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## EXCITEMENT OVER FORT STOCKTON OIL

REPORT FROM THERE YESTERDAY CAUSES MIDLAND MEN TO VISIT SCENE

Yesterday morning our townsman, W. R. Chancellor, received a telegram from Col. Jno. R. Rooney, of Ft. Stockton, in effect that a wonder oil well had just been brought in there. Mr. Rooney is Mr. Chancellor's father-in-law. The message created much excitement in certain circles in Midland, for it was verified as well as possible, or authenticated, and as soon as quick arrangements could be made, Mr. Chancellor and a party, among them W. W. Brunson, Spence Jowell, W. B. Elkin and others left in a car for Ft. Stockton.

The report that prompted their hurried visit to Ft. Stockton was, substantially, that an oil producer had been brought in there at less than 100 feet that had flowed 700 barrels in five hours. If there is no error in this report, if it is substantiated, then indeed will Ft. Stockton jump into prominence in a hurry, and will make a bid to become the wonder oil field, possibly of the world.

It is known that oil exists at Ft. Stockton, but such a producer as this and at such a depth is beyond the wildest dreams imaginable. This report comes on the heels of a lot of suppressed excitement that now exists in Midland, over indications at Bryant No. 1, nine miles south from Midland, and it may be that these citizens may be hurrying back home any hour; for this great Midland test now promises more than it has before at any time since it was started, almost two years ago.

We shall give the very latest news of this project south of Midland today, just before we close the paper for the week.

Hear Pastor O. J. Hull at the Baptist church Sunday evening on the subject of "Are We Living in the Last Days?" He discusses such questions as: Do the conditions point to the second coming of Christ soon? What conditions will prevail at His second coming? What will take place when He comes? etc. Good music preceding the message. Special numbers rendered by those who know how.

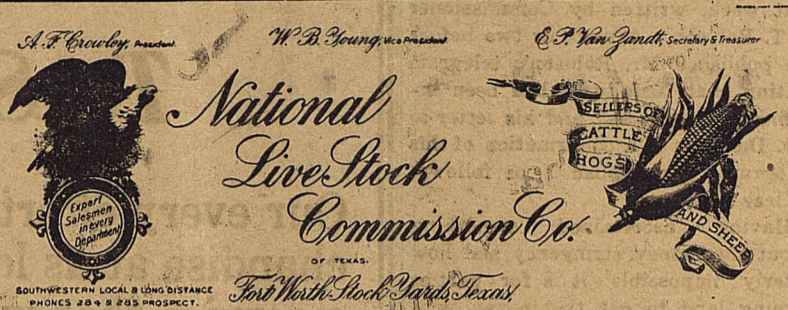
## BRYANT NO. ONE NOW IN BLUE LIME

FORMATIONS ARE MOST ENCOURAGING SINCE WELL WAS STARTED

The depth of Bryant No. 1, located nine miles south from Midland, is now 4440 feet, and the formation a dark blue limestone. It is more interesting down there than it has been before since the well was started, a year ago last June, and this week the well was visited by two men who are very prominent in Texas oildom, W. A. Miller and D. D. Christner, both of Amarillo. Mr. Miller is a director of the A. & M. College of Texas and an extensive oil operator and producer and owns a number of wells, while Mr. Christner is an eminent United States geologist.

These men visited Bryant No. 1 Wednesday and their opinion, together with later developments sustaining it, has caused a good deal of suppressed excitement in certain circles. These gentlemen declared that this is the most interesting well that is being drilled in Texas at this time, and assigned a number of reasons for this interest. Among them is the fact that numerous mineral deposits have been encountered, evidently of great commercial value. Even the great salt beds encountered are not without vast possibilities, from a chemical view point, and Mr. Miller especially urged that in the event gas should be encountered in quantities sufficient for an abundant fuel supply, it would follow inevitably that chemical manufacturing plants would be set up, the worth of which would exceed any ordinary oil discovery.

Mr. Christner declared the Bryant No. 1 formation true to the Permian geologic strata, and without foreign substance, whatever. To The Reporter man this sounds immensely mysterious and learned, but our townsman, Chas. L. Sinclair, whose chemical laboratory is in the rear of the Midland Hardware Company's store, has no difficulty in explaining the Permian as pertaining to the last period of the paleozoic age, which follows the Pennsylvanian or carboniferous, and where found as at Bryant No. 1 evidences the near approach to gas or oil, preferably the former and in immense supply.



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Mr. Christner predicted that the drill would soon penetrate dark blue shale or limestone, and when it did it was time to look out. The drill entered this formation yesterday, and there is now much interest centered about the drilling. One of the drillers remarked to us this morning: "We are pretty deep, but it looks mighty good. We are in the formations we have been looking and hoping for, and we are satisfied to keep on going down."

The general air of those most conversant with oil operations is that anything may be expected at any hour. The Reporter makes no prediction. It, merely, is trying to convey to the reader the fact that there is a flurry of expectancy centered about the operations at Bryant No. 1, the extent of which is greater than was ever evident before. Time must tell the story, and it may be a very brief time at that.

## SHIPMENT WRECKED THIS SIDE OF WEATHERFORD

Our townsman, B. W. Floyd, had a shipment of two cars of calves to go out of Midland pens the latter part of last week. Just this side of Weatherford a part of this train went into the ditch and these two cars were a part of the wreck. Four calves were killed outright and the balance badly bruised. They reached the market in awfully poor condition. Under weight and bruised as they were, the packers refused to bid on them. They were therefore sold at a sacrifice and Mr. Floyd's luck was mighty poor, all around.

B. F. Whitefield made a business trip last week, the latter part, to Galveston, returning home Tuesday. He has some cotton at Galveston and went to see about it, but was not much encouraged by his trip.

## OSCAR HALE HOME BURNED NEW YEAR

In the forenoon on New Year's the fire alarm sounded. When it was discovered that Oscar Hale's home, in the extreme southwest part of town, was ablaze and far gone, the fire engine made no attempt to get out there. The family had left an hour before the blaze broke out, going to the ranch. Neighbors managed to save a few things, but the loss was comparatively total. Mr. Hale had \$1800 insurance on the house, we understand, and \$350 on the furniture. Since then he finds that \$350 go but a short way in again setting up housekeeping, while \$1800 will little more than half way replace the home. Millard Eidsen circulated a subscription in behalf of these unfortunate citizens, which our people responded to with their usual liberality. Much sympathy is extended to Mr. Hale and family in their loss.

## Epworth League

Leader—Bernice Norwood.  
Subject: "The Staff that Sustains the Epworth League"  
Song and prayer.  
Scripture: Col. 4:2-18.  
Song.  
The Lord's prayer, in concert.  
Talk on scripture reference, followed by several earnest prayers for the connectational work—Bessie Johnson.  
Debate: "Resolved, that the printed page yields more powerful influence than the pulpit or platform."—Affirmative, Mary Stanley; negative, Myrtle Whitmire.  
Violin solo—Georgia Brown.  
"The Staff that Sustains."  
"What is the Staff?"—Laura Gay Allen.  
"The Epworth Era and the Epworth Quarterly are the staff that sustains the Leagues"—Lillie B. Williams.  
Announcements and benediction  
J. T. Cullins, the piano tuner of Abilene, who makes Midland twice each year, is now here with headquarters at the Llano Hotel. Phone your order over No. 289. Will be here only a short time, so hurry your order in. adv  
Joe Jay returned this week from a business trip to Jayton.

## MUSICAL TREAT IN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

FAMOUS DANISH VIOLINIST AND CONCERT ASSOCIATES... HERE FEBRUARY 3rd

Under auspices of Midland College, Skovgaard, famous Danish violinist, assisted by his talented concert associates, will be in Midland on February 3rd, and their concert will be held in the Christian church on that evening. In December these great musicians were in Hot Springs, Ark., and the Hot Springs New Era said of them:

A large and appreciated audience heard the concert by Axel Skovgaard the famous Danish violinist, at the First Christian church last evening under the auspices of the Jones school. Mr. Skovgaard was assisted in the entertainment by Madame Alice McClung-Skovgaard at the piano and Pearl Witherbee in vocal selections.

Skovgaard's playing was an inspirational treat in instrumental music. That he is a thorough master of the violin was demonstrated by his work last evening. A delightful range from well known melodies to the more difficult opera selections, was presented in a manner that held the audience under the spell of this master violinist and carried his hearers in rapt enjoyment from the opening of the program until its close. The beautiful melodies presented by Skovgaard last night will linger in memories of his auditors for many months and years.

Madame Skovgaard is an able accompanist and a true artist at the piano. Her selections, "Jeux D'Eau" (Mr. Ravel,) and "Paraphrase on Tchaikovsky's 'Flower Waltz' from the 'Nutcracker Suite,' (Percy Grainger) were executed splendidly and highly enjoyed. She received round after round of sincere applause.

The story of the concert would not be complete without mention of the beautiful selections by Pearl Witherbee, the vocalist of the Skovgaard concert party. Her delightful soprano voice charmed her hearers in a well-selected choice of numbers, and the magnetic personality of the singer added much to this highly entertaining portion of the program.

Mrs. Hugh Barnes, of Andrews, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. R. Thomas.

# Pre-Inventory Clearance Sale

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We want to clean up all seasonable merchandise before taking stock, and in order to do this we expect to lower the present RED TAG prices on all seasonable merchandise.

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## LAND FORFEITURES ARE POSTPONED

COMMISSIONER ROBISON WRITES  
THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW  
FOR HOW LONG

Clerk Dunagan gave us a letter last week, written by Commissioner J. T. Robison. A week or two before we published Mr. Robison's telegram stating that forfeitures had been indefinitely postponed, and his letter to Mr. Dunagan is a confirmation of this telegram. We publish it, as follows:

Dear Sir:  
Having ascertained something about the money stringency and how utterly impossible it is for parties owning land to get the money with which to pay their interest, I am writing you this to say that I am not going to forfeit and place on the market land advertised to be forfeited and for sale January 1st even if the interest on it is not paid.

Please 'phone or write to all the banks in your county and to such other persons as you may desire and especially to local newspapers.

I do not know when forfeitures will be declared but the people will be given ample time before that event in which to get their money for payments here. I do not believe the Government should take the land from the people during a time of distress. They should be encouraged to know that the Government will try to protect them in time of need.

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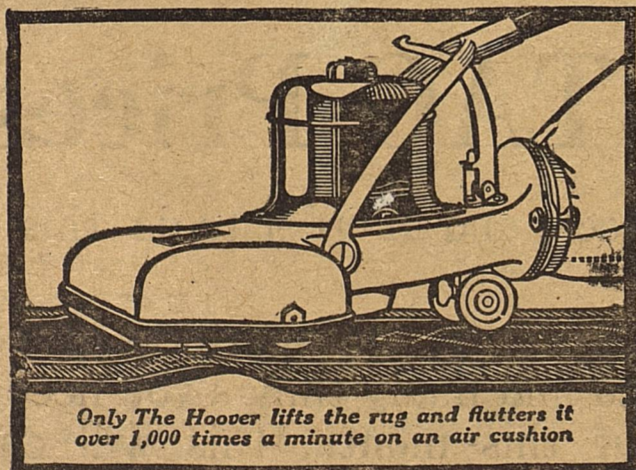
## Boys' Shirts and Blouses and Men's Shirts

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## KNOWS SOMETHING ABOUT THE COYOTE

A writer in a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post, his subject being "A Quest in Youbetcherland," exercises his descriptive powers effectively in telling of the coyote. He sure knows something on this out-cast of the plains. "Of all created beings," says this writer, "the coyote is one of the wisest and wariest.

"He is smart," continues the description, "but he has no friends; his personal habits are unspeakable. He is Ishmael going on four legs; Judas Iscariot in a gaberdine of mangy gray. His personal appearance is prejudicial to his own interest. Every man's hand is against him. The stockman dislikes him on general principles, and also because he murders the young calves. The sheep herder abhors him for that he is a constant menace to straying baa-baas. He is chronically addicted to raiding hen roosts, hence the dry-farmer views him with aversion. He preys upon sage grouse and prairie chicken; so the man who loves wing-shooting carries a couple of shells loaded with buckshot for his especial unbenefit. The fur dealer pays a good price for his hide, and nation and state offer bounties on his scalp, wherefore professional trapper sets snares for his feet and sows poisoned titbits in his pathway, and runs him down with wolfhounds. And everybody looks upon him with jaundiced eye of disfavor, because he is sneaky and furtive and sly and unwholesome of aspect, but most of all because he hates mankind and shows it. By day he slinks through the sagebrush, a living disfigurement to the landscape. Comes the night time, and he stations himself upon some convenient elevation just out of gun-shot of the spot where you have pitched your camp, but within earshot of it, and there, hunkered back on his gaunt haunches, with his nose uplifted to unsympathetic stars, he pours out the concentrated venom of his soul for hour after hour. For his sins he cannot sleep; for his vocal activities you can't either.

"By his very mode of life he seems to express his contempt for the forces arrayed against him and for all his enemies. Mainly he ranges on the

open plain. He digs his den, wherein his dam rears his pups, right out on the desert, making no attempt to hide its entrance hole and its exit from sight. When occasion suits him he forages in the broad daylight, for always he is hungry, and nearly always he is famished. By rights, with all creation arrayed against him, he should have vanished long ago. But he absolutely refuses thus to oblige the implacable foe. Some of our biologists maintain he is more plentiful since the white man's civilization invaded his original domain than he was when he had to contend only with bow-and-arrow Indians. Certainly he is constantly extending the limits of his hunting grounds."

## NEARLY EQUAL TO CORN IN FEEDING VALUE

Texas grown kaffir corn, milo maize and feterita should take the place of the large amount of corn that is annually shipped into this State during the winter and spring months, according to Walton Peteet, manager of the agricultural department of the Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Official tests have shown that these West Texas grains are only 10 per cent below the feeding value of corn, pound for pound, says Mr. Peteet. They can be bought in carload lots, delivered at a price around \$19.50 depending upon the haul, while corn at 81 cents a bushel costs \$29 a ton delivered.

Mr. Peteet has taken steps to interest dealers and consumers in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi in the use of this feed in the place of the usual corn shipped from the corn belt.

We've often wondered why so many men are quick to buy talking machines for their wives, but we cannot believe the only solution that comes to our mind.

Now that we have accustomed ourselves to the New Year spirit, why not just continue it on to the next one. It would save a lot of working up to the point.

And still, we can hardly expect all of Europe to flock to this country. Government officials do not willingly quit, as long as there's a payroll in sight.

## Citation by Publication

The State of Texas,  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of  
Midland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Minnie Theresa Rudy by making publication of this citation once each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Midland County, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Midland, on the 1st Monday in February, A. D., 1921, the same being the 7th day of February, A. D., 1921, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 5th day of January, A. D., 1921, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 1603, wherein J. S. Rudy is plaintiff, and Minnie Theresa Rudy is defendant, and said petition alleging the lawful marriage of plaintiff and defendant on September 17th, 1917, and that on account of cruel and harsh treatment and vexatious insults on the part of defendant towards plaintiff, their living together as husband and wife became insupportable and plaintiff was compelled to abandon her on the 20th day of June, 1919, since which time they have not lived together and plaintiff prays for a dissolution of said marriage relations and for relief general and special in law and equity.

Herein fail not but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Midland, this 5th day of January, A. D., 1921.

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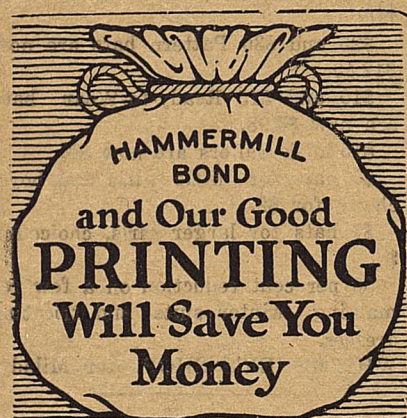
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Springfield Mo.—"My back was so weak I could hardly stand up, and I would have bearing-down pains and was not well at any time," says Mrs. D. V. Williams, wife of a well-known farmer on Route 6, this place. "I kept getting headaches and having to go to bed," continues Mrs. Williams describing the troubles from which she obtained relief through the use of Cardui. "My husband, having heard of Cardui, proposed getting it for me. "I saw after taking some Cardui... that I was improving. The result was surprising. I felt like a different person."

"Later I suffered from weakness and weak back, and felt all run-down. I did not rest well at night, I was so nervous and cross. My husband said he would get me some Cardui, which he did. It strengthened me... My doctor said I got along fine. I was in good healthy condition. I cannot say too much for it."

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#### RIALTO THEATRE By a Moviephan

We call your especial attention to the following program for next week commencing with tonight:

Friday: "Food for Scandal." One of the cleverest society dramas of the year, enacted by such artists as Wanda Hawley, the Paramount star; Harrison Ford, who co-stars with Norma and Constance Talmage and Bebe Daniels, and the fat comedian, Walter Heirs, who played in Rex Beach's "Going Some." Also the serial "The Moonriders" and International News.

Saturday: The screen's famous emotional actress, Nazimova, in her greatest play, "The Brat," taken from the well known stage success. Also Larry Semon comedy, "Between the Acts."

Monday: You cannot afford to miss seeing the clever little Constance Binney in her latest picture, "39 East," an irresistible comedy drama. Also a Star Comedy and International News.

Tuesday and Wednesday: You will have a rare opportunity to see the sensation of the year when Marshall Neilan's "Go and Get It" will be shown two successive days. The most astounding, fascinating, exhilarating picture of the dangers, romance and mystery of newspaper life ever conceived by the human brain, with such stars as Agnes Ayres of "The Furnace," Wesley (Freckles) Barry of "Don't Ever Marry," and "Ball Montana and Neah Berry, of "The Honey Bee." Also "The Lost City" serial.

Thursday: Bebe Daniels in "You Never Can Tell," from the story which appeared in the Saturday Evening Post." This amusing comedy drama played in El Paso all this week. Also a Polin Comedy.

Daily newspapers have been making much over the fact that Mr. Wilson will escort Mr. Harding from the white house to the capitol on inauguration day. That is comforting news. It assures us that the retiring president is not lacking in courtesy and that the new one will not become last en route.

### SENATOR CAPPER VIEWS SITUATION

**STRONG AND JUST ARRAIGNMENT OF THE CHOKING HAND OF CREDIT**

Senator Arthur Capper has a nation-wide reputation for doing things, and his efforts are usually directed in behalf of the great mass of common people. As a senator his championship has been second to none, but as an editor he, we think, attains his greatest glory. "The Choking Hand of Credit" is the caption of the leading editorial in last week's issue of Capper's Farmer, and is over his signature. It's worth reading. We reproduce it as follows:

We can supply Wall Street with billions for gambling; we can use more than a billion in government funds to support a broken down transport system; we can supply millions and billions of credit to Europe, we can and are financing the profiteering sugar farmers of Cuba during their market crisis, but we cannot help the American farmer to help himself sidestep the bankruptcy which threatens him in a similar crisis here at home, not even when he is feeding the American nation at prices far below the cost of production.

To save American farmers from an estimated loss of 2 1-2 billions of dollars, through being compelled to sell or to dump by contract, 20 billion dollar worth of farm products on demoralized markets unable immediately to assimilate a fraction of such a quantity—these farmers need approximately 250 million dollars of short time credit and they cannot get it.

Neither the Secretary of the Treasury—the same treasury which advanced the railroads \$1,031,899,451—nor the Federal Reserve system which has an unused lending power of 750 million dollars that could be raised to 2 1-2 billions, can provide a few millions, it appears, for an 80-billion dollar industry which supplies us each year with 20 billions of new business and furnishes the breath of life to national prosperity.

I cite these facts merely to show how faulty is a credit and banking system which cannot finance an American industry so fundamentally important that it produces 20 billions of new wealth every year in the form of food, as well as raw materials for manufactures; but which can and which did provide New York and Wall Street with loans aggregating 2 1-2 billion dollars for gambling speculation on 42 different days this last year, as recently reported by the comptroller of the currency, Mr. Williams.

While our wool growers, our livestock producers, our wheat raisers, our cotton farmers are facing ruin because they cannot borrow money—bank credit being overstrained—it is curious to read in the day's news of the tremendous amount of foreign financing now being done in the United States. Four issues of foreign securities, aggregating 42 million dollars, were quickly sold in this country last week.

It is equally novel to learn from the Wall Street Journal that "the decision of American bankers to extend financial aid to Cuba has been a favorable influence" on the sugar market.

The Cuban sugar crop, it seems, was nearing harvest. Cuban plantation owners needed financial support because the price of sugar was dropping.

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ping. They appealed to American bankers, and we have the spectacle presented of American financial support promptly forthcoming to the Cuban farmer, but in a greater crisis to the men who farm in the United States, the men who produce the food on which we live.

There is something the matter with a credit system which works as illogically as that.

We can finance a 26-billion-dollar European war, we can finance European governments to the extent of another 10 billions, we can supply more than a billion of funds to American railways and we can furnish month after month other billions of credit for wild and woolly speculation. But we've got no money to lend to the hard pressed young farm family struggling to pay for a home, nor to save from bankruptcy the men who have their all in wool, cotton, livestock, or grain, tied up by a car shortage on one hand and by demoralized, no-bottom markets on the other.

It is true the Federal Reserve Board denies that credit has been withheld in agricultural sections, but if that credit is wholly inadequate, as we know it is, what does that denial amount to? The Federal Reserve Bank at Kansas City has charged as high interest as 20 per cent per annum this year.

What we do know and what the fact is, is that the farmers of the United States, for lack of sufficient credit to enable them to market their products in an orderly manner, now face loss of 2 1/2 billion dollars, a matter of greatest moment to the American people, for if our farmers are to be so terribly crippled financially, how are they to produce another 20 billions of food and prosperity for the American people next year?

This is the welfare of welfare questions, for the life blood of business, the employment of millions of wage earners, depend directly and solely upon the tide of prosperity which flows annually from the farms of America.

It is this prosperity, which on June 30th, last made it possible for the assets of American banks to exceed the combined bank assets of all other leading nations—a total of more than 53 billions of dollars—our highest financial watermark.

Under our present system, this wealth, actually produced for the most part on the farms of the Agricultural West, flows to the big banks in Chicago and New York, then much of it to Europe, where it is lost to us for years, when a great part of it should immediately be employed in making possible the farm production on which this nation depends for its most vital needs and in safeguarding the prosperous continuance of that process of production.

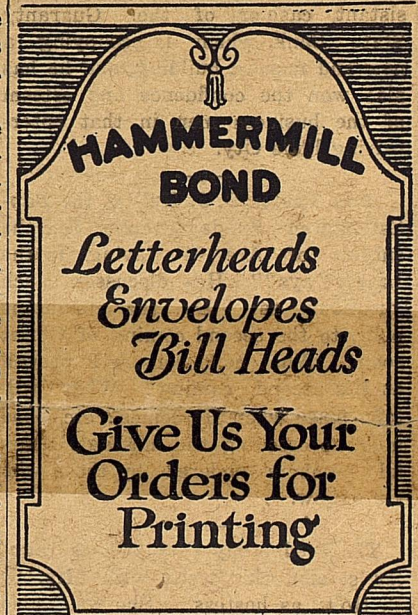
As remedial measures for our prostrated farming industry, immediate and future, we might well reestablish the War Finance Corporation to assist in the financing of exports. This government has got to devise some plan to open foreign markets immediately to our grain and meat products. And the Federal Farm Loan Board should have authority to issue and sell in the open market short time securities based on warehouse receipts, also on an adequate pledge where the title must remain with the producer, until his products are marketed; these securities to be acceptable for re-discount by the Federal Reserve Banks.

Whatever the outcome of this credit crisis, in which American farmers face bankruptcy, the value of the present lesson must not be lost. It

is that the spring from which all the wealth of this nation arises, shall not be choked; that the agricultural industry shall be and must be as well and as adequately financed and fortified as any other industry; that we cannot neglect it with impunity.

#### THE FIGHT PROPOSED RE-ADJUSTMENT RATE

The Texas Chamber of Commerce has sent a representative to Washington to fight the proposed re-adjustment of freight rates upon export shipments of grain from the Missouri Valley which would result disadvantageously to the Texas gulf ports and in favor of the Atlantic ports. The hearing began January 4th, before the U. S. Shipping Board and is to be followed by a conference between shipping board and Interstate Commerce Commission. The new route would favor shipment of grain over the steep grades of the Appalachian mountains through a country covered by snow during many days of the winter as against the shorter haul to the Texas ports which is a gradual downhill pull through a warmer country.



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#### MARKETING GRAIN SORGHUM ON HOOF

Many railroad points in the grain sorghum belt of west and northwest Texas are congested with a surplus of milo, kaffir and feterita heads, awaiting a market. The Texas Experiment Station recently bought a car of threshed milo grain at \$18 per ton, f. o. b. loading point. The freight to College Station was \$6.50 a ton, making the grain cost \$24.50 per ton, delivered at College Station, though quotations from dealers ranged as high as \$40 per ton, indicating that users of grain sorghum outside the producing belt, may be unable to get the product at an attractive figure, and are therefore, not buying their normal supplies.

It would seem that the regular channels of distribution are in such a state, as to stifle the demand to an extent that the producer must cease to look further for a direct market, and follow the lead of the corn belt farmer, who found many years ago, that he must market his corn on "four feet."

West Texas has plenty of high grade cattle to consume the surplus grain sorghum crop to advantage, if general feeding were practiced. The feeding value of grain sorghum has been determined by the Texas Experiment Station by digestion experiments and by feeding experiments, to be 93 per cent of the value of corn. The Experiment Station is now feeding out 45 head of steers at Substation No. 7 near Spur, one of the objects of which is to determine the profitableness of marketing grain sorghum on the hoof. The utilization of grain sorghum in this manner, also enables the cattlemen to market his cattle with high finish. Accordingly, both cattlemen and crop farmers are watching this experiment with unusual interest, making regular visits to the feed lot.

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**MIDLAND SOCIETY**

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Life is a loan from God; see that it returns Him interest.

**Ladies Bible Class Entertained**

We doubt if there is a more popular home in Midland than that of Mr. and Mrs. Chris. Scharbauer. We all love it for its beauty, for its distinctive air of quality and charm, for the genial hospitable atmosphere of good cheer which is its dominant note, yet we love it more for the dear couple within its portals. Lowell said: "Who gives himself with his arms feeds three. Himself, his hungering neighbor and me." Addison tells us that charity is a virtue of the heart and not the hands. Mr. and Mrs. Scharbauer are never ostentatious, they are not famous for their "much speaking," yet we all know how much good they do in His name and we all love them for their gentle goodness, their sweetness of nature and nobility of character. On last Thursday afternoon one of the happiest of the Yuletide festivities was given in this lovely home, when Mrs. C. B. Dunagan, together with the hostess entertained the Ladies Bible Class of the Baptist church. There were fifteen members present and the Christmas decorations of holly, mistletoe and cardinal red transformed the rooms to places of beauty and Christmas cheer. During a brief business meeting the class decided to have monthly meetings and in the midst of good times also sew, for the needy. Mrs. J. H. Epley was appointed class reporter. When the evening shadows had begun to longer grow, tempting refreshments consisting of chocolate and cake were daintily served.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Tom White entertained New Year's day with a dinner of dainty appointment and arrangement. The artistic furnishings of the White home were further enhanced with ropes of Christmas greens and a bowl of crimson poinsettia centered the dining table, where at the delightfully festive board, covers were laid for the host and hostess and their daughter, Miss Thelma. Mr. C. A. Taylor, Misses Fannie Bess and Cordelia Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Watson, Master Chas. and Miss Lydie G. Watson. This New Year's dinner is an annual event with the Whites, and one to which the party of congenial friends looks forward with joyous anticipation.

**Cupid's Headquarters**

A new department has been added to the enterprising firm of Wadley-Wilson, and one which promises to be of profound interest to the maids and unattached males and females of our little city. We have not yet learned which of the young men has particularly specialized in "heart problems" and is to direct the little blind archer in throwing his darts, for both "Addison" and "Tommy" are on to all the tricks of their trade, but the golden idea is being employed there is something like a preliminary run in double harness before the "hymeneal halter" is thrown and the knot is tied hard and fast and you are guaranteed to stand hitched forevermore.

The last of the young ladies (which makes the fifth) who went out from their genial and congenial employ into the dignified estate of wedlock, was pretty, winsome little Miss Mae Graham. On Christmas Eve she called the other ladies of the store in and blushingly whispered to them that she, too, had heard the "sweetest story ever told" and that three weeks before she had been married to Mr. Harve Gann, a young cattleman of Odessa. The marriage was kept secret because she did not want to leave her employers without proper notice. The bride, who is a sister of Mrs. Pegues, has many friends in Midland who warmly congratulate her and the young husband, and with the wish that their hearts may always be just as joyously attuned as upon their wedding night.

Mrs. S. X. Swimme left Monday afternoon for Muskogee, Okla., for a visit to her son and father. Next week Bro. Swimme will meet her there and accompany her to Rochester, Minn., for consultation with the Mayo Bros. Much real heart interest will follow Mrs. Swimme upon her journey. She has not been in Midland a great while, as time is reckoned, but long enough to find a lasting place in the hearts of Midland folk who appreciate and love her for her charm, her brightness and genuine worth.

Miss Alma Epley, who is teaching in the public schools at Plainview, spent Christmas with home folks. Mr. Willie Epley who is living in Plainview was also here for a few days. It is very gratifying to Willie's family and friends that he is succeeding so admirably. He is assistant cashier of the Guaranty State Bank, which is occupying a new and modern building, and he has also won the confidence and esteem of the business men in that enterprising little city.

Hear Pastor O. J. Hull at the Baptist church Sunday evening on the subject of "Are We Living in the Last Days?" He discusses such questions as: Do the conditions point to the second coming of Christ soon? What conditions will prevail at His second coming? What will take place when He comes? etc. Good music preceding the message. Special numbers rendered by those who know how.

The Wednesday Club met in regular session this week with Mrs. O. B. Holt as hostess. She was also leader and a very comprehensive study was made of the Texas constitution.

**DR. FREDERICK EBY IN MIDLAND AGAIN**

DELIVERS THREE LECTURES BEFORE INSTITUTE AND PREACHES SUNDAY

Midland was fortunate to have Dr. Frederick Eby, of the University of Texas, to deliver three lectures to the tri-county teachers' institute and also to preach in the Baptist church on Sunday afterwards. Dr. Eby is well known to the people of Midland, he having on one or two occasions delivered our commencement address. He is one of the ablest men, one of the greatest scholars, and one of the most sought-after lecturers, not only in the University but also in the South. He is also an author of note, having won one of the prizes offered by the Southern Baptist Convention for the best book on Christian education.

Dr. Eby visited the institute on Saturday, delivering two lectures to the teachers during the day and delivering a popular lantern slide lecture in the Baptist church in the evening. Saturday morning he witnessed the open-air Swedish gymnastics, given before the institute by 300 children of our public schools, starting to the pupils and to the hundred or two visitors who witnessed the meet, that it was the best thing and the prettiest thing he had seen in 30 years. He was enthusiastic in his praise of this excellent work, stating to our superintendent that he knew of no other school who was doing better work along this line than our schools are doing. After hearing the high school read selections from literature and sing from memory some of their best choruses, he said that he thought he was coming to "Midland," but he thought it ought to be called "Songland." He commended this important phase of education very highly. His lectures on "Education," "Efficiency" and the "New Order" were highly enjoyed. Dr. Eby kindly consented to stay over and preach Sunday morning, on the invitation of Pastor O. J. Hull, of the Baptist church, and his sermon on "Christ, the Power of God, and Christ, the Wisdom of God," was pronounced as a masterpiece by all who were fortunate enough to hear it. His visit and his lectures will be remembered very pleasantly by the people of Midland, and he will ever be given a hearty welcome to our city.

The institute, composed of the teachers of Midland, Martin and Andrews counties, opened with a program of open-air Swedish gymnastics by 300 pupils of our public schools. This was followed by a musical and literary program by the high school. The work of the institute was based upon Quick's "Brown Mouse" and Freeland's "Elementary School Practice," and covered a period of five days. The class plan was followed throughout and much interest was manifested in the discussions. Special lectures were made by Pastors I. H. Teel, S. X. Swimme, and O. J. Hull and by President J. T. McKissick and attorneys C. L. Klaproth and B. F. Haag. Excellent musical numbers were given by Mr. and Miss Watson, Rev. Swimme, Miss Wilhite, Miss Melson, W. W. Lackey and a number of pupils from the public schools of the city. Model classes were given by Miss Campbell, Miss Pickeral and Supt. Lackey. Judge J. M. DeArmond opened the institute and delivering an eloquent and thoughtful address. Miss Nellie Elkin favored the institute with several well rendered readings.

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Mrs. J. K. Durbin and sister, Miss Ethel Weir, left last Thursday for their old home in Mississippi. Mrs. Durbin will only visit for a few weeks, but the latter will probably remain for the winter.

Mrs. Margaret Watts left Wednesday for Iowa where she will spend the remainder of the winter with relatives and friends.

Miss Lula Mae Brunson, who is a student at Simmons College, Abilene, has spent the Christmas season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Brunson.

The marriage of Miss Evelyn Scruggs to Mr. Leonard Proctor is one of the happy events of interest scheduled for the near future.

**Baptist Church**

Bible school at 9:45 a. m. Classes for all ages. Organized classes for men and women. All organized classes are doing organized class work. Plenty of "pep" and something doing every minute of the hour. W. A. Dawson, supt.; S. H. Basham and Ralph Barron, assistants.

Preaching hours, 11 a. m. and 6:30 p. m. Good music at both hours furnished by a choir and orchestra that make preparation.

The pastor will speak Sunday evening on the "Second Coming of Christ," or "Are we Living in the Last Days?" Such questions will be discussed as: When will he come? Why is he coming? The manner of his coming; What will take place at his coming; etc.

Last Sunday was a good day at this church. Let's make the coming Lord's day still better. The public invited to any or all of the above services.

OWEN J. HULL, Pastor.

**TRIO OF MUSICIANS IN PLEASING CONCERT**

Axel Skovgaard and concert party will entertain a Midland audience in the Christian church on Thursday evening, February 3rd, under the auspices of Midland College. Many very flattering press notices have been received concerning them. Here is one from the Whig-Journal, of Quincy, Ill.:

A good sized audience greeted the trio of musicians who gave the concert in the St. Mary's academy last evening, and their program gave much pleasure.

Axel Skovgaard, the Danish violinist, who gave the principal numbers, is an artist of rare ability, and his playing was greatly appreciated.

His wife, Alice McClung-Skovgaard, an American, plays his accompaniments, and she also gave two piano numbers that were much enjoyed.

Miss Pearl Witherbee, an attractive young woman singer, gave two groups of songs. She sings with artistic interpretation, and her voice, rich and sweet in tone, delighted the audience. Of particular pleasure her singing of "Oh Dry Those Tears," for which Skovgaard played a violin obligato.

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I. H. TEEL, Pastor.

T. R., Jr., is the name of the young son, who arrived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Wilson on New Year's day. Congratulations are cordially extended to the happy little family—a charming trio, father, mother and babe.

Judge and Mrs. Chas. Gibbs motored to Big Spring last Thursday and spent the day with friends.

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50 per cent reduction on a few remaining winter suits and tricotine dresses.

WHITMEYER'S SHOP, for Midland.

J. T. Pool and wife came up the first of the week from their ranch south. Mr. Pool says cattle are doing as nicely as could be wished, but the range is getting pretty dry. Rain is especially needed for the weed crop.

Miss Nettie Ward returned Wednesday from a pleasant visit to Andrews, being a guest for a week of Mrs. Bert Rosenbaum.

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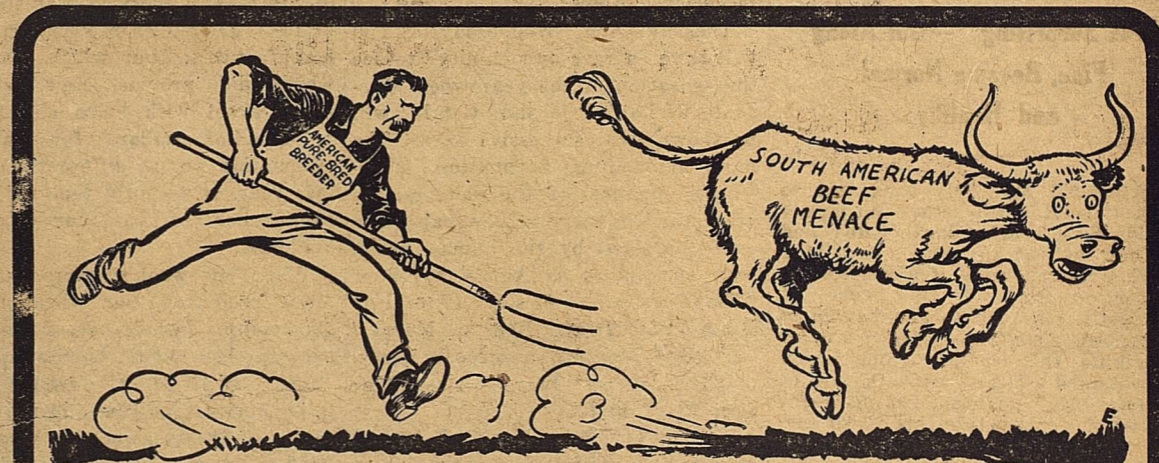
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*We believe that business in all lines will soon become stabilized, confidence restored, and that the year 1921, from many standpoints, will be one of the best in the history of our country in a general way. We are rapidly getting back to normal conditions.*

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*Our PRE-INVENTORY SALE will save you some money. We are quoting no prices, but we invite your inspection. If you don't find we are giving you better values for less money we certainly couldn't ask you to buy.*

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### TEXAS CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WELFARE

**LARGE ENROLLMENT OF MEM-  
 BERSHIP EXPECTED BY THE  
 CLOSE OF MONTH**

Addison Wadley, of Wadley-Wilson Company, this city, has been appointed membership secretary for Midland of the Texas Conference of Social Welfare, according to news received by us recently from the headquarters at Dallas.

The Texas Conference of Social Welfare is an organization devoted to co-operation and efficiency in social work, and its membership is open to all persons interested in social progress, whether or not they are actively engaged in social service work. The conference aims to be of service to every community in Texas through its services to agencies and organizations doing work of a social and civic nature in that community, and through its services to individuals in the community.

Besides its annual inspirational and educational meetings, the tenth of which was held in San Antonio on November 19-23, 1920, the Texas Conference of Social Welfare has added to its functions a year-round program of enlarged activities. In order to carry out this program, the Conference has engaged a full-time secretary, Miss Ruby A. Black, formerly of the University of Texas, who took up the work September 1st. This enlargement of activity has necessitated an increased budget, and in order to meet this budget and in order to extend the interest in the Texas Conference of Social Welfare, which represents all kinds of social work, the present membership drive has been inaugurated, with chairmen working in some 280 Texas towns and cities.

Among the definite methods of service which the Conference offers to any individual or any organization in the state are: The establishment of relationships throughout the state of all social agencies, either private or public, in order to bring about team work and to prevent overlapping and neglect; the provision of library reference along lines of social, health and civic subjects, and the supplying of literature and bibliographies; the encouragement of local social solidarity through community councils; the assistance of communities in solving their social problems; the creation of a central information bureau which will be able to supply speakers on social, health, and civic problems to any community desiring such speakers; the keeping of a registration bureau for social workers so that the worker and the organization needing workers may be brought together; the study and encouragement of social legislation, both in its enactment and in its enforcement; the making of contacts with all national agencies; visits and conference with communities.

The Civic Federation of Dallas furnishes offices for the Conference, so that the budget this year is at a minimum. The Conference hopes to enroll between two and three thousand people who are interested in the social progress of Texas, by January 31st, 1921.

### AGRICULTURE IS A NATIONAL PROBLEM

A sober national thought with regard to the importance, the absolute necessity of a sustained agriculture in this country is imperative, says annual report of the secretary of agriculture. There is, the report continues, perhaps no single solution for the situation which the farmers are now facing, but there are many steps which can and should be taken to place our agriculture on a more satisfactory basis and to stabilize the business of farming, not in the interest of the farmers alone but in the interest of the Nation as a whole. The matter is of such tremendous importance to our entire population that it should be recognized everywhere as a national problem and dealt with as such.

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### OPEN LETTER TO WOMEN OF TEXAS

**PUBLICATION REQUESTED BY  
 THE TEXAS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

Mrs. Harry Tolbert hands in the following "Open Letter" which was issued to the women of Texas by the Texas League of Women Voters:

The year 1921 is politically speaking an "off year." But to the women of Texas it is their first "on year" as it touches municipal elections. We are given by virtue of the ratification of the 19th Amendment the right and the privilege of a voice in our city and school governments. We are going to be able to help choose our mayor and aldermen, or our commissioners, according to the local form of government under which we happen to live.

We will have a part, through our vote, in deciding whether our streets shall be paved or left mud holes; whether our public utilities shall be privately or municipally owned; whether our ordinances covering sanitation, and public health, clean markets and dairies shall be enforced. For the first time we will be responsible to our children for the kind of places they are living in and the safety of their lives. Whether we take an active part in the spring municipal elections or sit at home declaring ourselves too good to interest ourselves in politics, we can no longer bewail the fate that has condemned us to our particular city rule. Be it good or bad, we are responsible.

As club women we have interested ourselves in civics, in beautifying our streets and public buildings, in baby health clinics, in stock laws and all other matters touching our lives whether our town number fifty or one hundred and fifty thousand. Now, in the year 1921 is our opportunity!

The schools are a vital part of our homes. We have worked ourselves down to secure the passage of the school amendment last fall. Are we going to let all that work go to waste?

During this coming year nearly every school district in the State will hold an election to secure the benefits which that amendment offers us. We want to clinch our work and see that our children in our schools receive these advantages as well as the children of the women in other districts.

Then our school boards are to be elected for another year. We have complained bitterly, maybe, because our school buildings are unsanitary, or poorly lighted and heated. Or we have resented openly that our schools had no kindergarten or domestic science course or some other progressive division of a neighboring town. And we have blamed the school board for all things whether they have been conditions they could change or not. Now, we can complain no longer. We women are as much responsible for conditions surrounding our school children as are the fathers. We can help to change the old board or to keep it if need be.

Our mouths are now sealed on all matters touching city and school conditions for we have the power to help make them whatever we want them.

Will we? Pay our poll tax for 1920 by January 31st, 1921, but who have reached that age since or will reach it during 1921, must secure exemption receipts in person but without cost. Persons who have reached 60 years before January 1st, 1920, are subject neither to a poll tax nor do they have to secure an exemption receipt.

3. Poll taxes are payable in the county wherein the applicant resides on January 1st, 1920. If this should be a town of less than 10,000 she can secure an application blank from tax collector and send it properly filled together with the amount of the poll tax, to the agent designated by her in the blank. This agent can not be an office holder.

4. All persons, men and women, are liable to a poll tax who are between 21 and 60 years of age who have lived in Texas a year; who are either citizens of the United States or have declared their intention of becoming citizens.

5. Poll taxes may be paid by any person by mail when an application blank, the same or similar to the one

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We know there are other thoroughly good cars, some even that can well wear the name of great cars, and we acknowledge the ability application and loyalty to deals which alone could have produced them.

Yet today, more than 100,000 Hudson Super-Sixes are in service. It is, and has been for five years, the largest selling fine car in the world. Consider if its title to leadership were less deserved if the flaw would not have appeared in five years.

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A good listener learns many new things, while the loud talker tells more than he knows. When a fellow suddenly disappears in this country the logical thing to do is to look over the hotel registers in Mexico. It's easy to get in that country, and just as wet.

When people can buy a whole New Year turkey without mortgaging their homes it's fairly convincing evidence that this country is in a prosperous condition.

### ONE OUNCE OF STRYCHNINE KILLS THOUSAND RABBITS

A good lively machine gun is harmless when compared to strychnine—at least, when it is used to exterminate rabbits. In Lincoln County, Idaho, the farmers, working in co-operation with the Bureau of Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture, report that 1 ounce of the poison killed 400 rabbits. Farmers in Gooding County did even better with their poison and averaged 1,000 rabbits to the ounce. Minidoka County, conducting a poison campaign under the direction of the bureau, killed 40,000 rabbits.



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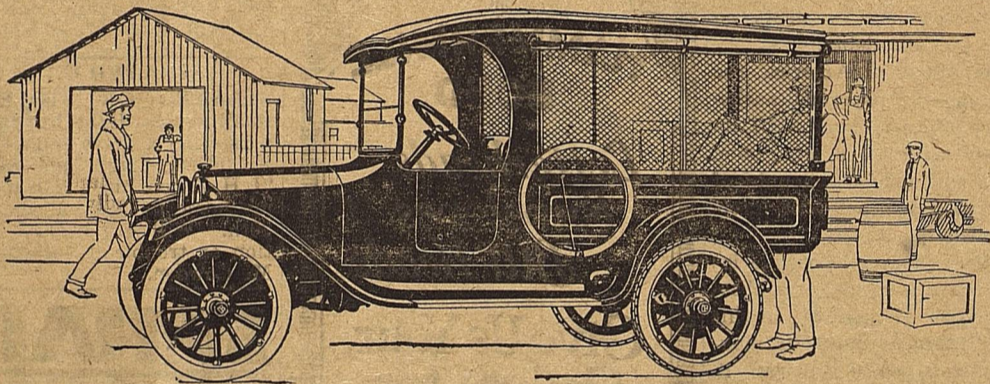


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### CO-OPERATIVE PLANS FOR COTTON PROPOSED

What is probably the biggest co-operative marketing plan in the United States if not in the whole world was launched in Dallas last month by the "Committee of 21" of the Texas Farm Bureau Federation which convened for the purpose of making a plan to sell cotton for Texas farmers. One million bales is the goal set for the first year's operations. The amount of money involved in the sale of this cotton is variously estimated at from seventy-five million one hundred and fifty million dollars. It is planned to present a contract to members of the Texas Farm Bureau Federation and to cotton growers

rean Federation. This contract provides that all the crops of the man signing it shall be placed in the million bale pool and sold by the farmer's own co-operative marketing association.

An examination of Texas law led members of the "Committee of 21" to see that it is necessary to change the law of Texas to enable Texas cotton growers to co-operate in the same manner the California farmers do. The text of the law has been prepared and will be presented to the state legislature as soon as possible.

Mr. Aaron Sapiro, attorney for a number of the successful co-operative marketing organizations in California met with the Texas committee and gave the benefit of his experience with co-operative marketing organizations in California. He told the committee that the marketing organization must be by the commodity, composed only of farmers, must be large enough to be a factor in the market and must take no chances on the contract between the marketing association and the growers.

Sapiro contrasted the prosperous condition of California farmers at the present time with the deplorable state that farmers of other parts of the country have found themselves in since the recent slump in the price of farm products. He attributed the wealth of his people to the co-operative marketing association which he said prevented wide fluctuations in prices. He predicted that the standard of living in the South would be placed far above the present level upon the successful completion of the new cotton merchandising plan. The "Committee of 21" adjourned after appointing an executive committee of 7 to take charge of the details of the co-operative marketing organization campaign.

City markets charged customers an average of \$2.40 each for Christmas chickens. When the head, feet, bones and entrails were removed a few bites still remained for the Yuletide joy.

Beware how you engage in an argument with your wife. You can't convince her and it's undignified for the head of the house to acknowledge defeat.

## TARIFF INTERESTS TEXAS CATTLEMEN

MANY EXPECTED TO ATTEND SOUTHERN TARIFF CONGRESS JAN. 27-29

That a large attendance of cattlemen at the second tariff congress, to be held at Atlanta Jan. 27, 28 and 29, may be expected, is indicated by the letters received at Ft. Worth headquarters of the organization from leading stockmen throughout the Southwest, it was announced last Monday. The interest of cattle raisers in the tariff question probably exceeds that of any other class of producers, according to J. A. Arnold, manager of the Southern Tariff Association, who has been recently in New York and Washington.

"The next Congress will be confronted with the most monumental task of raising revenue that ever fell to any congress," Mr. Arnold said, "and apart from the question of raising revenues is that of protecting our industries from world competition when peace conditions prevail.

"Cattle raising is one of our largest industries and one to which the least consideration is given. The cattle upon the farms and ranches of Texas come in direct competition with those of South America and Australia. A beef carcass can be shipped from Buenos Aires to our Eastern seaports as cheaply as it can be shipped from Texas to the Eastern cities. South America has cheap land and free grass, and ignorant natives are available for labor. The difference in cost of production in South America and in Texas must be equalized by a tariff or living conditions on Texas farms and ranches must seek the South American level, according to the best thought of those who have given this matter serious study and consideration.

"The amount involved in the difference in the cost of production in the two countries is approximately \$10 a head, and every farmer and ranchman can multiply the number of head of cattle he possesses and get the difference between South America and Texas civilization. Under normal conditions we carry approximately 8,000,000 head of cattle upon the farms and ranches of Texas.

"Wool is another product that is sadly in need of recognition in framing our tariff laws. We produce approximately 10,000,000 pounds of wool per annum and the clip of the last two seasons is in storage because of Australian and New Zealand competition in this product.

"The purpose of the Southern Tariff Congress is to procure recognition for the productive industries the South in the matter of legislation, and whether the tariff is levied for revenue or for protection, the congress will undertake to have the burdens and benefits equally divided without favor to any class or section.

"The congress is strictly non-partisan and is endeavoring to have the tariff recognized as an economic and not as a political issue. Its membership includes the Democratic governors of practically every Southern State, members of Congress and commissioners of agriculture, chambers of commerce and agricultural associations, as well as individual producers affiliated with both political parties."

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In "Go and Get It" there is material for three or four man's sized pictures, or one twenty reel thrilling serial—New York News. Starring Wesley "Freckles" Barry, Agnes Ayres and "Bull" Montana. See the mysterious Ape Man.

Also

### "The Lost City"

No advance in admission price

### THURSDAY

BEBE DANIELS, the Good Little Bad Girl, in

### "YOU NEVER CAN TELL"

From the Saturday Evening Post story of same name. Now playing at the Unique, El Paso. Also a Rolin Comedy.

#### Methodist Church

(Morning hour, 11 o'clock)  
Opening hymn No. 27: "Welcome Delightful Morn."

The Apostles Creed, recited in unison.

Prayer, by the pastor.

Scripture lessons: Isaiah 55, to be read responsively, No. 353 in Hymnal; Matt. 6:1-15.

Announcements and offering.

Sermon by the pastor, subject: "The Prayer that Teaches How to Pray."

Closing hymn No. 177.

Benediction.

(Evening hour, 6:30.)

Opening hymn No. 11, followed by 15-minute song service, the songs being selected by the audience.

Season of prayer.

Singing hymn No. 1, congregation standing.

Prayer by the pastor.

Special musical number.

Announcements and offering.

Sermon hymn No. 216.

Sermon by the pastor, subject: "What Will You Do With Jesus?"

Invocation hymn No. 205.

Benediction.

Note—We have just secured a hundred new hymn and tune books, and are thus enabled to supply all who wish to sing with books. Please come, use the books, and join with us in the song service.

S. X. SWIMME, Pastor.

The Greeks kicked their king off the throne and then kicked him back on again. But possibly he was willing to accept a voluntary reduction in pay.

#### LAWS FAVORABLE TO LIVESTOCK ADVANCEMENT

Following is from our young friend, Paul Barron, who is secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Childress:

Resolutions were adopted by the Childress County Registered Livestock Association recently, favoring the passage of a Texas law requiring all male animals kept for breeding hire to be fully registered in the breed to which they might belong. This would be a more rapid step toward doing away with the inferior types of livestock and make it easier for the owners of good livestock to secure the highest types of animals in any class.

Another law which was favored by the Association would require all such male animals as might be kept for breeding hire to be examined annually by a licensed veterinary surgeon, for the detection of disease, and would require further that any such animal must pass that examination before being admitted into Texas from another State.

The above measures would mean a new era in the breeding of registered livestock, and deserve the closest consideration of all parties interested in Texas livestock.

The old year slid out and the new one slipped in and we don't see any material change at all, at all. But we're not kicking.

This is the season when men begin to look sheepish. They just can't resist breaking a few of those resolutions.

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Midland People will Find Encouragement in the Statement of a Midland Resident

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Mrs. J. W. Barber says: "I had a bad spell of kidney trouble about two years ago. Whenever I stooped over to pick up anything, it certainly was hard for me to straighten up as the pains would shoot through my kidneys. I had pretty bad headaches at times and my nerves were unstrung. The least noise would make me irritable. The action of my kidneys was too frequent and distressed me, too. I started the use of

Doan's Kidney Pills and can gladly say that two boxes relieved the pains, regulated my kidneys and made me feel better in every way. I gladly recommend Doan's" Price 60c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Barber had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y. adv 13-2t

T. B. Wadley and wife returned home last Saturday, after an absence of about three months. They visited their children in Oklahoma, Dallas, and Houston, and greatly enjoyed it. With his son, Allen, Mr. Wadley had a fine fishing trip near Houston about three weeks ago, and caught lots of fish.

Manhattan Hotel, Midland, Texas. Nice rooms and board at \$40 per month. Good, home cooked meals, 50 cents. Come and see for yourself. Phone 392, G. W. Brown, proprietor. adv pd.

Gib Cowden was in this week from the W. H. Cowden & Sons ranch on the Pecos. He reports general conditions there very fine, except that it is getting pretty dry.

**DEFLATION MUST BECOME EQUALIZED**

THIS YEAR OFFERS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL SAYS FINANCIER

Charles E. Mitchell, president of the National City Company of New York, and one of the leading financial authorities of the country, in answering this question in addresses before business men of Chicago Wednesday afternoon and evening, declared that it rests with the manufacturers, the merchants, the bankers, the farmers and the laborers of the United States to determine how soon normal prosperity can be brought about.

"Deflation must become equalized," he asserted. "And that industry, that trade, that class of labor which refuses to take its share of the burden and sorrow of the deflation is temporarily standing in the way and retarding early recovery. "If they persist in their refusal, the strength of the economic law will assert itself, and will in the ultimate shake them to their senses." The speaker was applauded when he declared that, "the possibility for a substantial and satisfactory modicum of prosperity in 1921 await only our willingness and ability to take advantage of them."

"And why should we not have prosperity," he asked. "We are not suffering from plague, famine or political revolution. We are the richest country on the face of the globe, the resources of our citizens were never so great." Mr. Mitchell cited great needs of home and industrial building, railroad expansion without government meddling and public utility encouragement, without "the smoldering coals of venom and distrust."

He sharply criticized the Federal excess profits tax system, which he said, was a strong contributing influence in placing a damper on the building operations. He advised caution in levying a protective tariff and commented upon what he termed recent government waste.

Touching on the unemployed situation, he asserted that between 2,000,000 and 4,000,000 hands are idle and "living on the fat of their savings."

"The bubble of false prosperity, war, prosperity, has burst," he said. "The disastrous war has been followed by an almost equally disastrous peace."

Yet 1921 offers wonderful opportunities for all, he declared. The speed with which America gets back to normal is up to Americans themselves. In conclusion, he urged a settling down to "brass tacks" in the national administration at Washington and made an appeal for peace with the rest of the world.

**WEEKLY REPORT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**

Sermon Sunday morning by the pastor. Subject, "Beginning the New Year." A large and appreciative audience. Good attendance at Sunday School. The superintendent read a New Year's letter from Dr. Haley to the school in which he enclosed a check for \$100 as a New Year's gift to the Sunday School. The Sunday School voted unanimously a vote of thanks to Dr. Haley for his kind remembrance. The evening hour was largely attended. The subject "Mad Dogs and Mosquitoes." The pastor made it very plain to the young people that it is not the big sins that spoil our lives, but the little sins. Those who failed to attend the watch night service and reception by the pastor and wife, missed a treat; not a dull moment from 7:30 to 12 o'clock. The program closed with a beautiful consecration service.

The following officers for the Woman's Missionary Society were installed Monday by the pastor: President, Mrs. O. B. Holt; Vice President, Miss Ethel Moore; Supt. Young People, Mrs. E. Lawrence; Supt. Junior Division, Miss Effie Rankin; Supt. Study and Publicity, Mrs. Swimme; Supt. School Service, Mrs. O. W. Ligon; Supt. Supplies, Mrs. Van Huss; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Jess Prothro; Local Treasurer, Mrs. Theo. Ray; Agent for Missionary Voice, Mrs. Goldsmith. —Reporter

Burl Holloway is in this week from his ranch in northwest part of Andrews County. Reports the range getting awfully dry, though cattle continue in the best of shape.

Paul Brown was here again this week from Eastland. He reports business good there, and no talk of hard times.

**UNCLE SAM AND HIS THRIFT CAMPAIGN**

GOOD INTEREST, PERFECT SECURITY, YOUR MONEY BACK WHEN YOU WANT IT

Dr. Frank Crane is one of the county's fine writers and is a great thinker. The following "Thrift Thoughts" by him we are giving space to by request, and they are so worth while that we consider the space very well filled up, indeed:

The strength of any government is the people behind it.

To improve the quality of the citizens, to make them braver, more industrious, and better disciplined should be the government's first aim.

This is more important even than to raise up vast armies and build navies, for the best defense of a nation is the character of its people.

One of the good results of the war, among many distressful, was that the liberty bond and war stamp campaigns raised up a horde of some 20,000,000 investors in the United States.

The government is continuing this good work in time of peace.

On the first of January the government placed on sale a \$1 savings stamp and a \$25 savings certificate.

This will be in addition to the present denominations.

The government is also actively urging its people, even the poorest, to save and to invest in these securities.

The fundamental principle of sound investment should never be lost sight of. It is that the less one has to invest the more he should look for safety, rather than high interest.

In amounts less than \$1,000 at least there is no security in the world so good as that of the government.

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The United States of America, the richest and most prosperous nation on the globe, offers to borrow of its citizens their money, in any sum, from 5 cents up, and on amounts of \$5 and over to pay 4 per cent interest compounded quarterly.

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Every school teacher in the country ought to be an earnest agent of the government, urging the children to save. The government has provided booklets for this purpose and will cooperate with the teachers.

Every business concern should bring this matter to the attention of the workers.

Nothing makes for better work, more efficient production, a better spirit, and less envy, dissatisfaction and unrest, so much as the worker's knowledge that he has a little sum saved up which is growing bigger every week.

Thrift is the bedrock of national prosperity.

Thrift it is that insures the permanence of our institutions and respect for law and a man's right to what he has earned.

Bolshevism and anarchy and red revolution cannot grow in a soil of thrift.

The habit of thrift is better for a child, in terms of contentment and security, than any gifts or graces.

And the government needs money; what better creditor is there from whom to borrow it than its own people.

We need patriotism now as much as we did in war, and what patriotism could be more intelligent and helpful than for each of us, as it lies in his power, to assist the government in making its thrift campaign a thumping success?

**THEY RESIGN AS A COURTESY TO MRS. DURBIN**

Patrons of the Western Union and others of Midland, or some of them, seem to be under some misunderstanding with reference to our prospective removal from Midland; and, we may state, the petition that was circulated this week, asking for the re-instatement of Mrs. Durbin, was altogether unnecessary. Some time ago we voluntarily promised to return the office to Mrs. Durbin so soon as we could locate in another position and it was convenient for her to resume the duties of this office. We were and are very glad to extend this courtesy to Mrs. Durbin, and we make this statement for the purpose of giving you to understand that we, as all employees of the Western Union Telegraph Company, are safe with the company here or elsewhere so long as we render it and its patrons courteous, dutiful, and efficient service, and this we always try to do.

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Dated this 17th day of December, 1920, at Midland, Texas.  
B. C. GIRDLEY, Secretary.  
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