



WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE

It is 1868 and the Pacific Railroad has reached its newest "farthest west"—Benton, Wyoming, a town described as "roaring", as was

Frank Beeson, a young man from Albany, New York, comes here because he is in search of health and Benton is considered "high and dry".

Edna Montoyo, a fellow passenger on the train from Omaha, impresses Beeson with the beauty of her blue eyes and the style of her apparel. Equally she astonished him by taking a smile of brandy before breakfast. A brakeman tells Beeson she has followed her man to Benton.

Jim a typical western ruffian, whom she knows apparently well insults her and is floored by Frank whose prowess impresses the passengers.

DESERT DUST

What shall I say of a young man like myself, fresh from the green East of New York and the Hudson River, landed expectant as just aroused from a dream of rare beauty, at this Benton City, Wyoming Territory? The dust, as fine as powder and as white, but shot through with the crimson of sunset, hung like a fog, amidst which swelled a deafening clamor from figures rushing hither and thither about the platform like half-world shades. Two score hands grabbed at my valise and shoved me and dragged me.

"The Desert Hotel. Best in the West. This way, sir."

"Buffalo Hump Corral! Free drinks at the Buffalo Hump."

"The Queen, the Queen! Bath for every room. Individual towels The Queen, the Queen, she's clean she's clean."

The promise of individual towels won me over.

We left the station platform and went plowing up a street over shootops with the impalpable dust. The noises as from a great city swelled strident. But altho pedestrians streamed to and fro, the men in motley of complexions and costumes, the women, some of them fashionably dressed, with skirts eddying furiously; and wagons rolled, horses cantered, and from right and left merchants and hawksters seemed to be calling their wares, of the city itself I could see only the veriest husk.

The majority of the buildings were mere canvas—faced up for a few feet, perhaps, with sheet iron or flimsy boards; interspersed there were a few wooden structures, rough and unpainted.

I was ushered into a widely open tent-building whose canvas sign depending above a narrow veranda declared: "The Queen Hotel. Beds \$3. Meals \$1 each."

Now as whitely powdered as any of the natives I stumbled across a single large room bordered on one side by a bar and a number of small tables (all well patronized), and was brought up at the counter under the alert eyes of a clerk coatless, silk-shirted, diamond-earrings, pomaded and slick-haired, waiting with register turned and pen extended.

"Quite right, sir," the clerk assented. "So there is. A bath for every room in the house and the best bath in town. Entirely private; fresh towel supplied. Only one dollar and four bits. That with lodging, makes four dollars and a half. If you please, sir."

A bitter wave of homesickness welled into my throat as, conscious of the enveloping dust, the utter shams, the alien unympathetic onlookers, the sense of having been "done" and through my own fault, I peeled a greenback from the folded packet in my purse and handed it over. Rather foolishly I intended this play of funds should rebuke this finicky clerk; but he accepted without comment and sought the change from the twenty.

"And how is old New York, suh? A hearty, florid, heavy faced man with singularly protruding fishy eyes and a tobacco stained yellowish goatee underneath a loosely drooping lower lip, had stepped forward, his pudgy hand hospitably outstretched to me; a man in wide brimmed dusty black hat, frayed and dusty but in spots shiny black broadcloth frock coat

spattered down the lapels, exceedingly soiled collar and shirt front and greasy flowing tie, and trousers tucked into cowhide boots.

I grasped the hand wondering-ly. It enclosed mine with a soft pulpy squeeze and lingered.

"As usual, when I last saw it, sir," I responded. "But I am from Albany."

"Of course. Albany, the capital, a city to be proud of, suh. I welcome you, suh, to our West, as a fellow citizen."

"You are from Albany?" I exclaimed.

"Bohn and raised right near there; been there many a time. Yes, suh. From the grand old Empire State like yourself, suh, and without apologies. Whenever I meet with a New York State man I cotton to him."

"Have I your name, sir?" I inquired. You know my family perhaps."

"Colonel Jacob B. Sunderson, suh, at your service. Your family name is familiar to me, suh. I hark back to it and to the grand old State with pleasure. Doubtless I have seen you before, suh. Doubtless in the City—at Johnny Chamberlain's? Yes?" His fishy eyes beamed upon me, and his breath smelled strongly of liquor. "Or the Astor? I shall remember. Meanwhile, suh, permit me to do the honors. First, will you have a drink? This way, suh—I am partial to a brandy particularly to be recommended for clearing this damnable dust from one's throat."

"Thank you, sir, but I prefer to tidy my person, first," I suggested.

"Number six for the gentleman," announced the clerk, returning to me my change from the bill. I

stuffed it into my pocket—the Colonel's singular eyes followed it with uncomfortable interest. The runner picked up my bag, but was interrupted by my new friend.

"The privilege of showing the gentleman to his quarters shall be mine."

"All right, colonel," the clerk carelessly consented. "Number Six."

"And my bath?" I pursued.

"You will be notified sir. There are only five ahead of you, and one gentleman now in. Your turn will come in about two hours."

In No. Six there were three double beds: one well rumped, as if just vacated; one (the middle) tenanted by a frowsy headed, whiskered man asleep in shirt sleeves and revolver and boots; the third at the other end, recently made up by having its blanket covering hastily thrown against a distinctly dirty pillow.

"Your bed yonduh, suh, I reckon," prompted the Colonel (whose accents did not smack of New York at all.)

I gazed about sickened.

"There are no private rooms?" I asked.

"You are perfectly private right here, suh," assured the Colonel. You may strip to the hide or you may sleep with your boots on, and no questions asked. Generally speaking, gentlemen prefer to retain a layer of artificial covering—but you ain't troubled much by the bugs, are you, Bill?"

He leveled this query at the frowsy whiskered man, who had awakened.

"I'm too alkali'd, I reckon," Bill responded. "Varmints will leave me any time when there's

fresh bait handy. That's why I likes to double up."

The Colonel turned to me. "Shake hands with my friend Mr. Bill Brady."

The frowsy man extended his hand.

"Proud to make your acquaintance, sir."

"The bath-room? Where is it, gentlemen?" I ventured.

"If you will step outside the door, suh, you can hear the splash ing down the hall. It is custom however, for gentlemen at tub to keep the bath-room door closed, in case of ladies promenading. I judge, with five ahead of you and one in, the clerk was mighty near right when said about two hours. That allows twenty minutes to each gentleman, which is the limit."

"What is your line of business?" Bill inquired.

"I am out here for my health, at present," said I. "I have been advised by my physician to seek a place in the Far West that is high and dry, Benton"—I laughed miserably, certainly is dry. And high, judging by the prices."

"Healthily dry, suh, in the matter of water," the Colonel approved. "We are not cursed by the humidity of New York State grand old state that she is. Foh those who require water, there is the Platte, only three miles distant. The nearer proximity of water we consider a detriment to the robustness of a community."

I made a meager toilet.

"Now I am at your service during a short period, gentlemen," I announced. Later I have an engagement, and I shall ask to be excused."

"A little liquid refreshment is in order, fust, I reckon," quoth the Colonel. And after that—you have sporting blood, sir? You will take a turn or two for the honor of the Empire State?"

"If you are referring to card gambling, sir," I answered, "you have chosen a poor companion. But I do not intend to be a spoil sport, and I shall be glad to have you show me whatever you think worth while in the city, so far as I have the leisure."

"That's it, that's it, suh," the Colonel appeared delighted. "Let us libate to the gods of chance, gentlemen; and then take a stroll."

After a round of drinks—I took lemonade—we issued into the street.

Surely such a hotch-potch never before populated an American

town; men flannel shirted, high knives—men whom I took to be booted, bearded, with formidable teamsters, miners, railroad grad-revolvers, balanced not infrequently, by sheathed butcher (Continued on page 7)

Still Another FEATURE Offered STOCKMAN READERS

In its efforts to give Ozona and Crockett County the best newspaper in West Texas THE STOCKMAN takes pleasure in announcing another feature that will interest every member of the family.

'SMATTER POP, that human, home-like comic that has given America more whole-hearted laughs than any other comic feature presented today, will be a feature in THE STOCKMAN EVERY WEEK beginning in a short while. This comic, a feature in some of the largest papers in the country, has already been contracted for by The Stockman and will be passed along to its readers as soon as the first release comes.

C. M. PAYNE, originator of 'SMATTER POP' has a sense of humor that is of a peculiarly happy vein which is greatly aided by his own good editing and presentation through grotesque, mirth-provoking drawings. If you have never met POP, OLDTIMER and WILLYUM, and DESPERATE AMBROSE, the kid next door, you have missed a lot and you MUST get acquainted with them through The Stockman. Watch for 'SMATTER POP'!

EACH WEEK IN

The OZONA STOCKMAN

WHY SHIVER? Why Not Dress In Comfort These Cold Mornings?

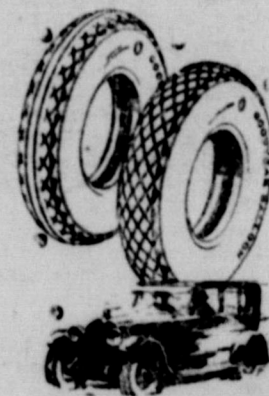


A COLEMAN GASOLINE RADIANT HEATER will take the chill out of your room in five minutes. Just get up, generate it and have a warm, glowing fire in a jiffy.

No soot, no smoke, no ashes to carry out, no grimy hands from handling coal. And then, the bright nickel finish and shiny black enamel COLEMAN Stove will add to the appearance of any room. Let us demonstrate one in your home.

The Ozona Hardware Co. General Hardware, Queensware, Windmills, Well Supplies W. D. Barton, Mgr.

GOODYEAR



Better Traction Long Wear Cheap Mileage That's GOODYEAR

There's a GOODYEAR for every car—Ford, Chevrolet, Buick, Chrysler, Hudson, Essex—any of them—and trucks, too.

It's economy to buy Goodyears Come in and let us show you why

Ozona Garage

Ozona, Texas

Honor His Memory



The above picture is of Rev. Dr. Russell H. Conwell noted clergyman, educator lecturer and philanthropist, founder of Grace Baptist Church and Temple University, Philadelphia Feb. 13th, will be Conwell Sunday throughout the country in honor of his memory.

MEETING OPENS FRI.

Members of the Ozona Church of Christ are looking forward with interest to the opening of the gospel meeting under the leadership of Rev. Horace Busby of Fort Worth, Friday this week. Prof. Austin Taylor will lead the singing and the meeting will last ten days.

Dr. G. L. Coates

PRACTICING PHYSICIAN
Office Over Smith's Drug Store
OZONA TEXAS

DR. J. A. FUSSELL

Dentist
Office At Court House
OZONA TEXAS

ROBERT MASSIE

Furniture and Undertaking
Business Phone—143
Res. Phone—1606

FRED COX, MANAGER
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

WORK WANTED-- Man with family wants work on ranch. 31 years old. Extensive experience in ranch work. Write W. C. Bumgardner, Souora, Texas. Adv 2-37

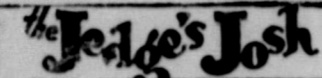
Mrs. N. W. Graham and daughter, Misses Leta and Rachel Graham and Mr and Mrs Evert White spent the week end in San Antonio.

AMBITIOUS

"Why did you turn down the offer to be president of the company?"

"There wasn't any chance for advancement."
While There's Life There's Hope

There are thirty-nine known diseases that may attack rose bushes and this number doesn't include the neighbors chickens.



THE MAN WHO MARRIES FOR LOOKS GENERALLY GETS THEM WHEN HE COMES HOME LATE.



BLUE LODGE
No. 747
A. F. & A. M.

Meets first Saturday on or before each full moon.

Next meeting Saturday, Feb. 12.
C. J. Watts, W. M.
Richard Flowers, Secy.

Ozona Chapter No. 237

R. A. M.
Meets first Saturday on or after the new moon each month.
Next Meeting March, 5

Members of the freshman class of the Ozona High School entertained the Junior class with a Valentine party last Saturday night at the home of Mrs. John Mitchell

Members of the Ozona B. Y. P. U. have invited Senior Epworth Leaguers to meet with them next Sunday and League members will meet at the Methodist church at 6:15 and go to the Baptist church in a body.

Mrs. Joe Oberkamp, Mr. Lee Henderson and Mrs. Judge Montgomery are spending a few days in San Antonio.

Mrs. Arthur Phillips spent a few days the past week visiting her mother, Mrs. C. N. Crawford, in Sterling City.

John Bailey and Walter Childress went fishing this week. They are expected back Thursday afternoon.

Fruit can be eaten fresh, preserved, or sold, but the cotton can only be sold and then at the other fellow's price." Write to the Austin Nursery, F. T. Ramsey & Son for catalog.

Why delay? Today will soon be ten years ago. Plant some trees at once. Write the Austin Nursery, F. T. Ramsey & Son, for catalog.

BARGAINS IN USED CARS

Dodge Deluxe 4-Door Sedan 19-25 Model with Disk wheels and

fully equipped. Spanish Leather upholstery.

Ford Tudor Sedan in first class condition.

These cars all have the 1927 license paid and some of them we will service for sixty days and are priced to sell. No junk, but real cars with lots of unused value in them.

Reasonable TERMS

WILSON MOTOR COMPANY
BUICK DEALERS

MODERN DRY CLEANING
Requires Modern Methods

The "Continuous Flow System" is the last word in Dry Cleaning methods. Absolutely nothing but pure, clean gasoline touches clothing under this process. After passing through the washer, the fluid is drained off, filtered and brought back again.

Every particle of dirt and grease is removed and even the most delicate material is not injured. And the gasoline odor is all removed before we return your clothes.

SEND YOUR DRY CLEANING WORK TO US

ROY PARKER SHOP

Correct Styles for
The Whole Family
at all times
Stetson Hats

Baker-Hemphill Co

San Angelo, Texas

L A McLEMORE
Best Stock Saddles
IN
West Texas

HAND FORGED STEEL BITS AND SPURS

General saddlery and top repairing:
With best materials manufactured.

Sporting goods- fishing tackle
COFFINS

IT PAYS TO PRESENT
A NEAT APPEARANCE

Get Your Hair Cut Regularly

Ladies Hair Bobbing Our Specialty

Shave, shampoo, massage hot & cold baths

AT THE

OZONA BARBER SHOP

RAYMOND BENNETT PROP.



Is your medicine chest incomplete?

Replenish it and be prepared for any emergency.

We have a full line of drugs and sundries at both of our stores, SMITH'S DRUG STORE NO. 1 and NO. 2, for your convenience. Telephone or visit either store, tell us your needs and we will give you the benefit of our experience.

We also carry a full line of candies, gift goods, stationery, etc. at both stores. Hot and cold drinks over the fountains. Drop in to see us the next time you are in town.

Smith's Drug Store

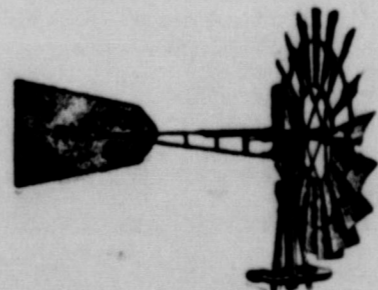


DON'T LOOK FOR BARGAINS

Look For QUALITY

It's a well known axiom that in this world of Adam's we get only what we pay for in one way or another. In other words, if you get quality goods you must pay quality prices. We are not offering you something for nothing, but we ARE offering you the highest quality merchandise at prices that are as reasonable as you can find in Ozona.

Aermotor
Windmills



Hardware &
China Ware

Chris Meinecke

The Store For Everybody

THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Published Every Thursday Morning at Ozona, Texas, the County Seat of Crockett County, by

W. EVART WHITE EDITOR and PUBLISHER

Entered at the Post Office at Ozona, Texas, as Second Class Mail Matter under Act of Congress, March 3rd, 1879.

Ozona, Texas, Thursday, Feb. 10, 1927.

Talk little and do much seems to be the motto in these parts.

More or less distant dickering had been going on for some time, but in the last few weeks, Ozona was definitely offered the opportunity of getting a branch of the West Texas Utilities Company and a high line from the main plant of that concern. The matter was talked over at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and the prevailing sentiment seemed to be that the entrance of the West Texas Utilities in this section would be a great thing for the future of Ozona and Crockett County.

The West Texas Utilities was advised of the attitude of Ozona people through action of the Chamber organization. A proposition was placed before the Ozona Improvement Company and was accepted. The deal has been made and now things are being rapidly put in shape for the coming of the new enterprise.

The coming of the West Texas Utilities to Ozona will be a great forward step for this city. It is one of the largest utility concerns operating in Texas and its coming will mean the removal of another obstacle in the path of the rapid development already under way here.

The local light and power plant has served this city well during its existence, but the development taking place in Ozona promised to tax its capacity sorely. Expensive improvements would have been necessary in a short time if the plant had continued to hold the burden of supplying Ozona.

With the coming of the West Texas Utilities, however, Ozona will have plenty of room to grow from the standpoint of the source of power. Served by a company that has a net work of power lines all over West Texas and plants of almost unlimited capacity for producing power, this city will likely not feel cramped for some time on that score.

Not only will the city benefit through having a steady and dependable source of power, but it will gain a handsome new building and a concern that has a far-sighted business interest in the affairs of the community it serves. Buildings erected by the West Texas Utilities in towns it serves are worthwhile additions to the beauty of the town. The company's plant in San Angelo is a thing of beauty. And not only that, but the company adds to the attractiveness of its own quarters and to the town in general by beautifying its surroundings. In San Angelo, for instance, the company at its own expense stuccoed and improved the appearance of ad-

joining buildings owned by other interests to prevent their detracting from the appearance of the handsome power building.

The company has just recently completed a beautiful new building at Junction. The building there contains only the offices of the concern and is small but it is beautiful, nevertheless. The building here will likely be much larger.

The Ozona Cemetery Association is in the midst of a campaign for trees for the burial plot. Committees have been making the rounds during the past week calling for donations for use in buying trees and shrubbery to beautify the cemetery.

Several hundred trees are to be planted along the driveways and at advantageous points among the divisions of the cemetery, according to plans of the association. An almost unlimited number of trees and shrubbery will be necessary to carry out the idea of the association and everybody in Ozona and Crockett County is urged to donate the price of one or more trees for the cemetery.

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce will be satisfied with nothing short of 100 per cent membership, it was indicated at a meeting of the directors Monday. Membership dues are still coming in to headquarters of the organization and the membership committee is planning an active campaign for new members soon. Don't wait to be solicited, however; the Chamber organization is for the purpose of building your town and improving your chances. Let's make it 100 percent volunteers.

The winter grass, or green grass or whatever kind it may be which has sprung up so luxuriantly in the park gives a hint of how beautiful the plot might be made with a little bit of attention. When spring is here in earnest and everything else is beautiful, it will be a crime if the park, which can be made one of the most beautiful spots in Crockett County, is not given its share of attention.

The Executive Committee of the Sheep and Goat Raisers Association was shown Ozona's usual brand of hospitality during their stay here last week. No doubt every man and woman here for the meeting feels kindly toward Ozona people. Great stuff.

Don't think just because you buy "most" of your groceries, gasoline and cold drinks in Ozona

that you are doing your share. You're not giving your merchants a square deal if you are not buying everything you need that you can possibly find in Ozona from Ozona merchants. Your dresses, your suits, your dry goods, your hardware, your furniture, your printing, your almost every need can be supplied in Ozona. Why go elsewhere to get something you can buy from our neighbor, fellow tax payer and fellow town builder?

When the move was first started we would almost have wagered our hard earned nickels that Ozona would have a hospital before many months. From present developments, it seems that the dream is about realized.

HE MEANT WELL

Clerk, "Well Sir, what can I show you?" Rastus hunting for a new overcoat. "Well, I done wants one o' dem long black coats—I guess dey calls 'em English ulcers

It is said that underground passages are the only way to save the pedestrian's life. That's the trouble now—there are too many of them underground.

To Poison—Or, Not to Poison? •



Congress is in a battle of the century, all its own, over the government's policy of poisoning alcohol. Senator Edwards of New Jersey is leading the forces which demand everything from the repeal of the Volstead law to a delivery of all correspondence between the Treasury Department, Wayne B. Wheeler, and the Prohibition forces. Wheeler and the Anti-Saloon League stand pat that the government is neither legally or morally guilty of "legalized murder"—for poisoned liquor which cost so heavily in human life during the holiday season.

About Your Health

Things You Should Know



by John Joseph Gaines, M.D.

WINTER-DAY SUGGESTIONS.

In days, when the front door is kept closed as much as possible, and the windows are jealously guarded—when ventilation holds discomfort along with its purifying influences, I cannot help thinking of the increased liability of infection within the winter quarters of those who live in the frigid temperatures of our northern states. The out-door members of our families are abroad during the day, either from choice or necessity. Being exposed, they "pick up" colds, bronchial infections, throat disturbances, febrile in character, and, certainly communicable. They bring their complaints home with them. Children going to school are extremely liable to contract lung or throat diseases, by their association with groups some of whom are almost certain to be carriers of respiratory germs. Somebody in the family may be tubercular—a most serious infection.

What I am driving at is, to avoid the spread of disease in the home where we spend our evenings, or should, if we do not. I do not like to hear of colds "going through families," and I am convinced that such misfortune can be prevented by intelligent precaution. Under no circumstance should expectorated matter be permitted to dry within the sitting-room or bed-room. The handkerchief used by a sufferer should be thrown in a vessel of water when soiled.

Then, coughs should be carefully disciplined; a hard cough will hurl bacteria ten feet. It may be deadly to sit in front of a tubercular who coughs immoderately without training for safety. It is just as easy to dispose of expectorated matter before it dries, and sickness may be prevented by kindly restriction. Try it in your home.



HORACE W. BUSBY

In Gospel Meeting
CHURCH OF CHRIST, Ozona, Texas, February 18-28
Night Services 7:30—Day Services 10 to 11 A. M.

The Praise and Devotional Services will be directed by Prof. Austin Taylor, Bro. Taylor is one of the Best Song Writers in the field. Evangelist Busby is a man of pleasing personality and loving disposition. He is cultured, competent and humble. He strives to preach the "Truth in Love," void of offense toward his fellow man and religious friends. If you are interested in an honest, earnest investigation of all things spoken by Christ and revealed by the Holy Spirit, bearing directly on the plan of Salvation, come and let us reason together

In Confidence
Readers desiring a personal reply on address
Miss Flo, in care of this newspaper.

Dear Miss Flo—
Do you think that a girl of eighteen, who is not engaged, should go with only one man? A few nights ago a young man whom I had just met asked me to go steady with him. I told my parents of this and they approved, saying that people would talk if I go out with different young men. I'm not keen about the idea of giving up all my other boy friends so we have decided to leave it to your judgment.

Dorothy

In this particular instance I cannot agree with your parents in the view they take of the matter. There is safety in numbers for the young girl.

I also believe it very unfair to ask a young girl of eighteen to give up all her boy friends for one who has yet to prove his desirability. Every girl should try to know as many men as she can, because it gives her a wider range from which to select a husband when she is ready to judge, by comparison, which is the best and which one she really prefers.

And very often a young man who seems very attractive at first doesn't wear well. When you know the young man better you may find he is mean or stingy or disagreeable and hard to get along with. If you have given up your other beaux for him you may find it difficult to form new friendships.

It is highly probable the young man was sincere in his request.

Why shouldn't he be? It merely means that he has found you attractive, and is willing to have you as a companion for the time being. If, when he knows you better, you lose your charm for him, all he has to do is to walk out of the picture. He will assume all the privileges that an engagement holds. He will keep all other men away. He will no doubt arrogate to himself the right to control your conduct and say what you shall do and shall not, but he will commit himself to nothing. He hasn't asked you to marry him and he may never do so. He obligates himself in no way whatsoever, and an arrangement that leaves the man free and binds the girl, has no advantage for you.

Such an arrangement puts the girl in a most humiliating position. Instead of having a dozen men seeking her favor and fighting each other for the privilege of taking her to places she has to wait for the one man to invite her out.

And don't forget competition is the life of all trades, lovemaking and matrimony included. Nothing serves to boom a girl's stock with a man so much as seeing that other men admire her.

So, Dorothy, when any man asks you to be his "steady", whether it's the first time you have met him or the hundredth, just tell him you'll file his name on the list of those with whom you play around and that when you are ready to be any man's steady company he will say it with a wedding ring.

Onion Sets

It's time to set out those onions for early spring. We have a big lot of choice White Bermuda Sets that are ready for planting. Bermudas are delicious as green or native onions. Phone us to reserve you a supply.

DUNLOP TIRES and TUBES

Remember we are now Crockett County agents for the famous Dunlop Tires and Tubes. Long mileage at reasonable cost are Dunlop characteristics. Virgin rubber and tough fabric make for endurance under the severest test. Let us figure with you on a new set. All sizes carried in stock.

M. C. Couch

NOTICE OF HEARING TO APPROPRIATE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that THE HUMBLE OIL AND REFINING COMPANY the postoffice address of which is Houston, Texas did on the tenth day of January, A. D. 1927, file its application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers for a permit to appropriate of the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas, from the Pecos River in Crockett County, Texas, sufficient water for mining purposes, not to exceed seven hundred and five (705) acre feet per annum, to be diverted by means of a pumping plant, said pumping plant to be located at 9,100 feet from the East corner of H. & T. C. R. R. Block No. 31, Survey NO. 39, on the North Bank of the Pecos River, in Crockett County, Texas, and is distant in a Southerly direction from McCamey, Texas, 7 1/2 miles.

You are hereby further notified that the said Humble Oil and Refining Company proposes to install a pumping plant, to consist of 2 to 3-4 1/2x12 Duplex Piston pumps, operated by 2 to 3 65 H. P. 4 cycle Horizontal Single Cylinder oil engines, having a height of lift of fifteen feet, and to divert therewith not to exceed seven hundred and five (705) acre feet of water per annum, for the purpose of mining.

A hearing on the application of the said Humble Oil and Refining Company, will be held by the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, in the office of the Board at Austin, Texas, on Monday, February 28th, A. D. 1927, beginning at ten o'clock A. M. at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be continued from time to time, and from place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the said Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable and proper.

Given under and by virtue of an order of the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, at the office of the said Board, at Austin, Texas, this the 17th day of January, A. D. 1927.

(Seal)
Jno. A. Norris
C. S. Clark
A. H. Dunlap
A. W. McDonald, Secretary, Board of Water Engineers. 4-36.

MAYBE SO

Possibly the fact that the ornament on the ceiling of the district courtroom of Crockett County is a horned frog has resulted in the large number of young men of Ozona attending Texas Christian University where the athletic teams are known as the "Horned Frogs".

San Angelo Standard.

Misses Emma Phillips and Dimple Fox spent the week-end in San Angelo.

Takes Ban's Place



American League baseball club owners have named Frank J. Navin to take San Johnson's place as president of their circuit.

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Haver as officers of the District Sunday school board, are in San Antonio this week attending the Training School in session there. Rev. and Mrs. Haver also attended the meeting of the Sunday School Council there Sunday.

Rev. Haver will meet with the Epworth League Executive Committee for the arrangement of the program of the Epworth League Assembly at Kerrville in August and other League matters, in his capacity as president of the Epworth League Board of the West Texas Conference.

The pastor and Mrs. Haver will return Saturday of this week.

A delightful party was held for the first year Juniors on Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Haver being the hostess to her class and a few especially invited guests. The following were present: Dorothy Henderson, Willie V. Odom, Bill

Childress, Bill Seahorn, Batta Friend, Eugene Williams, Dennis Coates. Guests from another class were Gladine Coates, Vicky Pierce, and Eda Schneeman. After playing Valentine games, and making up some delightful plays and stories, refreshments of cake and sherbert were served, adorned with Valentine hearts.

The Friendship Bible class entertained with a Valentine party last Monday night. The following were present: Misses Leta Graham, Thelma Pearl Chitwood, Marie Doty, Rose Burton, Louise Harris, Vivian Baggett, Ethel Kaderli, and Mr. and Mrs. Evart White, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Floyd, and Rex Russell, Charlie Davidson, T. K. Kirkpatrick, Leonard Hensley, John Bishop, Richard Flowers and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Haver.

A program of party games made the evening enjoyable to all.

Dr. Frank Crane Says



A sentence worth pasting in the proverbial hat and remembering is.

The troublers are also the troubled.

Those six words explain a lot in life. They help give perspective to the irritations of the day.

In the school room the children hard to manage who cause most of the trouble are the ones who are troubled themselves—who are in some sort of ill health, who have poor home environment, who are unhappy.

In large families where one child occasions more worry poorer health or more highly strung nerves.

Ill-health of some sort is the secret of most of the cantankerousness of childhood.

Among grown-ups the trouble makers are also the troubled.

The criminal class is, almost without exception, composed of those who are physically or mentally sick.

The jealous wife or husband is a trouble maker who is troubled. He lives in constant terror himself, tortured by doubts and suspicions.

The cruel are often those who themselves are tormented by fear. The sarcastic, cutting tongue of ten indicate inward wounds that have never healed.

Dyspepsia and constipation are responsible for a large share of ill humor in the world.

The braggart is troubled with a secret of being inferior, the surly person hides behind the mask of his sensitive timidity, the irritable person has nerves stretched to the breaking point.

The nagging woman is usually worried, nervous, overworked.

Socrates, famous sentence: "The men and women who are gentle and good are also happy and the unjust and evil are miserable" derives much of its truth from the obverse fact that the happy are usually gentle and good, the miserable unjust and evil.

The best town in West Texas

And the best people in the World



The "Makings," of a Man

In every Golden loaf of Malted Milk bread, there has gone only the richest and most nutritious ingredients—with PURITY the chief consideration.

BAKED FRESH DAILY

These are prices delivered to your kitchen for cash:

Swift's Premium Hams	\$0.36
Swift's Empire Breakfast Bacon	.41
Swift's Premium Breakfast Bacon	.50
50 lbs. Irish Potatoes	2.25
50 lbs. Sweet Potatoes	3.15
50 lbs. Sugar	4.50
1 doz. Small cans Carnation Milk	.85
1 doz. Small cans Tomatose	.54
1 lb. Libbey's Veal Loaf	.32
1 lb. 4 oz. can Small Whole Beets	.26
1 lb. 4 oz. can Sliced Carrots	.22

We want your business

New Assortment of Pool's Fancy Socks just arrived. Come in and see 'em.

4 6 Phone 4 3

THE OZONA MERCANTILE

"Small Profits, Many Sales"

We are offering some beautiful models in new spring suits for men.

Suits were delivered to the following last week:

- | | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Leonard Hensley | R. A. Bennett |
| W. T. Childress | J. M. Dudley |
| Charles Davidson | Boyd Clayton |
| J. L. Henderson | Harry J. Friend |
| | George Bean |

Hurst Meinecke Shop

CLASSIFIED

Greatest Human Interest Story Ever Filmed

Corinne Griffith

Rises to new heights in "Classified"
It's a First National Picturization of
Edna Ferber's Great Story

See it MONDAY and TUESDAY

Look over the following Tasty Program for next week and get ready for a week of big ones.

Program For Next Week

- Mon. & Tues.—"Classified" with Corinne Griffith and Jack Mulhall
Wednesday—"Across the Plains". A Western.
Thurs. & Fri.—"Faust". Metro's presentation of the famous stage success.
Saturday—"Miss Brewster's Millions" with Bebe Daniels

The Ozona Theater

"Tasty Movie Menus"

FOR SALE OR LEASE: My three ranches in Edwards Co.; one known as Taylor Ranch consists of 11,000 acres; Corder Ranch, 8,300 acres; Diamond Ranch, 18,800 acres. All fenced wolf-proof, well watered and improved. These ranches are all stocked with sheep and goats, no cattle. Range conditions splendid. Phone or write Sid Peterson, Kerrville, Texas.

3-37 Adv.

Texas is fifth among the states in total value of mineral products.

New Baptist Preacher Here To Take Charge Of Local Pastorate

Rev. M. M. Fulmer of Uvalde Texas, who accepted the call of the Ozona Baptist Church to its pastorate, arrived here Tuesday to take up his work. Mrs. Fulmer is also here and the couple have moved into the parsonage.

When they arrived, Mr. and Mrs. Fulmer found the parsonage lined with a month's supply of provisions, the gift of the congregation at a pounding, held just before their arrival.

Rev. Fulmer, who was Scout Executive for the Uvalde area, will take part in local Scout activities and will likely act as local advisor, representing the Scout Executive for this district. He will preach his first sermon here at the church here Sunday.

Primary Rooms Plan Purchase of Piano

The first four grades, housed on the main floor of the school building, have been largely deprived of the use of the school piano since the auditorium has been given over to regular class room work. These are the grades that need a piano most often.

These rooms, with Mrs. Homer

Adams and the Junior High faculty rooms assisting, plan a series of entertainments the proceeds of which will go toward the first payment of a portable school piano. The first event took place Friday evening, Feb. 11, at the high school building. No more worthy project was ever begun in our public schools. It is hoped the public will realize the importance of a piano in the work of these grades and liberally patronize these performances.

Parent-Teachers Open Drive For Library

At the last Parent-Teacher Association program, one of the best offered yet, the nucleus of a professional library for members was obtained. Mrs. J. J. North President, and Mrs. H. Q. Lyles, leader led the movement for beginning this important project. A number of most useful books were contributed at the meeting, and other donations are constantly

How Doctors Treat Colds and the Flu

To break up a cold overnight or to cut short an attack of grippe, influenza, sore throat or tonsillitis, physicians and druggists are now recommending Calotabs, the purified and refined calomel compound tablet that gives you the effects of calomel and salts combined, without the unpleasant effects of either.

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

Get a family package, containing full directions, only 35 cents. At any drug store. (adv)

coming in. The list of books desired was prepared by a special committee from the association. Each member then contributed a book from this list, such contribution being strictly voluntary.

The theme of the program was especially suited to the project

undertaken. The general subject was "Books as Friends". Miss Kaderli discussed the value of well chosen books for the high school age and the importance of such books being liberally supplied in the home. Miss Doty emphasized the importance of good

books in the hands of grade pupils. Mrs. Lyles pointed out some needs of our high school library, emphasizing the inadequacy of present housing conditions, the need of a library reading room and a librarian outside the regular teaching force. She warned against the

vicious influence of certain types of popular fiction. Refreshments were served at the close of the program.

The next program will deal with "The Child's Moral and Religious Development". It will be given February 28.

Sale of Tires and Tubes

Every Tire and Tube of our present stock will go on Sale starting now and lasting until present stock is exhausted or until February 25th.

We Have On Sale The Following Tires:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 33x4 Regular | 1 34x4 Regular |
| 2 32x4 1/2 H. Duty Truck | 3 30x3 Regular |
| 21 30x3 1/2 Regular | 7 30x3 1/2 Oversize H. Duty |
| 2 32x4 Oversize H. Duty | 1 34x4 1/2 Regular |
| 3 30x5 H. Duty Truck | 1 33x5 H. Duty Truck |
| 3 29x4.40 Regular | 6 30x4.75 Regular |
| 3 30x4.95 Regular | 3 31x4.95 Regular |
| 6 31x5.25 Regular | 3 30x5.25 Regular |
| 2 30x5.77 Heavy Duty | 3 32x5.77 Regular |
| | 2 33x6.00 Heavy Duty |

All Sizes Of The Famous Michelin Ringed Shaped Tubes.

Everything goes at this Big Reduction off of present list. Now is the time to make a big saving on your tires. Everything is new stock and carries regular Guarantee of manufacturer.

With every Tire and Tube we will give you a card with make and size on same. You put your name on same and drop in can, and February 25th one card will be drawn out and the lucky one gets money refunded for the Tire or Tube. If you are Lucky you will get a free tire.

All tires will be mounted on car. All tires charged will be regular price A Dollar Saved Is A Dollar Made. Make From \$2. To \$10. Today.

Wilson Motor Co.
"Butck Sales and Service"

Finish Wrestling Match

OZONA THEATER
OZONA, TEXAS

Saturday, Feb. 26, 8:45 P. M.

BILLY LONDOS

Paducah, Ky. Greek Champion

VS

YAQUI JOE

Sonora, Mexico, Indian

Sensational-Thrilling Action Galore
POLICE GAZETTE RULES
GOOD LOCAL PRELIMINARIES

RINGSIDE \$1.65 GENERAL \$1.10
SAM W. FAUST MATCH MAKER

CHILDREN .50 INCLUDING TAX

Two Best Falls out of Three to Finish

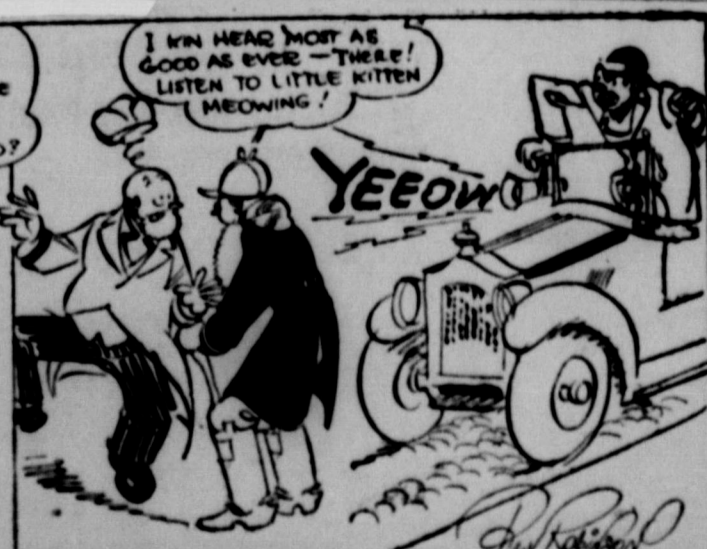
PLENTY OF THRILLS

W. R WALLACE

Contracting

Paints' Wall Paper, Oils, Varnishes,
Glass, etc. Picture Framing.

The Purdys
by Paul Robinson
PUBLISHERS
ASTORCASTER SERVICE
REG. U.S. PAT. OFFICE



"Clay Chimney Trail"

Of the women I saw several in amazing costumes of tightly fitting black like ballet girls, low necked, short skirted, around the smooth waists snake skin belts supporting handsome little pistols and dainty poignards. Contrast-ed, there were women in gowns and bonnets that would do them credit anywhere in New York, and some, of course, more commonly attired in calico and gingham as proper to their humbler station of laundresses, cooks and so forth.

"How are you on the goose," said I.
"The goose," I uttered.
"Yes, Keno."
"I am a stranger to the goose," said I.
He grunted.
"It gives a quick turn for a little stake. So do the three-card and rondo.

Of passageway there was not much choice between the middle of the street and the borders.

Seemed to me as we weaved along through groups of idlers and among busily stepping people that every other shop was a saloon with door widely open and bar and gambling tables well attended.

My guides nodded right and left with, "Hello, Frank," "How are you Dan?" "Evening, Charlie," and so on.

Occasionally the Colonel swept off his hat with elaborate deference, to a woman, but I looked in vain for My Lady of the Blue Eyes I did not see her — nor did I see her peer, despite the fact that now and then I observed a face and figure of apparent attractiveness.

To Be Continued
Does our hero find the Lady of the Blue Eyes? Don't miss next week's instalment.

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK

C. Of C. Meets Monday Night

Interesting Matters To Come Up At Regular Session

The next regular meeting of the newly organized Ozona Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Hotel Ozona Monday evening, beginning at 7:30. An interesting program is expected to be carried out and every citizen of Crockett County who is interested in the development of this community is invited to be present. A "dutch treat" supper will precede the business session.

More than 50 members have already signed up and paid their dues in the new organization and

others are coming in regularly. Officials of the body have declared that a 100 percent membership in Crockett County is the goal of the organization and urge everybody to enlist. Membership dues are \$5 a year payable annually in advance.

CHILD'S STUDY CLUB

The Child's Study Club meets Feb. 21, at the home of Mrs. J. E. Kincaid.

The following program will be rendered: How to Interest Boys and Girls in Books on Natural history, Mrs. Walter Childress. General discussion of data from the paper and notes from preparatory readings.

Hugh Childress, Jr., who has been attending school at the Texas Technological College at Lubbock, has returned to his home here to recuperate from a recent illness.

Two Chrysler Cars Wrecked Near Here; Drivers Pay Fines

Two Chrysler automobiles, one owned by Harry J. Friend Jr., and the other by Charlie Davidson were wrecked at the Patrick hill on the Sheffield road Tuesday night when they collided after an alleged race from the downtown section.

Both Davidson and Friend appeared before Justice of the Peace Nelson Hawkins Wednesday morning and entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding and paid fines. Jack Henderson, driving a Buick, was also fined for speeding.

The race is said to have started from Smith's Drug Store. Young Friend was leading and at the Patrick hill decided to turn around. Not seeing Davidson coming, he

turned his car across the road and the other car hove into sight at that moment, according to the story told officials.

Davidson's car turned a double flip after striking the other car a glancing blow, according to Harry J. Friend, landing on its wheels. Neither Davidson nor W. E. Friend, who was in the car with him, was injured. Friend also escaped injury. Both cars were badly damaged.

Texas contains about eight per cent of the area of the United States.

N. W. GRAHAM

— LA WYER —

OZONA, . . TEXAS



Owning a Buick --- Reflects good Taste

Style and distinction in your motor car are important to you. Buy a Buick!

Then your car will appeal to your sense of good taste. There is a youthful smartness in the profile of this famous motor car which never grows tiresome, no matter how many Buicks you see.

And you see Buicks wherever you go—bought by people who value finer performance as well as princely beauty. Buick today is a mechanical masterpiece, with an engine literally vibrationless beyond belief.

Buy a Buick! It is a car you will be proud to own, and delighted to drive.

THE GREATEST BUICK EVER BUILT

Wilson Motor Co., Authorized Sales and Service

ARE YOU ACQUAINTED WITH US?

It may be that you haven't visited our store since it was remodeled. Each department has been enlarged — larger and finer stocks for your selections — courteous, efficient service. We're in tune with the times. By all means, when in San Angelo next, drop in and become acquainted with our service.

The Robertson Co
San Angelo, Texas

THE AUSTIN NURSERY Plant Trees Now

Planting season for trees extends until the last of March, in most of Texas. The sooner, the better.

Write for free catalogue and tell us what you would like to plant.

We will make special prices that will pay you.

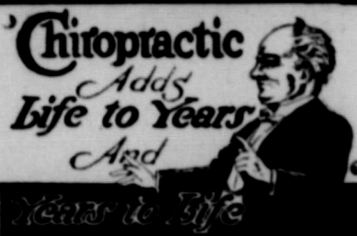
Plant fruit trees to help you live at home. Write today and mention this ad.

F. T. RAMSEY & SON, AUSTIN, TEXAS

For Your Table

Fresh Meats — Cooked Meats — Barbecue — Bologna — Oysters.

29 PHONE 29 OZONA MEAT MARKET



L. T. Schrank, D. C.
Located at home of Mrs. E. E. Stricklen Phone 124

You Can Build a Charming Home Yet Keep the Cost Low



SMALL HOMES may be simple but not plain— inexpensive but not ugly. These shown on this page are little jewels, yet their cost with moderate upkeep nothing for painting and repairs. They will be a source of pleasure and cost satisfaction to their owners as long as they live. These are fine examples of the limitless architectural possibilities with "CREO-DIPT" Stained Shingles for homes of all sizes.

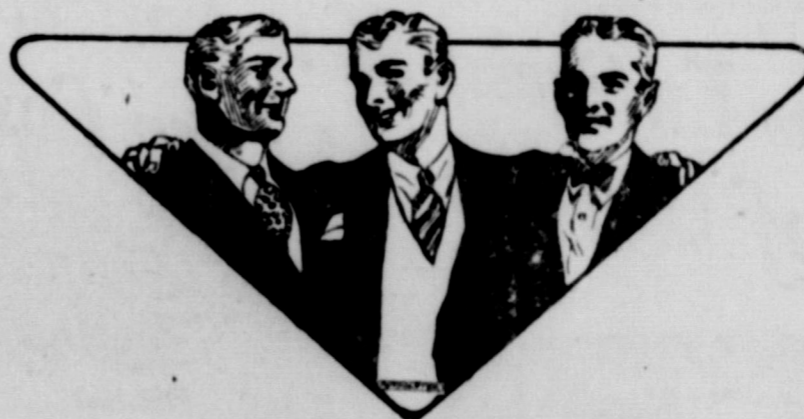
"CREO-DIPT" Stained Shingles are made only of selected first quality cedar. They are Nature's own building materials, stained with Nature's own pigments and are made practically indestructible with Nature's own preservative—creosote. They are not expensive and have values not to be found in substitute materials. They will not curl, warp, rot nor fade out in streaks. The open market does not afford such quality in either stain or shingles.

"CREO-DIPT" Stained Shingles

You have a choice of 30 shades of greens, reds, browns, grays and white, 16, 18 or 24 inches long to meet limitless variety of architectural designs for both roofs and side walls.

Come in and see sample pad and photographs of 50 beautiful homes

For Sale By
West Texas Lumber Co.
Ozona, Texas.



Community Spirit

For ten years we have had ONE manufacturing business in Ozona. Recently we had another added, making two. These two concerns keep in round dollars, about \$10,000.00 at HOME each year. Our Bakery Department has shipped its products as far as Chicago —and they found it good.

The Kids off at school write mama, "Why the delay in sending another one of those cakes that come from Flowers Grocery?" You can depend on it. Their room mates get their share.

We're for Ozona. This business is only ours in the sense that we manage it and receive wages for a work we like. You are judged commercially by the condition your merchants are in.

TRADE AT HOME —PAY YOUR BILL

Flowers Grocery

We Go the Limit to Please

TEXAS BABY CROP FOR 1926 WAS 84,000 OR 315 TONS

The Texas baby crop for 1926 numbered 84,000, and amounts to 315 tons of the most valuable product produced in the state. This crop according to the lowest estimate placed upon human life, would amount to the enormous value of \$210,000,000.00, and computed according to the new value placed upon baby life by Dr. Louis I. Dublin, statistician of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, the value of the Texas baby crop would approximate more than \$500,000,000.00.

PROGRESSIVE OZONA

That the rest of the world is becoming cognizant of the progressiveness of Ozona is attested by the following letter received by The Stockman from Miss Coralie West of the City County Hospital at El Paso:

The Editor,
Ozona Stockman,
Dear Sir:

"I am enclosing a money order for one dollar and fifty cents for your weekly paper for six months.

"After reading the paper I received today, your town seems to be the most progressive one in that part of the country. I am looking forward to the next one.

Very truly yours,
Coralie West

Child's Arm Sprained In Fall From Fence

Ele Bright Baggett, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bright Baggett, suffered a badly sprained arm Tuesday afternoon when he fell from the fence at the Baggett home.

It was feared at first that the child's arm had been broken at the elbow. He was taken to San Angelo where an X-Ray examination showed that the bone had not been fractured but that the joint had been severely sprained.

Pon Seahorn of Ozona has a test to determine whether a man is a West Texan. He hands him a package of "Marco Toro" papers and if he can roll a decent cigarette of a presentable form, he belongs here; otherwise he is a rank outsider.

Garden Tools



This is that "early bird" you've heard so much about. He's making a grand rush for Joe Oberkamp's to get a supply of garden tools to start that spring garden, and incidentally carve himself a few nice, juicy worms. Don't let this bird get ahead of you. Get a new set of artillery and turn up the clouds.

Warm sunshine and green sprouts bring thoughts of gardens and flower beds. It's time now to begin putting that garden plot in shape for planting. An abundant rains and a mild winter have put West Texas soil in fine condition and Ozona people have an opportunity to make some flourishing gardens this spring.

Everything For the Garden

We have just received a new stock of Garden Tools of all kinds. Don't struggle with old hoe with the broken handle. We have some splendid ones at very reasonable prices

Hoes Spades, Shovels Rakes
Garden Hoes Trowels Hand Plows

In fact, every kind of tool you will need in the garden. Phone us your needs or come in and make your selection from our stock.

JOE OBERKAMPF

Furniture, Hardware and Plumbing

Approaching Wedding Of Miss Leta Graham Is Announced At Tea

The approaching marriage of Miss Leta Graham and Nelson Hawkins, to take place March 3, was announced at a bridge tea given by Mrs. Evert White, a sister of the bride-to-be, at the home of Mrs. N. W. Graham, her mother, Tuesday afternoon.

The house was attractively decorated with flowers. The tables had small baskets of heart shaped candies. The score cards sported small cupids.

At the close of the games Mrs. Warren Clayton had high score. The guests then went to the dining room where tea was poured. The table was appointed with linen and Cluny lace and a silver

service. In the center of the table was a lovely bowl of violets and daffodils.

Those present were: Mesdames Bascomb Cox, Albert Bailey, Warren Clayton, Arthur Phillips, Harold Baker, Hurst Meinecke, Maubry Morrison, J. J. North, and Misses Vivian Baggett, Floy Clare Stewart, Floy Friend, Emma Phillips, Carolyn Fox, Gertrude North and Beulah Baggett. Misses Rachel Graham and Kathryn Baggett assisted the hostess in serving.

YOU MUST KILL YOUR PRAIRIE DOGS

With all kindness the Commissioners Court has given months of warning and the Court has at large expense bought for cash at wholesale the ingredients and is letting everyone have it at cost. Unfortunately the weather has not

been propitious, but now the sun is shining. There is no place to stop now, and everyone knows that it is not a personal matter with the Court, but a real official duty to perform. It is so eminently unfair to let up now the Court wishes none to expect any let up in the matter of extermination of the prairie dog. Commissioners Court, Crockett Co. 7-33

Historians say that 5,500 years ago there was a rural mail delivery in Egypt and it likely won't be long now until some band of archaeologists will be digging up a Ford with the engine still running as one of the Egyptian rural mail carriers left it.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Baggett spent the week-end in San Antonio.

Business Accounts



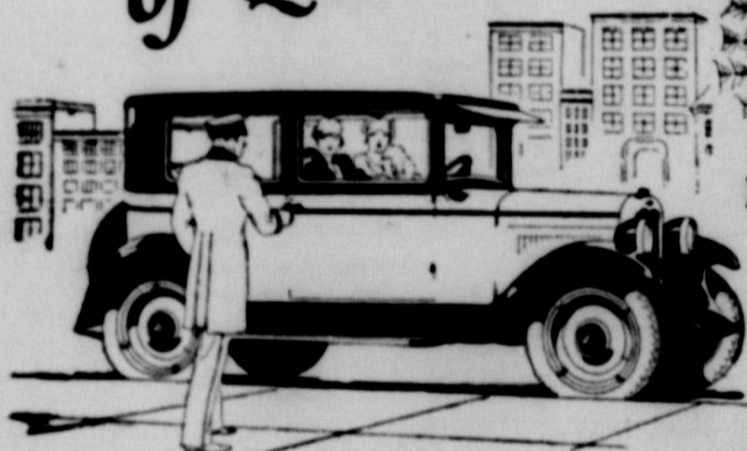
The commercial department of this bank is ideally equipped to give you a particularly helpful and competent banking service. complete facilities all contribute to the convenience of banking here.

Ozona National Bank

"A Good Bank in a Good Town"



An Entirely New Conception of "Quality at Low Cost"



The Most Beautiful Chevrolet in Chevrolet History!

Reduced Prices!

The COACH \$595

The Touring or Roadster \$525

The Coupe \$625

The Sedan \$695

Sport Cabriolet \$715

The Landau \$745

1-Ton Truck (Chassis Only) \$495

1/2-Ton Truck (Chassis Only) \$395

Balloon Tires Now Standard On All Models

All prices f. o. b. Flint, Mich.

Because it carries the lowest prices ever placed on a truly fine automobile, the Most Beautiful Chevrolet brings into existence an entirely new conception of "Quality at Low Cost."

Never before at Chevrolet's amazingly reduced prices has any manufacturer provided so many fine car features, so many marks of distinction and so many mechanical improvements. These are typified by new bodies by Fisher finished in Duco colors, full-crown one-piece fenders, bullet-type lamps, AC oil filter, AC air cleaner, improved transmission, larger radiator and many others.

You need only to see these supremely beautiful cars to realize why all America is proclaiming them as the greatest sensation of America's greatest industry! You need only to compare them with the finest the market affords to see that they represent the biggest dollar-for-dollar value ever offered! Come in today and get a demonstration!



When you want better than ordinary printing the kind that satisfies and you want it to cost you no more than necessary—and you want it to impress all who see it and to bring the desired results—just phone 31, or better still, come to our shop.

Why worry with phoning. Let us print those invitations for you.

— Costs Less and Earns More!

The Ozona Stockman

Ozona Garage Ozona, Texas

QUALITY AT LOW COST