

Bob Williams returned Saturday
from a short business trip to various
points in Oklahoma.

Remember the Mothers' Club enter-
tainment at the school house tonight.
Only ten cents admission.

Bob Pyron of Jericho was among
the business visitors in the city the
latter part of last week.

I have a 320-acre farm to sell for
\$4250.00 in 1 1/2 miles of McLean. All
smooth land. J. L. Crabtree.

There is considerable local trading
in oil lots in the recently developed
field near Electra.

A few suits for men and boys left
which I am making some very attrac-
tive prices on. C. C. Cook.

Dick Cooke and Clay Gardenhire
visited with friends at Jericho Sun-
day.

Be prepared to buy a red tag and
save yourself a lot of annoyance on
Tag Day.

Miss Bonnie Evans returned the
latter part of last week from her visit
to Oklahoma.

I have a good farm of 160 acres to
sell at \$11 per acre. A snap. J. L.
Crabtree.

Mrs. C. L. Upham is over from Le-
Fors this week the guest of Mrs. Val
Herrman.

If it is a suit of clothes you want
see samples at the shoe shop before
buying.

Dr. Pillan's family arrived in the
city the latter part of last week from
Rule and will make this place their
home in the future.

For every cotton thread found in a
Crack-A-Jack suit you will receive a
dollar. M. K. Guertin.

Your Cooking Needs

We are in the market to sup-
ply them. We keep a fresh
stock of everything in staple
and fancy groceries and can
make quick delivery.

Better stop right now and
make out a list of what you will
need for your Christmas cook-
ing:

- Cleaned currants
- Seeded raisins
- Jello
- Powdered sugar
- Allspice
- Cloves
- Shredded cocoanut
- Peanut butter
- Lemons
- Candied orange peel
- Walnuts
- Pie peaches
- Baker's chocolate
- Nutmegs
- Evaporated fruit
- Fresh barrel kraut
- Flavoring extract
- Bulk dates
- Van Houten's chocolate
- Brown Sugar
- Mixed spices
- Cinamon
- Oranges
- Prepared mustard
- Comb Honey
- Candied lemon peel
- Pecans
- Pie Apples
- Cranberries
- Prunes
- Corn starch

Bundy-Hodges

A big supply of splended reading
matter will be for sale cheap at the
Bazaar of the Ladies Guild.

The maize market continues strong,
the price going as high as \$15.00 this
week.

Lost—A black female cat. Ans-
wers to name of "Nigger." Please
call Mrs. Richardson at the News
office if you find her.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kunkel will
leave about the middle of next week
for Iowa, where they will spend the
holidays with relatives.

320 acres well improved; four room
house, well and windmill; 135 acres in
cultivation to sell for \$4200, easy
terms. J. L. Crabtree.

YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Come to our store and see the many things we have to show you to make your Christ-
mas shopping easy. Here is a list of the many useful things you will find.

Ladies' Furs at popular prices
Ribbon both plain and Persian
Silk hose in all colors and prices
Ladies' and childrens' house shoes
Counter Panes, white and colored
Table Linen with Napkins to match
Handkerchiefs of all kinds and prices

And lots of other things too numerous to mention. By trading with us you get the
benefit of our Amarillo Store. If we do not have exactly what you want we will gladly
send to our Amarillo store and get it for you.

P. S. We have a few \$15.00 Ladies' suits left that we will sell for \$10.00. We also
have Ladies' and Childrens' coats at great reduction. It will pay you to see us before
you send off your next order.

OWEN DRY GOODS COMPANY

AL ELLINGTON, Manager

To Our Customers.

We have enjoyed a nice busi-
ness from you this year and we
again thank you for it. We
have been very lenient and fa-
vored you in every way that has
been possible, and now the time
of the year has come to square
up. Before we can square with
our creditors you must square
with us. We ask one and all to
come and settle their notes and
accounts without further notice.
Again thanking you, we are,
Yours very truly,
The McLean Hardware Co.

Alanreed Tax Payers.

Sheriff Denson asks us to cor-
rect date of his visit to Alanreed
to collect taxes. He will be there
on the 19th and 20th of Dec.

For Sale—A limited number of Barred
Rock cockrels of the Thompson
strain, at reasonable prices. Mrs. F.
M. Faulkner.

Mrs. Sanders loaded out a car of
household goods the first of the week,
shipping them to her new home at
Sayre.

The "immune" tags will be fifty
cents. You will save yourself from
constantly being annoyed on Tag Day
by wearing one of them.

G. B. Thacker called at the News
office the latter part of last week and
paid for the paper to be sent to R. E.
Townsend at Nimrod, Texas.

C. L. Upham, our popular and effi-
cient county clerk, was over from the
capital the first of the week looking
after business matters.

We are requested to announce that
Rev. J. F. Elder of Clarendon will
preach at the Baptist church next
Sunday. The public is cordially in-
vited to be present.

Mrs. S. E. Boyett left last week for
Chappel, Texas, where she will join
her husband in a holiday visit to his
parents.

Posted—All parties are hereby
warned not to hunt or in anyway tres-
pass on the land under my control.
Violations will be prosecuted to the
full extent of the law. T. J. D'Spain.

Miss Ruby Rice is teaching the
fourth and fifth grades at the public
school in the place of Miss Collier,
who expects to be away until after the
holidays.

Overstocked on candy. Will sell
the \$1.00 boxes at 65 cents as long as
they last. Now is the time to get
good candy cheap. Langley Drug
Store.

The Ladies Episcopal Guild will
hold a bazaar in the room next door
to the post office tomorrow (Saturday)
at which they will have for sale many
useful and valuable articles.

Our neighbor city of Pampa has in-
stalled a postal Savings bank and V.
E. von Bruno is president, vice presi-
dent, cashier and assistant cashier.
J. M. Smith, the motive power of the
Pampa News, was the first depositor.

All children under fifteen years of
age who buy a tablet and Pencil from
Will Langley will be allowed to regis-
ter for a present from Santa Claus.
Come early.

I am booking orders for grain bags
at the following prices. 8 oz. 64 cents
each, 9 oz. 7 cents each, and 10 oz.
8-1-4 cents each. Terms spot cash.
S. O. Cook.

Christmas Presents

We have the kind of
Christmas presents that
any one would appreciate

Useful Things

suitable for the baby up to
the grandmother. Come
and look at our stock be-
fore buying.

New goods still arriving
every day.

McLean Hadw. Company.

Changed Hands Again.

The city meat market has
changed hands again. I will try
to keep a supply of the best
meat I can get. I also have a
supply of pure lard.

Wm. T. Henry.

Excursions To

Holiday Excursions to South
East on sale Dec. 20, 21, 22 Lim-
it Jan. 18, 1912.

Special Holiday rate to Chic-
ago, Ill. \$41.75 limit 25 days.

Dallas Texas \$12.65 Dec. 17, 18
19 limit Dec. 22nd.

Holiday Excursions to points
in Texas and New Mexico, one
and one-third fare, date of sale
Feb. 21st to 23rd and Dec. 31
and Jan. 1st, limit Jan. 5th.

T. U. SALMON, Agent



Don't Buy Lumber Blindly

Lumber is such a common article, and is so unat-
tractive, that a good many thoughtless people don't
stop to think that there's a mighty big difference in
the actual quality of two boards that may even be
graded the same, in different lumber yards.

In sorting our stock, we put every board that is
not strictly up to the grade, in the next lower grade.
This makes every grade of our stock uniform and of
a higher and better quality than you can buy else-
where for the same money.

Don't be a mollycoddle and take any old thing.
Come where you can get the best at the same price.

Western Lumber Company

NOTHING STARTLING

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LOST HIS INDEPENDENCE.



Nagg—I never speak of the Fourth of July as Independence Day.
Stagg—Why not?
Nagg—Why, I was married on that day.
The Weak Ones.
Police Chief Sebastian of Los Angeles was talking about a married man who had fallen before the charms of the beautiful "flirt catcher."
"George was always weak," said Chief Sebastian. "Once, when he was a boy at school, his mother was apologizing for him to his school teacher.
"George is so easily led," the mother said.
"Yes," the teacher agreed—"except in the right direction."

Heroic Treatment.
"Why must you invariably take a taxicab when you have been drinking?"
"The bill always sobers me instantly."

Natural.
Lady Visitor—Doctor, the hurt in my little dog's paw looks so angry.
Veterinarian—Naturally, my dear lady, when you consider it is in a pet.

WORKS WITHOUT FAITH
Faith Came After the Works Had Laid the Foundation.

A Bay State belle talks thus about coffee:
"While a coffee drinker I was a sufferer from indigestion and intensely painful nervous headaches, from childhood."
"Seven years ago my health gave out entirely. I grew so weak that the exertion of walking, if only a few feet, made it necessary for me to lie down. My friends thought I was marked for consumption—weak, thin and pale."
"I realized the danger I was in and tried faithfully to get relief from medicine. till, at last, after having employed all kinds of drugs, the doctor acknowledged that he did not believe it was in his power to cure me."
"While in this condition a friend induced me to quit coffee and try Postum, and I did so without the least hope that it would do me any good. I did not like it at first, but when it was properly made I found it was a most delicious and refreshing beverage. I am especially fond of it served at dinner ice-cold, with cream."
"In a month's time I began to improve, and in a few weeks my indigestion ceased to trouble me, and my headache stopped entirely. I am so perfectly well now that I do not look like the same person, and I have so gained in flesh that I am 15 pounds heavier than ever before."
"This is what Postum has done for me. I still use it and shall always do so." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

One Feeder's Method.
A very successful feeder last year bought his sheep early in September, turned them into clover, rape and grain fields for a week. Then he gradually worked them into a standing field of corn. Between this and the meadows the sheep got into a fine condition of flesh by the middle of November.

The sheep before this time were gradually accustomed to clover hay and finished on corn and barley. The bulk of the feed was gathered by the sheep themselves, thus reducing the cost of harvesting. The more expensive feed used in finishing was required for only a short time.

SAVE SOIL MOISTURE

Reservoir Must Be Prepared to Receive the Rain.

Water Carried Into Subsoil Must Be Brought Back to Surface Where Seed is Germinating and Young Roots Growing.

So far as cultivation is concerned there are three principal steps in the conservation of soil moisture:
1. The soil must be loosened to a considerable depth in order to prepare a reservoir to receive the rain and carry the water downward into the soil. This may be accomplished by deep plowing, by listing, or by disking unplowed lands.
2. The water which is carried down into the subsoil must be brought back again into the surface soil where the seed is germinating and the young roots are growing, and to accomplish this a good connection must be made between the furrow-slice and the subsoil, and this is the purpose in the use of the subsurface packer immediately after plowing.
3. Finally, in order that the water which is drawn up again towards the surface may not reach the air and be wasted by evaporation, the upper two or three inches of the soil must be kept mellow in the form of a soil mulch, and this is accomplished in the growing of crops, by frequent cultivation, which is not so practicable with wheat and other small grains as with corn and other intertilled crops.

The most important step in soil moisture conservation is to get the water into the soil. When this has been accomplished, the keeping it there and returning it gradually to the growing crop is a relatively simple matter. Many farmers have yet failed to learn this most important fact of dry farming, that the storing of the moisture in the soil is the first and great principle of soil moisture conservation.

The firming and pulverizing of the soil to prepare the seed bed, and the surface cultivation of the soil to maintain the mulch, are each without avail unless there has been stored in the deeper soil a sufficient amount of moisture to support the growing crop in time of drought.

Now the moisture should be stored at all times during the season, but especially during the interval between harvest and planting. This requires early plowing so that the soil may be in condition to catch the rain and absorb it.

In order that there may be room to receive and store a heavy rain, deep plowing is desirable. If plowing cannot be done early, the cultivation of the unplowed land with a disk harrow will keep the soil in good plowing condition longer and favors the absorption of rain.

A good rule, but it cannot always be followed, is to plow when the soil is in such condition that it will drop from the moldboard in a mellow, friable condition.

Deep plowing should be done with purpose and intelligence. Loosening the soil by deep plowing favors the absorption of moisture, but if rains do not come in time such land will suffer from drought more quickly than though it had been plowed shallow.

The loose soil dries out and capillarity is broken, preventing the furrow-slice from receiving moisture from the subsoil rapidly enough to sustain the growing crop. The depth and frequency of plowing should vary according to the nature of the soil. A light or sandy soil requires less depth of plowing and less frequent plowing than a heavy, or compact, clayey or "gumbo" soil.

As a general proposition, plowing should be shallow when it precedes planting only a short time. Plow deep in the fall, and plow deep for summer fallow.

A long interval between plowing and seeding allows the soil to settle sufficiently, while freezing and thawing mellow the raw, hard subsoil which has been brought to the surface.

The relative depths of plowing may be stated as follows:
Shallow plowing.....3 to 4 inches
Medium plowing.....5 to 6 inches
Deep plowing.....7 to 8 inches

Plowing deeper than eight inches with the common plow is not usually practicable, but the soil may be stirred twelve to sixteen inches deep with a deep tillage plow or subsoil plow, and in heavy soil with hard compact subsoil such deep stirring may occasionally be desirable.

When land is allowed to lie for a considerable period after plowing before the crop is planted, the setting of the soil, together with the surface cultivation to preserve the mulch and the cementing due to rain, usually causes the soil to repack and firm up to a sufficient extent to make a good seed bed.

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TILLAGE DRY FARM SECRET

Must Be Good as to Time as Well as to Amount and Quality—Keeps Moisture in Soil

Dry farming was the term originally used to describe the methods of farmers in generally irrigated country who cultivated land above the level of the irrigating ditch, or in nonirrigated sections where the annual rainfall was less than twenty inches.

It has been shown by actual experiment that twelve inches of effective rainfall during the growing season of wheat planted in soil in good condition as to moisture should produce a yield of forty bushels to the acre, and that, on the same basis, a twenty-five bushel yield might be expected from a rainfall of 7.5 inches. In most of the arid and semi-arid sections of the country the annual rainfall is in excess of ten inches. The work of the dry farmer is to cultivate so as to retain this moisture in the soil for the use of his crops.

"Don't call it 'dry farming'; speak of it as 'good farming,'" said Prof. H. W. Campbell, in an address before a dry farming congress at Minot, S. D. The professor, who is sometimes styled the "father of the dry farming method," went on to say that he was no longer much concerned about combating lack of moisture, but was trying to spread the gospel of good tillage and of bending every effort toward increasing the yield.

Dry farming in the technical sense in which it has been used of late years, is impossible without good tillage. Good tillage—and that means good as to time as well as amount and quality—is the whole secret of dry farming. The system has, however, produced crops in Utah and portions of Colorado and Wyoming where so little rain falls that the drops of a season can almost be counted.

Dry farming saves the drops. It preserves them from the thirst of a blazing sun by cultivating a "dust blanket" over the soil which they have moistened to the extent of their capacity.

The directions are: Plow about the middle of June. Plow six or seven inches deep; some say twelve to fourteen, but this is determined by the character of the soil. This allows what rainfall there may be to penetrate to the subsoil. Subsequent and frequent cultivation causes the formation of a "dust blanket," which prevents surface evaporation. Crops derive their nourishment from the moisture in the subsoil. The latter serves the dry farmer the same purposes that the reservoir serves the irrigation farmer.

As an example of crops grown under dry farming methods, there are records for 1909 of 132 bushels of 48 pound oats grown on land cultivated and stored with such moisture as was available, and in the succeeding year, when there was no rainfall after July 27, the yield on the same land was 57 bushels of oats per acre, weighing 38 pounds per bushel.

Feed for Fattening Sheep.
Clear corn is far from being the best feed for fattening sheep, especially fattening lambs. A little wheat in some form, even if damaged badly, will help greatly.

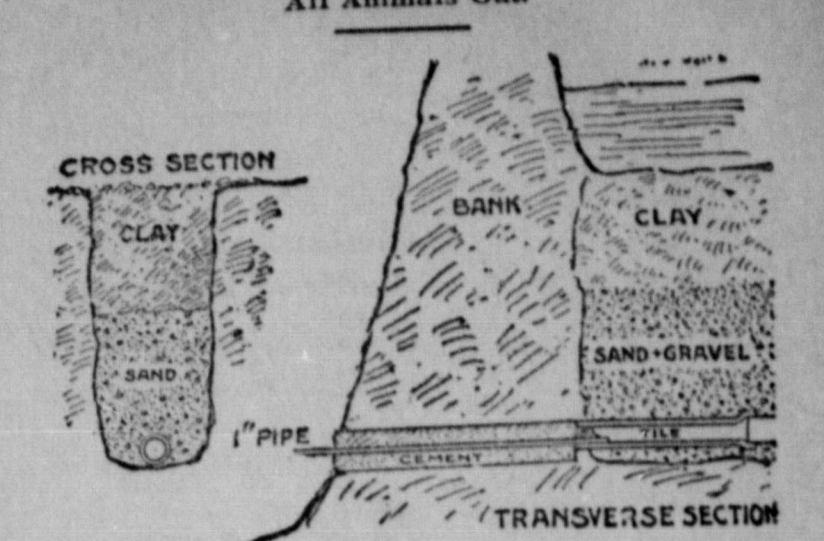
A little bran or shorts, or oats, will to an extent take the place of wheat, and good wheat screenings are still better. Sheep should be gotten onto a corn diet very slowly, and if lambs, should never be fed corn exclusively.

Concrete Feeding Floor.
A concrete feeding floor for the hogs is one of the most profitable investments on the farm. It is comparatively cheap, easy to make and saves much feed for the hogs, besides making them more comfortable, which also means money in the owner's pocket.

GENERAL FARM INFORMATION.
Winter plowing seems to be gaining in favor. Run the hand separator according to the instruction book. Now that the general field work is over, keep the manure spreader in daily use. Toads rank next to birds in value as destroyers of harmful insects about the garden. The long halter strap in the stall has been the cause of permanent injury to many animals. Barnyard manure, cottonseed meal and acid phosphates are excellent fertilizers for Irish potatoes. Seed corn should always be stored in the ear. It should never be put into boxes, barrels or sacks. It is just as necessary to strengthen the thin spots in the soil as to repair the weak places in the fence. This is a good time to cover the bare spots in the pastures with manure, to be seeded early next spring. Since alfalfa is a permanent crop the ground should be prepared with more care than ordinarily, making it level, free from stones or other incumbrances. Clover is rich in nitrogen, and in homogeneous soils it develops tubercles, which attract nitrogen from the air, where it is stored in inexhaustible quantities. In large pastures the animals roam from one especially attractive patch of grass to another, traveling all over the field, and trampling down more than they can eat. Manure should be spread upon the field as soon as possible in order to avoid loss by fermentation and leaching. Nothing but water is lost after the manure is put on the land. In addition to increasing the number of domestic animals on farms, farmers must pay more attention to leguminous crops, and to other crops which provide a supply of humus for the soil.

CONSTANT SUPPLY OF WATER DESIRABLE FOR LIVE STOCK

With Suitable Arrangement of Tile Seepage It Is Possible to Secure Practically Spring Flowing From Pond—Should be Properly Fenced In to Keep All Animals Out.



Cross-Section of Ditch and Bank.

A constant supply of clear, cool water in summer, and a stream that will not freeze in winter, is something to be desired on every stock farm. This is not possible with the ordinary pond, which is often the only source of supply. However, with a suitable arrangement of tile seepage it is possible to have practically a spring flowing from your pond winter and summer, and where the pond is fenced, as it should be to keep stock out, the water will be fit for house use, writes H. F. Gristead in the Farm and Home.

When you construct a pond, leave a gap in the embankment till the tile and pipe are laid, and if you contemplate adding this convenience to a pond already made, it will have to be drained by cutting the dam at the point where the pipe is to protrude.

In scraping out the dirt make the bottom of the pond, or as much of it as will be occupied by the ditch, at most level. In a medium-sized pond one line of tile extending about half-way the length of the pond will be all that is necessary, while in larger ones and where a larger supply is required, it will be best to have two lines meeting at right angles near the outlet pipe. When the bottom is scraped out, dig a ditch three feet deep and half as wide, beginning near the embankment and running back as far as the bottom is practically level. In the bottom of this ditch lay three-inch tile with close joints and plug both ends, so that all water that gets in will have to come in as seepage. Insert a three-quarter or one-inch pipe in the lower plug, and continue the pipe through the dam to the watering tank at a convenient distance below.

A cement collar should be put around the pipe where it goes through the embankment.

After the tiling is in place fill the ditch half full with sand and fine gravel and then with clay scraped

from the sides of the pond, except about ten feet at the upper end of the ditch, or the end opposite the pipe. Fill this with small stones and gravel till level with the bottom of the pond. This will allow of more seepage into the tile, and being at the upper end, the water remains in the tile longer, and is therefore cooler in summer and warmer in winter.

Where the outlet pipe enters the watering tank an automatic valve with a float will keep the water at a constant level. In winter a gate valve may be used and the water turned in and drained as needed in order to keep the tank from freezing. The water, coming from three feet below the bottom of the pond and through the filter of sand and gravel, is as cool and almost as pure as spring water, and there is no ice to cut in winter, giving more comfort to the stock. The tile is always full of water, the seepage being about as fast as ordinary use demands.

In constructing a pond dam the ground should be broken and the soil scraped off, then the clay broken and the embankment started on this broken clay with a clay of the same sort. By beginning this way it all cements together and there will be no danger from leaks in the embankment. The pond should be fenced so that stock cannot get to it by wading in. The value of any pond is doubled by having it arranged so that the water may be drawn out without stock standing in it.

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Senator Bristow summed up his impression of the canal and the work being done on it with one word: "Great." He commends in the highest terms the efforts of those in charge of the construction of the canal. He expects it to be opened in 1913.

The matter of tolls and regulations to be settled this session," said "those who are looking forward to the opening of the canal want to know what they can expect. The fixing of tolls is the chief problem. It is the most important question relative to the canal to be worked out. And tolls should be fixed by legislation if they are left to regulation,

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NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

Panama Canal Tolls Up to Congress



WASHINGTON.—That the question of legislation relative to canal regulations and the government of the canal zone will come before congress at the very outset of session and that it will be one of the most important matters of the session in a legislative way was expressed by Senator Bristow of Ohio. He is a member of the committee on inter-oceanic canals and returned from a visit to the canal zone.

Senator Bristow summed up his impressions of the canal and the work being done on it with one word: "Great." He commends in the highest terms the efforts of those in charge of the operation of the canal. He expects it to be opened in 1913.

"The matter of tolls and regulations will be settled this session," said Bristow. "Those who are looking forward to the use of the canal want to know what they can expect. The fixing of tolls is the chief problem. It is the most important question relative to the canal to be worked out. And it should be fixed by legislation if they are left to regulation,

the executive can change them in twenty-four hours. They should be put on a permanent basis and it must be done by congress."

Just at what figure to fix the tolls, Senator Bristow pointed out, is something difficult to work out. Many interesting and important factors enter into the solution. It is expected that the canal will cost \$3,000,000 or more a year to maintain. This sum ought to be made up by tolls, if feasible, he says.

"The problem is to put the tolls at the point where they will bring in the most revenue," said the senator. "Ships, for instance, between the east coast of the United States and the west coast of South America naturally will use the canal. But if the tolls are fixed too high vessels starting from or going to points far down on the Pacific coast of South America will go around the Horn in preference to using the canal. If the tolls are sufficiently low most of the business will pass through the canal."

"The same thing is true as to vessels between Europe and the west coast of South America. High tolls will drive many of these vessels around the Horn, while low tolls will bring many of them through the canal. On the rate of tolls will depend, too, whether vessels from Japan bound for Europe use the canal or go by way of Suez. Many points have to be considered, therefore, in fixing the tolls."

Postal Savings Bank Proves a Success

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beyond this point was slow at first but now that the system of administration is well in hand, designations are proceeding as rapidly as investigations can be made, instruction given and supplies furnished. There is no longer any disposition to hang back—the system is a demonstrated success.

It is the intention of the board of trustees, just as soon as they get around to it, to devise a plan for an extension of the postal bank system in the larger cities. At the present time Chicago, New York and other of the larger cities have only one bank.

The next move will be to permit the branch post offices, of which there is at least one in all large cities in proximity to each branch of foreign population, to receive deposits and also to redeem deposit certificates.

Consul-General Kicks on His Laundry



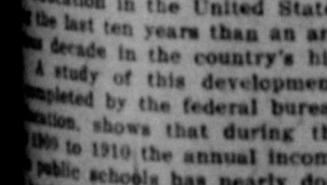
John H. Snodgrass, consul-general in Moscow, ever kicked about his laundry work in Cincinnati, Washington and Indianapolis, he begs the pardon of every steam cleaning establishment, every slant-eyed Celestial, every colored washerwoman in Moscow and other cities. What they do to his collars, his shirts and his other wearables over there is something to relate. Besides that, they are soaking John in the matting price is enough to make any man citizen utter loud walls of woe. For instance, they charge a dollar to do up a collar, and "the collar is unsatisfactory and the finishing is crudely done," he insists. "The collar under the collar—frayed to the edge by the ruthless Russians

without doubt—Consul-General Snodgrass (he is no relation to Snodgrass, of the New York Giants, who snagged Baker, of the Athletics during the world's series game), writes to the department of commerce and labor a fiery report on the wash subject and begs some enterprising American capitalist to hurry over to Moscow and start a real United States laundry.

There isn't a modern establishment of the kind in the city, he states. In fact, the only steam laundry open to the public in the entire empire is at St. Petersburg, and that is too far from Moscow to send a collar with any hope of getting it back before another consul-general comes into office.

"In the private hand laundries," he states, "only women and girls are employed. They work in deep, dark cellars, without ventilation and poorly lighted, and the work is unsatisfactory, as injurious chemicals are used to 'break' the water and fragile clothing lasts only a few washings. The proprietors have no thought of time, and usually an ordinary week's wash is not delivered under a fortnight."

Schools of Nation Show Marked Gain



WATER progress has been made in education in the United States in the last ten years than in any decade in the country's history. A study of this development, completed by the federal bureau of education, shows that during the 100 years from 1800 to 1900 the annual income of public schools has nearly doubled, increasing from \$230,000, or \$425,000,000, while annual expenditures to normal schools for the year 1900 have grown from \$1,000,000 to \$6,830,000. The value of school property in 1900 was \$1,000,000,000; in 1910, it was more than \$1,000,000,000.

During the same period the average length of the common school term increased from 144 to 154 days and the attendance of children enrolled from 39 to 114 days. The number of public high schools advanced from 10,213 and the number of students therein from about 20,000 to 41,000, while the total number of school teachers increased from 112,000 to 112,000. Salaries of teachers also are larger than ten



years ago, the average salary of male teachers now being \$65 a month, as compared with \$46.50 in 1900. The average salary of women has increased from \$34 a month to \$52.

A jump from \$168,175,000 to \$273,425,000 is shown in the productive fund of universities, colleges and technical schools; and an increase from \$28,500,000 to \$77,800,000 in the annual income of these schools from sources other than endowment. There are now 183,600 students in these schools, as against 110,000 ten years ago, and 17,000 instructors, as compared with 27,300. More than 900,000 high school pupils were enrolled in 1910, as against 20,000 in 1800. The total average in 1910 in schools of all kinds has been about 80 per cent.

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CUTICURA OINTMENT HEALED BAD SORE ON LIMB

"Some time ago I was coming up some steps when the board crushed under me like an egg shell, and my right limb went through to the knee, and scraped the flesh off the bone just inside and below the knee. I neglected it for a day or two, then it began to hurt me pretty badly. I put balsam fir on to draw out the poison, but when I had used it a week, it hurt so badly that I changed to ointment. That made it smart and burn so badly that I couldn't use it any more, and that was the fourth week after I was hurt.

"Then I began to use Cuticura Ointment for the sore. It stopped hurting immediately and began healing right away. It was a bad-looking sore before Cuticura Ointment healed it, and I suffered so I couldn't sleep from two days after I fell until I began using Cuticura Ointment.

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One of the Boones. From San Antonio, Tex., comes Harry Boone, itinerant scribe. Harry drifted into town a couple of days ago. Introduced as "Mr. Boone," he said: "Yes, called me Daniel Boone. It isn't my name, but I'm always called it, so I'm getting used to it. Which reminds me: I was introduced to a fellow once and gave him the Daniel part of it so he would remember the name. The next time I met him he said: 'How are you today, Mr. Crockett!'"—San Francisco Chronicle.

Jonan Snickered. "A fine feat," he cried, "but the president would have something to talk about if he reviewed me." Herewith he entered the first submarine.

A Fiat. "Did the singer succeed in getting what suited her in an apartment?" "Oh, yes. She told me she had a suite thing in A flat.

ORDER HE COULDN'T DISOBEY

What Was Poor Darkey to Do When "Old St. Luke Himself" Gave Directions.

The venerable rector of St. Luke's has a saintly and apostolic appearance. He also has decided opinions of his own on most matters and is not averse to expressing them. Recently, unknown to him, the vestry decided to have the next supply of coal for the church put in a different cellar from the one commonly used. When the coal was delivered the rector, seeing the drayman making what he thought was a mistake in its disposal, interposed and in no uncertain terms bade the darkey place the coal in the cellar always used for that purpose.

The senior warden several days later was much annoyed to discover that his orders had been disregarded and that the coal was in the same old cellar. With wrath in his eye he complained to the coal dealer. The latter declared that he had carefully explained to the drayman where to put the coal, so to settle the matter the darkey was called up.

"Sam, you black rascal," thundered the coal man, "didn't I tell you to put that coal for St. Luke's in the cellar opening on Fourth street?"

"Yessah."

"Mr. Smith tells me you didn't do it. Why can't you carry out my orders?"

The darkey grinned sheepishly, hesitated, scratched his head. "Well, boss, you see, I done started to put dat coal when you tole me—yassah, I done started—an' ole St. Luke himself he come out and gimme fits about it!"—Harper's Magazine.

Sickened the Owl. "I love you, darling, more than you love me," sighed the swain. "Ah, that is impossible, precious," she whispered back, "for I love you better than you do me!" "You cannot!" "But I do!" "You do not!" he argued. "When I say a thing I stick to it!" she snapped. An owl shifted uneasily above them. "Pardon me, Gwendolyn!" "Pardon me, Eustace!" "Miss Brown!" "Mr. Jones!" The owl hooted dismally and sought another bower.

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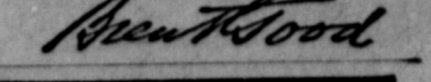
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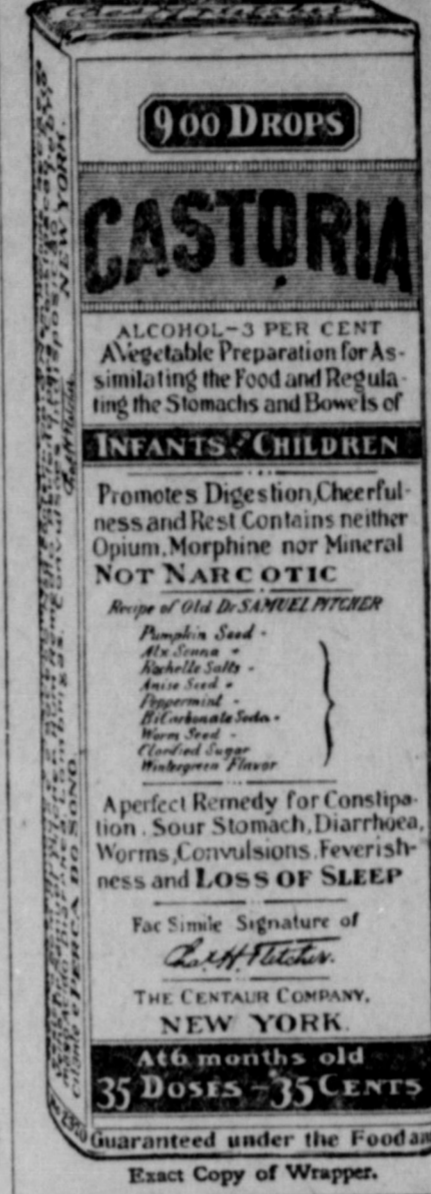


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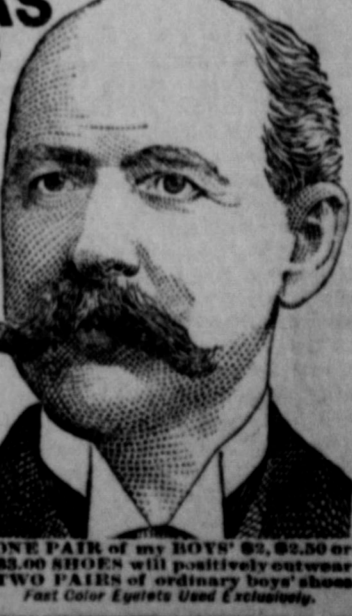


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RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, personal and collateral.....	\$16,301 60
Loans, real estate.....	4,139 11
Overdrafts.....	1,374 95
Real estate (banking house).....	4,650 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,250 00
Due from approved reserve agents.....	3,715 36
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check.....	800 00
Cash items.....	\$ 116 17
Currency.....	1,282 00
Specie.....	921 50
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund.....	136 43
Assessment Depositor Guaranty Fund.....	23 83
Total	\$34,710 95

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in.....	\$10,000 00
Undivided profits, net.....	6,364 34
Individual deposits, subject to check.....	15,063 61
Time certificates of deposit.....	3,283 00
Total	\$34,710 95

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We, D. B. LONDON, as cashier, and F. R. McCracken as president 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.
D. B. LONDON, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 12th day of December, nineteen hundred and eleven. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

[SEAL] J. A. COPPEDGE, Notary Public.
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CORRECT—ATTEST:

Senior League Program.

Subject—A well spent life.
Leader—Sam Hodges.
Lesson—Romans 14:7-8; 2nd Tim. 4:6-8; Num. 23:10.
Talk—subject, We look before and after—Eala May Anderson.
Quotation by every member of the League bearing on the lesson.

Prayer.
Song—selected.
Talk—Features of an ill spent life—Luther Petty.

Prayer of thanksgiving for the preservation of life for all present.

Song—selected.
Responsive reading of the 26th Psalm.

Scripture reading Acts 9:26-42—Ethel Harbert.

Talk on topic by leader.

Open discussion—personal experiences with persons who have fulfilled this ideal life.

Song—selected.
Benediction

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B. Y. P. U. Program.

Hymn.
Prayer.

Reading 1st Cor. 1:18-31
Song.

Subject—The work of the ministry.

Read—Some difficulties of the ministry (Quarterly Paragraph)—Carl Newton.

Some glories of the ministry (Paragraph Quarterly)—Isabell Francis.

Needs of the work (Quarterly Paragraph)—Bill Phillips.

Who shall do the work (Quarterly Paragraph)—Reep Landers.

Closing.
Leader—Minnie Foster.

Junior League Program.

Leader—Sallie Lou Haynes.

Song.
Reading of the minutes.

Song.
Subject—Brotherly Love, Jno. 13:1-17 read by leader.

Song.
Thought—"I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you, if ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them"

Talk—Mrs. Noel.
Song.
Prayer.

Reading from the Era—The

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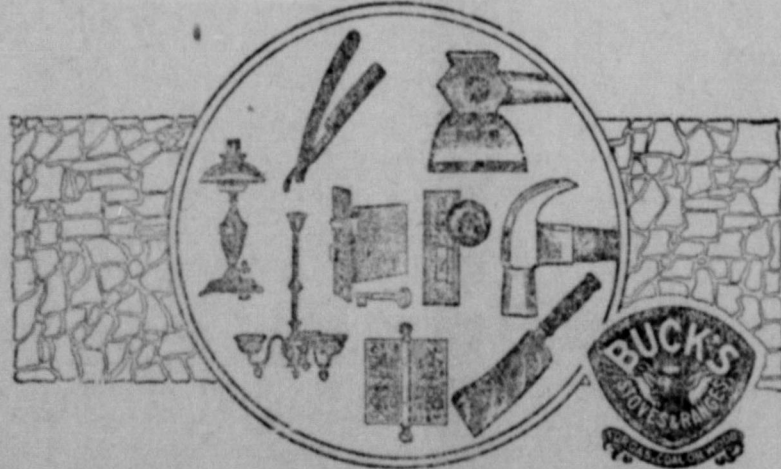
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