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C. C. JOHNSTON'S HOME DESTROYED

MANY MIDLAND FRIENDS COME TO RESCUE OF ESTEEMED CITIZEN

Last Sunday night, or about 3 o'clock Monday morning, R. W. Aycock and R. M. Barron, and some others, were on their return from a Masonic meeting at Big Spring. Passing the vicinity of the home of our esteemed friend and townsman, C. C. Johnston, they noticed a reflection, as of fire. Upon investigation it proved to be such, having originated in a near out-house. When discovered the rear of the residence was in flames. Our vigilant night-watchman, Raleigh D. Lee, soon saw the reflection, and turned in the alarm while Barron and Aycock did rescue work.

The inmates of the home were all sleeping. To awaken them required much time, and only the contents of three front rooms were saved. Mr. Johnston had carried insurance on his home for more than 20 years, up to last year, when he let it lapse, on account of his financial distress, due to drought. The result was he had no insurance whatever.

Early Monday morning subscriptions were circulated in behalf of Mr. Johnston and family and the response was more than \$1000. Mr. Johnston is a Mason, and the several branches of the order augmented the private subscriptions to the extent of several hundred dollars.

Midland people sympathize with this old friend, to the very utmost. We know how he was once so well to do, and of his substance how liberally he gave to all purposes that were good. No greater, tenderer heart ever beat in man's breast than that of Columbus Johnston, and that we love him, and esteem him for his good works, kind heart, and generous nature, will be testified to still further, as necessity, if necessity demands. In the days subsequent to his and his family's distress, many friends have contributed, other than in money, to their relief, and they have been made as comfortable as possible.

SALESMEN WANTED—To solicit orders for lubricating oils, greases and paints. Salary or commission. Address THE HARVEY OIL CO., Cleveland, Ohio.

TEXANS WANT DUTY ON BEEF AND HIDES

STOCKMEN'S CONVENTION AT EL PASO SENDS WIRE TO SENATOR SHEPPARD

Members of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association are in favor of a tariff on frozen beef and hides, according to a telegram received last Wednesday by Senator Morris Sheppard, from the organization in session at El Paso. It has been the position of the cattle producer that if a tariff is to be placed on mutton and sheep, that the like protection be given to beef and hides. Senator Sheppard, who has announced himself in favor of including both items in the emergency tariff bill, telegraphed the association to forward data as soon as possible upon which a rate of duty might be based.

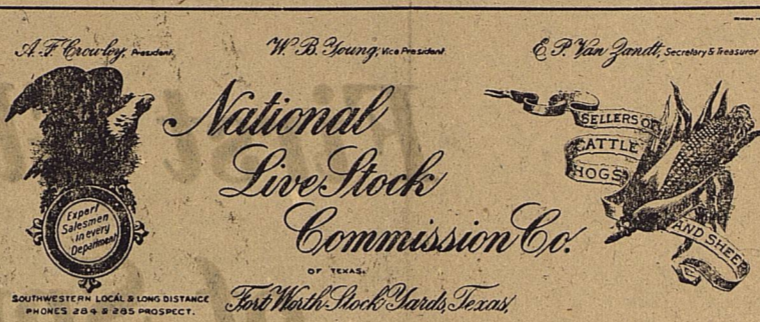
While the bill was under discussion in the House, amendments were offered to include both sheep and hides but was defeated. It was understood at the time that the House Ways and Means Committee was believed to have information showing there was as much beef going out of the country as was coming in.

During the debate, however, it was charged by members on the Democratic side that the influence of the Chicago packers was responsible for both frozen beef and hides being omitted from the bill.

The cotton producers of Louisiana have asked for an additional protection through an amendment today offered by Senator Ransdell of that State, which proposes that the 7c duty adopted by the House on long staple cotton of one and three-eighth inches, shall be extended to all cotton produced of one and one-eighth inches.

H. J. Spaniel, of Seguin, was a visitor to Midland this week, on his return from Garden City, where he had been a guest of his cousin, Henry Wrage and family.

Many are taking advantage of our 50 and 65 per cent discount to get a good looking hat which can be worn many times this season and still be nice for early fall wear, at Whitmeyer's Shop.



To Shippers of Live Stock:

You as a shipper are entitled to every cent the market will justify. You owe to your best interest to ship your live stock to the commission firm that will secure for you the most dollars.

The
NATIONAL
Live Stock Commission Company
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Gives you maximum at the minimum charge. NATIONAL salesmen are all men of recognized ability in their line and thoroughly seasoned by years of experience in the handling of stuff on this market, which insures you that your shipments to the NATIONAL will receive the attention of experienced men and the prices obtained by NATIONAL salesmen for you will reflect the full strength of the market. RESOLVED TO TRY NATIONAL SERVICE is the best New Year's Resolution you can make. It will pay dividends all the year round.

Baptist Church

Let every officer, teacher and pupil be on time for the Sunday School, beginning at 9.45 a. m. Individual record kept of all who attend. Make your record perfect. W. A. Dawson, Supt.

Preaching hours 11 a. m. and 6:30 p. m. At the morning hour the pastor speaks on the subject: "Is Success Possible Under Existing Conditions?" He discusses such questions as: Can we succeed as a church when cattle and cotton are selling at such low prices. How have we succeeded in the past? Success that's enduring.

Do you enjoy good music? If so, your soul will be made fat by hearing the good music furnished by the choir and orchestra of this church. Special numbers at both morning and evening hours.

Young people's meeting begins at 5:30 p. m., Prof. Arrant, president.

The Ladies Auxiliary meets Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Mrs. Frank Norwood, president.

Mid-week prayer services Wednesday at 6:30 p. m. The public invited to all the above services.

OWEN J. HULL, Pastor.

Ellis Knight was a visitor this week from Andrews, coming over yesterday morning with Judge A. N. Brown. Judge Brown, having resigned as cashier of the Andrews State Bank, it will be learned with pleasure, is to remain in Midland now, practically all the time.

Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Tigner have this week been enjoying as guests, brothers of Dr. Tigner, G. W. Tigner, of Homer, La., and J. F. Tigner, of San Jose, Cal., also M. P. Palmer, of Minden, La., an old friend. Mr. J. F. Tigner is still here, while Mr. G. W. Tigner and Mr. Palmer left for home yesterday.

A DAMPER PLACED ON OIL ENTHUSIASM

BOTH MIDLAND AND FT. STOCKTON ARE VICTIMS OF THE UNEXPECTED

Many Midland men hurried to Ft. Stockton the latter part of last week, upon notification of the "blowing in" of the "Miracle Well." They returned home unenthused. It seems that the well there did flow miraculously for many hours, but, according to the Ft. Stockton Pioneer, in its issue of last Friday, even that early, the flow was reduced to about 100 barrels daily. A great drop from 6000 barrels, as first reported. The Pioneer stated that the well could be no more than a pumper, but enthusiastically estimated that it would be of 500 barrels capacity.

The bubble that Midland blew high into the air last week also "busted." The drill at Bryant No. 1, nine miles south of town, was pounding on hard, blue lime. Gas was struck, the "smelliest" sort of gas, and the hundreds who were there last Sunday were expectantly "one edge," thinking, every minute, that something was going to happen. It did. The drill ran into a stratum of sulphur water, about nine feet deep, and it smelled—awful.

The water rose to a considerable height in the well, and caused cavings. However our hope is far from gone. Beneath this sulphur the blue lime, very hard, was again struck, and this encounter of sulphur water, though most unfortunate, is not necessarily a deterrent to our hopes. To go further in this hole, we understand, it will be necessary to case off this water. A string of 5-inch casing, 4460 feet, will have to be used, and it is a question yet whether or not the company will stand this additional expense, it being in the neighborhood of \$10,000. However they have already spent considerably more than \$100,000 on this hole, and it is not expected that they will "shy" at this unexpected but comparatively inconsiderable sum; especially since the formations of the well are so favorable. It is the opinion of most—merely guessing—that matters have only been again delayed.

Our old friend, Rev. F. T. Pollard, of Andrews, was a visitor to Midland for a few days this week.

LYCEUM SINGERS WERE BIG SUCCESS

THIRD NUMBER OF COURSE PLEASES CAPACITY HOUSE IN METHODIST CHURCH

The Lyceum Singers, the third number of the high school lyceum course for the winter, played to the largest audience in the history of the organization and pleased them greatly. Many have pronounced it the best yet, some even saying that it was worth the price of a season ticket. The program was not a classical one, but was clean and elevating throughout, many of the selections being humorous. The last chapter of Ecclesiastes, sung as an anthem by the quartet, has been pronounced a high piece of art, a real classic, and by one of Midland's most competent musical critics. The Quartet from Regiletto, although sung as a burlesque, revealed real talent and ability.

The negro dialect selections by Mr. Cox, the manager of the quartet, and the negro spirituals by the entire quartet, were true to negro life, and kept the vast audience in an uproar of laughter. Mr. Cox's impersonation of Harry Lauder in his "Roamin' in the Gloamin'" came in for its share of applause also. In fact, every number on the program was enthusiastically encored. One man said that the announcements, given by Mr. Cox in his negro piece, was worth "four bits." One lady said that she would gladly give \$1.50 to see a program like that any time, even stating that she had fever when the program started but that she was hale and hearty when it ended, she had laughed so much. If so, the medicine in this case must have been "sugar-coated" and very efficacious. While this did not pretend to be a classical program, it was an entertainment of high order, one which held the large audience spell bound for an hour and a half.

The next number, the Redpath Concert Orchestra, is perhaps the highest-grade attraction which has been in Midland for ten years. It will be here on January the 29th, and will be looked forward to with much interest by lovers of the best in the most refining of the fine arts.

Pre-Inventory Sale

Continues for another week

We are still cutting the prices---As prices decline, you may count on us giving our customers the advantage.

Groceries---

Groceries are rapidly declining, but we believe in many instances the bottom has been reached. Any way, we suggest that you get our prices. You will always find us in line on every Grocery Item. We watch the market and buy with judgment. Groceries are cheaper than they have been for months and years.

Get our prices---They are always the lowest

Midland Mercantile Company

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"THE APPRECIATIVE STORE"

Dry Goods Phone No. 184.

**WAR TO THE LAST BURROW
DECLARED AGAINST RODENTS**

How effective rodent-extermination work can be is shown by the results secured in one especially valuable range area in Sulphur Springs Valley, Ariz. In Cochise County, the Bureau of Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture, demonstrated effective procedure to a rancher, who completely cleared a tract of land comprising 30,700 acres. Neighboring ranchers were so impressed with the efficiency of the Government's operations that they asked the workers to come over into their country and help them. This was done, and all the infested areas in Cochise and Graham counties will soon be clear of the destructive little animals.

Prairie dogs and ground squirrels may seem to be innocent, inoffensive creatures, but actually they are very undesirable citizens. Of all the mischievous rodents which affect cultivated crops and range grasses west of the Mississippi River, these two families are the most wide-spread and the most destructive, says the Department of Agriculture. Previous to 1917 these rodents, aided by jack rabbits, pocket gophers, and field mice, destroyed crops and forage to the tune of \$300,000,000 a year in the United States.

In 1917 Uncle Sam declared war on the village of Dogtown and Squirrelville, and has carried it out on a large scale since that year. The Bureau of Biological Survey, co-operating with the State governments, the extension services, and the ranchmen, has cleaned up large areas of country formerly infested with these animals. In the last year it is estimated that the extermination of rodents has saved the ranchmen and farmers about \$10,000,000.

During the year, in all the states affected, 19,117,737 acres of land was given poison treatment under the direction of the Department of Agriculture, and 15,172,709 acres were treated with the follow-up process, which makes extermination even more certain. Normally, the first poisoning kills from 85 to 98 per cent of the rodents; the follow-up is regulated to exterminate the survivors. In carrying out the work 1,610 tons of poisoned grain were distributed.

The reports show clearly that the rodents can not resist organized efforts to drive them out, but they also show that neglect on the part of the farmers and ranchmen may encourage a second invasion. In Kansas, after years of effort, the extermination of prairie dogs was accomplished with the exception of a few scattering towns. Through neglect by the land owners the rodents are again spreading their colonies into areas from which they have once been driven. Effort is now being concentrated upon these remaining small towns to complete eradication and thus prevent reinfestation of the State.

Incidentally The Reporter has written to the U. S. Department of Agriculture for the latest methods of exterminating the prairie dogs. So soon as we receive them we will give the matter due publicity.

A favorite treatment for gout in the middle ages was a tea of daisy petals.

Boston has policewomen whose duty it is to patrol Boston Commons.

**RIALTO THEATRE
By a Moviephan**

Tonight (Friday) you will have an opportunity to see Constance in one of her best comedy hits, "The Love Expert," wherein she engineers a compromising love tangle. Also the "Moonriders" and "International News."

Saturday the popular Texas boy, Tom Mix, will be shown together with his ever-popular horse in "Three Gold Coins." A picture with good gun play and riding. Edgar Pomeroy is with us again in a Booth Tarkington comedy, "Edgar's Hamlet." Remember the shows you staged when a kid in the old wood shed?

Monday, see "Connie" Talmage and Harrison Ford in another comedy drama, "Romance and Arabella." Also a Star comedy and International News.

Tuesday and Wednesday another Marshall Neilan special will be shown when "The River's End" from the story by James Oliver Curwood, will appear. A gripping story of the Canadian Northwest mounted police, with scenes and action that will hold you spell-bound. Also the fourth episode of "The Lost City."

Thursday, don't miss seeing the clever little Metro star, Viola Dana, (sister of Shirley Mason) in her comedy hit, "Dangerous to Men." Snop Pollard and Sunshine Sambo will also appear in "All Dressed Up."

Coming—Anita Stewart in "The Fighting Shepherdess;" Charles Ray in "Forty-five Minutes from Broadway," and Bert Lytell in "Alias Jimmie Valentine."

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 the 5th day of January, A. D., 1921.

C. B. DUNAGAN, Clerk,
District Court, Midland Co.

adv. 14-4t

A den of 128 rattlesnakes was found near Putnam, Texas. Some of the snakes were five and a half feet long and had as many as twenty rattles. All were killed.

We Are Pledged

to a fixed purpose of building an institution of high ideals, principles and methods, which reflect the very best that the science of banking has to offer.

May we count on you to help us make this an institution which will do credit to our city and state.

First National Bank

**The
First Glimpse
of Spring**

In these New Spring Suits to be seen here next Monday morning.

They are just in---we haven't seen them as yet---they are right from The Primrose of New York and we invite you to see these, consider the New Spring Values and Style Tendencies.

Within the next few days we will have New Dresses, Blouses and Spring Coats.

**The New Spring Gingham
are Beauties**

All 32-inch, fast color zephyrs, and are priced at only 35c the yard for this extra wide, extra quality gingham. These sold at 65c less than 60 days ago.

Inventory Prompts Us to Move the Following:

- 15 pieces yard wide Percales, were 35c, the yard, special values, to close, the yard **15c**
- Black, white and Brown Wonder Hose, for Boys and Girls all sizes, were 50c, special the pair **25c**
- Men's and Boys Fur Caps, all just HALF-PRICE
- Fancy Outing, in colors only, the yard **15c**
- Every article in the house has been marked down to present price levels and less.

**All Coats, Dresses, Suits, Blouses, Skirts,
Children's Gingham Dresses just**

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Can we do any special shopping for you? Expect to leave for market within the next few days and will be glad to attend to any special items that you might need.

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Phone 77

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From Midland Back—Relief Proved by Lapse of Time

Backache is a heavy burden; Nervousness, dizziness, headache. Rheumatic pain; urinary ills; All wear one out. Often effects of kidney weakness. No use to cure the symptoms, Relief is but temporary if the cause remains.

If it's the kidneys, cure the cause. Doan's Kidney Pills are for kidney ills;

Read about your neighbor's case. Here's Midland testimony.

The kind that can be investigated. Mrs. B. F. Stanley says: "Six years ago I had a case of kidney and bladder trouble. The action of my kidneys was irregular, causing me a great deal of annoyance. The trouble pulled me down in weight and I just felt all worn out. I tried different kidney remedies but none had any effect on me until I used Doan's Kidney Pills. After using one box, I felt better, the action of my kidneys being more regular. Two boxes of Doan's entirely cured me and I have been feeling fine ever since."

Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Stanley had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y. adv 15-2t

Methodist Church

The Sunday School is growing in interest and attendance. "Come and See." Opening at 9:45 a. m.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor; subject, "The Importance of Prayer," a follow-up to last Sunday morning's sermon.

The evening subject is, "What Think Ye of Christ?" Evening service begins at 6:30, with a 15-minute song service.

The pastor will leave on the early train Monday for the north, accompanying his wife to Rochester, Minn. He would be much cheered and comforted on this journey if he could bear with him the memory of the largest audience he has so far preached to in Midland. Will you come?

S. X. SWIMME, Pastor.

C. C. Butts, of Maysfield, Texas, recently sold 114 turkeys for \$440. The total expense for growing the turkeys was \$25.

In Finland a new trade law gives married women the right to manage a business "even without consent of her husband."

Epworth League

Leader—Charles Klapproth. Subject: "Self Control; How to Get It; It's Rewards" (1st Cor 9:24-27)

Song service. Silent prayer.

Scripture references:

2 Tim. 2-5—Georgie Brown.

James 1-12—Herbert Patterson.

2 Cor. 18-5—Mary Stanley.

2 Peter 1:5-7—Alvin Johnson.

Special music—Mary Swimme.

Talk: "What our temperance committee is attempting to at this time"

—Leader.

Talk: "Self Control"—Laura Johnson.

Talk: "Rewards of Self-Control"—Claire Wright.

Song.

Announcements and benediction

A London postman claims to have walked 211,000 miles during his 30 years of service.

A 25-gallon whisky still was found installed in the basement of the police station in Denver, Colorado.

NO LONGER TO BE A FOOT ON OUR NECK

For a long time The Reporter man has not known just what was wrong with his business. The American printer tells the secret. Here it is:

"Take your business seriously. One of the reasons why printers as a class haven't the dignity and standing of many other businesses and professions is that they treat printing as a joke, and the general public agrees with them. Refer facetiously to the medical profession and a doctor will tighten the muscles of his face and make you feel sorry for your remark. This applies to ministers and lawyers—all professional men are taught to respect the traditional dignity of their vocation.

"Mine is the rottenest business ever invented," says the printer. "Mine is the noblest profession of God's earth," says the doctor.

"In ancient times the slave and freeman were distinguished by their attitudes. One was kneeling with his head on the ground. The foot of the other was on his neck.

"Now, brother printer, if you are mentally in that attitude, get up. Place yourself alongside the growing line of characterful printers who see their calling as one of the most noble and dignified, with traditions and accomplishments to be proud of. In your conversation and in your work say and do things that add to the dignity of the craft and bring respect and commendation from others."

If any fancy, "chappie" guy thinks he'll ever get his foot on our neck again, he's just off his "cazzip"—whatever that is. It can't be done any more. It's our New Year resolution, to see that he don't. Of the noblest of all professions on God's earth, from here out, ours is IT, and if you want to be in the bandwagon with us, you'd better pay your subscription right now. We are going to cut out from all delinquents and be happy on the way with the elect only.

There are some other articles and sections to our New Year's resolutions. These we'll explain, from time to time, either personally or through the medium of "our noblest of all noble professions."

METHODIST MEETING SAN ANGELO YESTERDAY

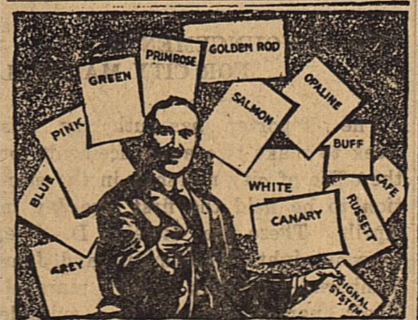
Plans for inaugurating the Christian education movement in the San Angelo district of the West Texas conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, were discussed at a meeting of the ministers, leading educators and representative laymen of the district which was held on Thursday, January 13th.

Rev. Sterling Fisher, of Austin, educational secretary for the West Texas conference; Rev. J. T. King, presiding elder of the district; Rev. F. B. Buchanan and Rev. J. A. Boatman, pastors of the San Angelo Methodist churches, were in charge of arrangements for the meeting.

Through the movement, discussed at this meeting, the Southern Methodist church seeks to impress upon the young people the attractiveness of the ministry, the home and foreign mission fields, and the lay activities of the church as a life work. Also to provide the means for all worthy students to educate themselves for the service of the church.

Among the ministers that were expected to attend the meeting were: J. T. King, S. C. Dunn, W. L. Wall, F. G. Clark, S. X. Swimme, H. H. Bain, C. W. Hardon, J. D. McWhorter, J. H. Clark, J. S. Wilson, F. B. Buchanan, J. A. Boatman, H. B. Owens, O. E. Moreland and O. M. Cole.

It has been proposed by a prominent New York banker that the entire bonded indebtedness of the United States be consolidated and retired by a new bond issue to run for a period of fifty years.



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LEGISLATIVE DUTIES NOT NEW TO LEE J. ROUNTREE

The press news item, following herewith, taken from last Sunday's issue of the Dallas News, carries a news value to The Reporter's columns inasmuch as the distinguished person whom it concerns is a brother of our foreman, Mr. Oscar B. Rountree:

Bryan, Texas, Jan. 6.—Representative Lee J. Rountree, of Brazos, and Grimes counties, will leave for Austin this week to attend the meeting of the Thirty-seventh Legislature. Mr. Rountree is managing editor and president of the Bryan Daily Eagle Company and was nominated for the Legislature at a mass meeting of the citizens of Brazos County, and was not a candidate. Mr. Rountree said he had no pet measure to prepare for enactment, but was one of the joint authors in the State platform of the Democratic convention in Ft. Worth last August demanding a re-apportionment of Texas under the 1920 census into representative, senatorial and congressional districts. He said one of his chief concerns in the Thirty-seventh Legislature would be to advance the educational and agricultural interests of all Texas.

In point of legislative service Representative Rountree will rank with Judge James I. Perkins, of Cherokee County, and Representative Lee Satterwhite, of Carson County, who served together twenty-four years ago during the session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature in 1897. Perkins, Rountree and Satterwhite are perhaps the oldest members in the Thirty-seventh Legislature in point of their first service. Mr. Rountree served with Governor-elect Pat M. Neff in 1900 when Mr. Neff was "the boy orator of the house" and Judge Barry Miller, of Dallas, in 1899, who he declares "should be on the Federal Court as presiding judge."

Representative Rountree was chief clerk of the Texas Legislature when the Texas Railway Commission bill was perfected; the fee bill was passed along with the fellow-servants' bill and stock and bond laws, as advocated by Governor Hogg, and when Governor Culberson put a stop to public prize fighting in Texas by a special session of the Legislature. Representative Rountree has been engaged in the newspaper, farming and banking business in Texas for over thirty years. He was elected president of the National Editorial Association in San Francisco in 1915 and presided over the greatest meeting in its history in New York in 1916.

Junior Endeavor

Topic: "Our Bible."

Leader—Velma Winborne.

Scripture—Frances Ratliff.

Lesson story—Van Lee Estes.

Prayer—Willie Pearl Dockray.

My favorite verse, and why?—Discussed by the Society.

What is the best book in the world and why we love the Bible?—Luelle Moore, Eulalia Whitefield, Sadie Bradshaw, Bush Elkin and Robert Fleenor.

Roll call and business.

Songs Nos. 125 and 131.

Benediction.

Let every Junior be present at 3 o'clock.

Under the provisions of the new Swedish marriage law, the wife is compelled to help support the family.

RANGE NEEDS RAIN BUT CONDITIONS GENERALLY GOOD

The U. S. Department of Agriculture, bureau at Amarillo, at the close of last week, gave out the following general report:

Amarillo District: The scarcity of moisture throughout the major sections of the Amarillo district range region during the current week bears a strong resemblance to that of the corresponding week for January 1920. The night temperatures however this week, over the northern tier counties are somewhat higher with no snowfall, as against colder weather and light snow in the Panhandle during the first week for January 1920. Condition of range and livestock fair to good. Need of moisture is general. Utah district reports weather milder and more favorable with ample moisture and feed condition good. Arizona district reports that higher temperature and an absence of stormy weather were favorable to livestock. Water scarce. Condition of livestock poor to excellent. Wyoming district reports warm but cloudy; storms west, and pleasant central portions. East ranges generally open, except at a few central localities. Livestock improved and less feeding.

Citation by Publication

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

You are hereby commanded to summon the Lone Star Farms Company, a corporation, partnership or joint stock association, the stockholders of which or the partners thereof being unknown, by making publication of this citation once in 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, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 70th Judicial District; to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Andrews County, to be held at the court house thereof, in Andrews, Texas, on the third Monday in March, A. D., 1921, the same being the 21st day of March, A. D., 1921, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 28th day of October, A. D., 1920, in a suit, numbered on said docket of said court No. 238, wherein J. S. Means is plaintiff, and James V. Gowl, A. A. Horne, Ira J. Bell, the Lone Star Farms Company and W. E. Bell are defendants, and said petition alleging that heretofore on the 1st day of November, 1915, defendant James V. Gowl made, executed and delivered to A. A. Horne his promissory note in writing in sum of four hundred twenty-six and 80-100 (\$426.80) dollars, due in one year after date and providing for interest from date at rate of 10 per cent per annum and 10 per cent additional as attorney's fees, and simultaneously therewith, executed a deed of trust to secure said note on section 12, block A-34, public school land, Andrews County, Texas, and which note and lien were transferred to plaintiff.

That the Lone Star Farms Company thereafter acquired said land in consideration of the assumption of said note.

Plaintiff prays for judgment for his debt, interest and attorney's fees and for foreclosure of the deed of trust lien.

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 Andrews, Texas, this 8th day of January, 1921.

R. M. MEANS, Clerk. District Court, Andrews County. adv 15-4t

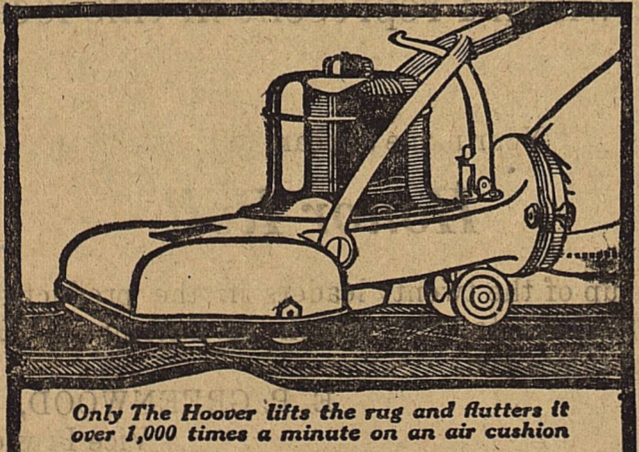
GET OUT OF THE PRIMITIVE STAGE AND Use Plumbing

Intelligent people no longer consider Plumbing a luxury. It is recognized as one of the essentials of a comfortable and healthful home.

Don't Deprive Yourself of the comfort and convenience of running hot and cold water in the house, together with a good set of Plumbing Fixtures.

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A Birthday Dinner in Odessa

The pretty bungalow home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Q. Cooper decorated in crimson and white was ablaze with good cheer on Monday the 10th when our party of eight arrived on the scene, the occasion being the birthday of the host and his sister, Mrs. W. H. Dhodes, of Odessa. (Rather an unusual incident, brother and sister both born on the 10th of January, and not being twins.) We were received and welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Rhodes almost immediately invited into the dining room. Of course we were late; who ever heard of autoists being otherwise. Surely we thought Christmas had come again, judging by the good things on buffet and table from which each guest was served cafeteria style. Small tables were conveniently placed over the house where we were seated and did justice to the good things on our plates, having an appetite sharpened by our ride of 20 miles. Mrs. Cooper was assisted in serving by Mesdames Jester, Deere and Cal Smith, of Odessa. The guests, 15 in number, were all kind folks, one of them being a sister of Mrs. Deere and our cousin from our childhood home in Chattanooga, Tenn. She arrived that morning and was welcomed by such hospitality as only the West is noted for. Another guest of honor was the mother of Mr. Cooper and Mrs. Rhodes, from Gorman, Texas. May Quincy and Neenah have many more such joyous and happy birthdays. The guests from Midland were: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cowden, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. Lee S. Evans, Mrs. Bob Estes, Mr. Roll Bill Cowden.

—One of the Eight.

Mrs. O. D. Cook, of Florey, has been the guest of Mrs. A. N. Brown this week, on her return from a visit to her mother at Odessa.

Mrs. G. H. Coyle left Monday for a visit to relatives in Dallas.

T. E. L. Class Charmingly Entertained

The Baptist pastor's home was the scene of one of the most notable and delightfully charming affairs of the social calendar on last Friday evening when the T. E. L. class, which is the original young married women's class of the Baptist Sunday School, entertained so beautifully, so graciously, the Baraca and Philathea classes together with the officers and teachers of the school. The attractive reception suite of the parsonage was made yet more lovely by the 'bowl of gardeners of glowing poinsettia. Door greetings were extended by Mrs. J. E. Hill, while Bro. and Sister Hull, with that uniformly joyousness of spirit of those who are trying to cultivate the pleasure grounds of life together with the more deeper, more sacred fields of the mind and soul cordially bade them welcome. The charming young hostesses wore badges of green with the magic letters T. E. L. painted in white. This class, which is so vital a factor in the religious and social life of the Baptist church, is composed of fifty-eight congenial, earnest young Christian women, and their slogan might well be "over the top," for they certainly bring to a triumphant finish all their undertakings.

An interesting musical program given by the Baptist orchestra, Misses Melson, Jerra Edwards, Messrs. Percy Mims, Ned Watson and Miss Lydie G. Watson, did much to enliven the occasion. The song, "Whispering Hope," so sweetly sung by the class was also thoroughly enjoyed, and then valiantly led by Mrs. J. M. Gilmore, those same decorous, demure young women made the sacred walls of their beloved pastor's home resound with their 'usty yells which rivaled any bunch of rah! rah! boys ever turned loose on a campus green.

Their first yell was as follows:

T. E. L., T. E. L.,
Can't you read?
Can't you spell?
We must talk,
We must tell,
Timothy,
Eunice,
Lois.

Then the Baracas, the Philatheas, officers, teachers and orchestra each received a special yell and indeed it was a "scream." It was all so zestfully done with such brightness and cheeriness of spirit that it put rose colored lenses on each guest, those glasses which tint everything with loveliness and touch it with beauty. At a very late hour the most delicious chicken salad, olives, sandwiches and coffee and tea were daintily served.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church met in delightful session on Thursday afternoon of last week, with Mrs. Andrew Fasken as hostess. It was the first meeting of the year, and a very auspicious beginning it was, with an excellent attendance and interesting program. At the close of the business meeting very delightful refreshments were served. The next meeting will be in the charming home of Mrs. George Gray, with Mrs. Caldwell as leader.

Cleo Frances is the pretty name "wished" on the dainty baby girl who arrived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Tidwell on Wednesday of last week. She will make a charming play-mate for Dorris May, who is now getting to be quite a big girl and promoted from babyhood.

Cole-Wiley

Some Scotch poet of a romantic turn of mind has truly said, "Love, love, love is like a dizziness; it winna lat a fellow gong about his business," and thus it was with Mr. Dewey Wiley and Miss Willie Cole, both of Midland College, who have entered the sweet thralldom of matrimony. It has been known since the beginning of school that the young people were enjoying the sweets of "love's young dream" which Emerson describes as "all eyes when one is present and all memory when one is gone," but the exquisite malignant type of the exquisite malady was not suspected until they went to their home town, Woodson, for the Christmas holidays and the stern decree of parents was, that the young lady should not return to school, but Mr. Wiley, like the gay young Lochinvar he is, promptly married the sweet lassie of his heart, and brought her back to the golden West. The announcement was not made known to Midland however, until Wednesday morning at the chapel exercises of the college, when they received the felicitations of the student body and faculty with whom they are both very popular.

Mr. Wiley is a senior at the college and is also teacher of violin. He is in every respect a splendidly worthy young man and has enjoyed much prominence in Midland musical circles. Mrs. Wiley is also a student of Midland College and by her sweetness and charm has many friends. The Reporter's earnest wish is that the happiness of their wedding day may be an augury of many years just as brightly joyous.

Scruggs-Proctor

A wedding of much interest to friends in Midland and elsewhere, was solemnized last Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock when Miss Evelyn Scruggs became the bride of Mr. Leonard Proctor. The ceremony was performed by Rev. O. J. Hull at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rountree, with only the immediate family as witnesses of the beautifully sacred service. The bride was becomingly gowned in a handsome spring cloth suit with accessories of a harmonizing shade. She is of a pretty blond type and since her sojourn in Midland has been very popular both in church and social circles. The groom, a prosperous young ranchman, belongs to one of our splendid old families, and is well known and much respected throughout the West. Immediately after the ceremony the happy young couple drove out to the pretty ranch home where many loved ones pray that only happiness and prosperity will ever abide.

The Ladies Bible Class of the Baptist church was very pleasantly entertained Thursday afternoon of last week at the cozy little home of Mrs. J. H. Williamson. The hours were socially spent in tatting and crochet while plans for their year's work were enthusiastically discussed. At the close of the afternoon coffee and cake were daintily served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. J. H. Barron. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Burl Aycock.

NEW CASHIER FOR ANDREWS STATE BANK

The Andrews State Bank, of Andrews, held its meeting of shareholders on January 11th and the following directors and officers were elected:

Directors: J. S. Means, W. V. Gates, A. N. Brown, Burl Holloway, R. M. Means and J. E. Parker; Officers: J. S. Means, president; W. V. Gates and A. N. Brown, vice presidents; H. C. Barnes, cashier, and M. I. Phillips, assistant cashier.

The new cashier is a brother-in-law of Mrs. E. R. Thomas, of Midland, and he takes the place of Judge A. N. Brown who resigned that he may be with his family in Midland more. He will now visit Andrews only on occasions when business calls.

TWO ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CITY MARSHAL

The Reporter has authority this week to make two announcements for the office of city marshal, in the election to be held the first Tuesday in April. These are Raleigh D. Lee, present night watchman, and John Winborne, present city marshal. Their names appear in a suitable announcement column, and next week it will be our pleasure to make appropriate comments upon their individual merits.

Some linotype troubles this week have necessitated the leaving out of everything possible, and our news columns are necessary greatly curtailed.

There are a few more of those attractive garments at alluring prices to be had at Whitmeyer's Shop, for Milady. adv

MIDLAND COLLEGE NOTES
By D. O. W.

The work on the annual (Sandstorm) is being pushed to the utmost now by the staff. Although the weather for the week has been rather bad, most all the individual and group pictures of the different societies and departments have been taken. This year's annual promises to be the best one that has ever been put out, and over three-fourths of the total out-put has already been subscribed for.

Francis Robinson, of San Angelo, is a new student in the college since the holidays.

Quite a bit of "class spirit" is being evinced between the juniors and the seniors of the college lately. At present the juniors have the upper hand (highest colors) but the seniors will be the highest before many hours. It was amusing to watch the seniors trample on the juniors' pennant just before chapel Monday morning.

Everybody is urged to buy a patron ticket to the Skovgaard concert for February 3rd, real soon. No admissions can be paid at the door, so it is up to you to get your ticket before they are all gone. These great artists will draw a crowd, we prophesy, that no other attraction has ever drawn here before.

Sid Hughes and Jim Carr, of Rising Star, are new students with us since the holidays.

The K. L. P. Society, a "dog house" product, had its regular meeting on Tuesday night and initiated Mr. Laney and Sidney Bowman. The following officers are now serving: Jno. Alexander, president; Thurman Morgan, vice president; "Peaches" Guthrie, secretary; Calvin Morton, treasurer; Ross Easley, sergeant-at-arms; Hayman Lawson, assistant sergeant-at-arms. The initiating committee composes D. O. Wiley, C. H. M.; Calvin Morton, C. P.; Jno. Alexander, C. H. R., and "Peaches" Guthrie, S. T. All proceedings are kept in profound secrecy.

President McKissick has been in the San Angelo country since last Saturday, Mrs. McKissick and son, Charles, accompanying him.

Joseph Fasken, John McKissick and Sidney Bowman spent Sunday night out at Poplar tank. The coyotes kept them plenty of music, and the cold kept them interested in the work

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The orchestra has resumed its regular Monday evening rehearsals. A good number was present last Monday evening to try some of the new numbers that have come since the holidays.

The B. L. D. Club is now living up to its name. We do not know what the name stands for, but presume that it stands for bad little dolls. The following girls are members: Mary Swimme, Leila Smith, Patsy Anderson, Mary Ethel Hill and Ola Dublin. Quite a bit of surprise was caused Wednesday when Miss Ownsby announced that Miss Willie Cole and Mr. Dewey O. Wiley, both of the college, were married on the first day of the new year. The good wishes of the faculty and the student body go with them.

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This week, I received the following announcement from the Great Southern Life Insurance Company, which I represent in this locality:

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E. P. GREENWOOD,
Vice President.

I appreciate very much the friends who have enabled me to get on this "Honor Roll," and take this method of expressing same. These friends, I know, have gotten the worth of their money with a policy in the Great Southern, and I wish to urge others to investigate the insurance I offer. My urging this upon you is an act of

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Miss Nettie May Ward

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Be a sport, then, and come across. Our wish for you is for much prosperity, good health and happiness throughout the year.

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MIDLAND, TEXAS

LYCEUM BOOKED FOR NEXT SEASON

TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DIXIE BUREAU HERE LAST WEEK

Miss Kathleen M. Barnes, manager of the International Lyceum and Chautauqua Training School of Berkeley, Cal., and her sister, Miss Ethel Barnes, who represents the Dixie Lyceum Bureau of the South, were in Midland for three days last week, visiting our schools on Monday of this week and booking with the high school perhaps the most attractive lyceum course ever sold to a Midland organization. The course will begin next fall and will consist of two big orchestras, a female quartet featuring a harp styled the "Harp Singers," a male quartet which won a \$3,000 prize in a contest at San Francisco, and a lecturer who has been called by one of our citizens "The greatest man in the South." These charming young ladies were delighted with our schools and our little city, as is evidenced by the letter which they wrote to The Reporter. One of them, Miss Kathleen, is a very fine reader, and delighted the high school with several brilliant selections. Miss Ethel, the other of the two, charmed the little folks with some of her well told stories. The high school, the faculty and many of our citizens fell in love with these delightful personages and will accord them a hearty welcome whenever they wish to come back to Midland. Following is their letter, written through The Reporter to the people of Midland:

Sweetwater, Texas, Jan. 11, '21. Editor Midland Reporter, Midland, Texas. Dear Sir: Would you kindly give the enclosed, space in your paper. Thanking you in anticipation, I am, truly yours,

Kathleen M. Barnes.
Here's to Midland

As lyceum representative, I have been in many towns in Texas. In work of this kind we are prone to clothe each town with a distinct personality of its own. As a Canadian, I want to say that Midland has a personality and hospitality unequalled by any other town. As strangers in your "fair city" we were made welcome and given a reception we shall always remember.

In Prof. Lackey and the high school teachers, Midland high school has leaders whom any town would more than welcome. One is thrilled by the fine spirit of co-operation and good fellowship in your school. It was our pleasure to hear the student body render, in a remarkably well-trained manner, several excellent musical numbers.

The teachers who are responsible for such efficiency in both singing and oratory, I congratulate. Not only in the high school and middle grades did we find talent, but the primary grade under the direction of Misses Campbell and Pickrell was an inspiration, and revealed the wonderful work they are doing.

We, as outsiders have glimpsed the constructive work your schools are doing, and hope that you appreciate them in full measure. We sincerely hope that we may come back to Midland and wish you all possible success in your "Dixie Lyceum" course for the coming season. We carry with us pleasant memories of our visit in your town, and wish every teacher and student of the Midland high school a happy and successful year.

Kathleen M. Barnes.
Ethel I. Barnes.

Notice is hereby given to the stockholders and directors of the Midland & Northwestern Railway Company that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of said Company will be held at the offices of the Company at Midland, Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m. on the 18th day of January, 1921.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1920, at Midland, Texas.

B. C. GIRDLEY,
Secretary.

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Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Midland & Northwestern Railway Company

Notice of regular annual meeting of stockholders and directors of the Midland & Northwestern Railway Company:



A NATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

DOUGLAS PAPER HAS INTERVIEW WITH POPULAR MIDLAND COUPLE

Our esteemed townspeople, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Glenn, are visiting their children in Douglas, Ariz., and have been there for over a month. One day recently, in the evening, an enterprising reporter for the Douglas Daily Dispatch called on them and the following interesting story appeared in the next issue of that paper:

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Glenn, pioneer Texas residents, are interesting arrivals in Douglas. They will spend four months here.

Sitting before the fire-side of their granddaughter, Mrs. Jesse Williams, 1367 Thirteenth street, last night, the couple made a pretty picture with their children and grandchildren gathered around. Mr. Glenn was born in the Republic of Texas, 77 years ago, and his wife has resided nearly all her life in Texas. Both are in splendid health and happy.

In their early days, the parents of both Mr. and Mrs. Glenn used to sit on the fence with a gun while Rhoda (the future Mrs. Glenn) went to milk the cows, and while William Glenn, the boy, went to do the chores. Comanche Indians occasionally scalped people and stole more horses during their childhood. Mr. Glenn recalls a "preacher" in a neighboring village that was scalped, and said the Indians had a hard time scalping him because he was bald-headed. John Billings, a neighbor lad in Nacodoches County, was shot by the Indians after they had killed his father and then was struck on the head by a stone. At first he pretended he was dead, then swooned, but he recovered and lived for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn were interviewed as they sat in the shadow of the fire-light last night, and they were asked how many years they had been married.

Mrs. Glenn was the first to answer. "Don't you feel sorry for me?" she asked. "I will have been married to that man 55 years next January 1st."

Mr. Glenn retaliated by turning around to the company and saying, "But you feel sorry for ME," and everybody laughed. When Mr. Glenn first met his wife she was wearing a flowered purple dress, with hoops, and trimmed in purple ribbons. Mr. Glenn still likes the old-fashioned styles.

Mr. Glenn was an old trail boss and has driven as many as 4000 head of cattle, year after year, into Nebraska. There the men waited until the Missouri river was frozen over, then drove the cattle into Canada to be slaughtered and eaten. He fought in the civil war and last October, in Houston, attended the national convention of civil war veterans.

Of course Mr. Glenn has seen many herds of buffalo and felt the ground tremble, though miles away, when they stampeded in the vicinity.

The visit of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn is in the nature of a family reunion in Douglas. Among the relatives gathered here from a distance in honor of the father and mother are: Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Glenn and son, of Kingman, Ariz.; Mrs. W. M. Dietrich, of Denver; Mrs. Wilbur Wadley, of Magdalena, N. M. Mrs. J. F. Dietrich, of this city, is a daughter and there are two other sons and two daughters.

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Seven were seriously hurt and more than \$100,000 property loss was sustained when the Cowan building housing the postoffice, the Western Union and several stores and offices, burned in Pecos early yesterday morning.

Archie, Bert and William Ross, volunteer firemen, sons of county judge James F. Ross, were buried by falling walls and Archie and Bert are in a serious condition. They were hurt when the Western Union Telegraph Company building fell in.

P. J. Rutledge, superintendent of schools, was truck by a falling wooden awning while attempting to salvage stock of the Gilpin confectionery and is in a serious condition.

Others injured were:

Fire chief Charles Manahan, badly cut on the head.

George Finley, ranchman, badly cut on the head.

City Marshal Marion L. Roddy, hands badly burned while removing bricks from buried firemen.

Archie Ross is reported to be seriously internally injured, while William Ross suffered a broken leg and injuries to his back.

Judge Ross has many friends in Midland and the injuries to his sons came as sad news indeed. We shall hope for their early and full restoration.

You are cordially invited to see our showing of mid-season and spring hats in all the newest shades and styles. Also the new sailors in a variety of colors, shapes and materials, at Whitmeyer's Shop, for Midland.

STOCKMEN AND FARMERS TAKE NOTICE

The following letter, which we have just received from Congressman C. B. Hudspeth, is fully self-explanatory:

Dear Sir: I am sending you a copy of the nineteen nineteen year book which I have always found to contain valuable information for the live stock growers, the farmers, the chicken raisers and the good house wives.

I have for distribution 850 of the 1920 year books. Wishing to place them in the hands of those who desire them and will benefit by them I will ask you to publish this letter so that those who desire them will write me and I will send them a copy. Having only a limited number to my allotment I can not send all of my constituents a copy and possibly all will not desire one, I am taking this means to place them in the hands of those who wish them. Trusting you will command me when I can be of service to you, I am, Very truly yours,

C. B. HUDSPETH.

AN EXPRESSION OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION

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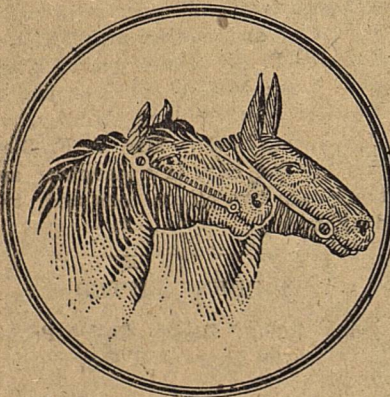
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THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

By J. E. Jones

Did Roosevelt Steal Panama?

The Republic of Columbia insisted very zealously during the early days of President Wilson's regime in being reimbursed to the extent of about \$20,000,000, because "Roosevelt stole Panama" from them. Henry M. Hill, a brilliant young man who was born and raised at Panama, recently came to Washington, and when he found that this issue was still alive, he proceeded to attack it vigorously. His argument leaves no doubt about his knowledge of the details of the history of his country. Mr. Hill in a statement entitled "The Independence of Panama," reviews the aversion of Spain in attempting to hold control over Central and South American peoples. "Two great principles of the evolution of the South American republics must be borne in mind," he says. First of these is, "that, in spite of some attempts to keep certain territory within the limits of some republic by force, in general each territorial region has been permitted, in the end, to determine for itself the question of its union, with, or separation from, other territories, and (2) the general tendency has always been away from large republics and toward the development of local independence." Mr. Hill shows that the history of the United States of Columbia has been a striking illustration of this second principle, and taking up his own Panama as an illustration, he shows that it became independent of Spain as early as 1821 without the aid of Columbia, and that it afterwards joined with Columbia "purely as an act of her own volition," and rendered material assistance to Columbia in establishing independence. In 1830 Panama separated herself from Columbia, but returned to the Union, but on a second occasion Panama remained separate from Columbia, for nearly a year, when it returned to its place in the Columbia government following peaceful overtures that contained many promises which proved, according to Mr. Hill, to be "specious." In 1840 Panama again maintained her independence for two years, when she was again "cajoled into reunion with Columbia."

There is a good old Yankee saying of "three times and out." Panama however, separated again from Columbia in 1860 but was compelled to return to Columbian control by force of arms. The people of Panama determined that when the time came they would strike for a permanent independence, and with an undaunted spirit they waited until the third of November, 1903, when for the fifth and last time they successfully proclaimed themselves as an independent government.

Mr. Hill says he is prepared to prove that the United States had no knowledge of the revolution for independence until it was an accomplished fact; but quite naturally his people at Panama were rejoiced beyond measure when the United States promptly made the independence of Panama certain and assured their position in the world through the recognition proclaimed by President Roosevelt. The statement is an interesting contribution to Panama history, and it serves to drive another nail in the fatuous claims of Columbia and its wailing plea for American millions.

1920 With the Railroads
An interesting summary of the railroad situation has been furnished by Thomas DeWitt Cuyler, chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, in a statement reviewing the railroad situation for the year 1920. Mr. Cuyler says that under private operation during the year, the railroads moved a larger gross tonnage than ever before, and also established new records in the amount of transportation gotten out of each car. These records, Mr. Cuyler says, were not achieved by the railroads alone but with the aid of shippers in unloading cars, and with "the day and night, rain or shine, work of hundreds of thousands of employees." There has been a great deal of discussion in the newspapers as to what course the railroads will pursue in their attempts to collect the six per cent return pledged to the railroads by the transportation act, in view of the fact that the earnings fall considerably short. Mr. Cuyler in speaking for the railroads sets this question at rest by the statement that "the railway executives realize that they are trustees of a great public interest in the reduction of railroad operating expense to the lowest possible figure, and every effort will be made during the coming year to accomplish this by further economies and efficiency."

It is a noteworthy achievement that the increased average movement per freight car per day has grown 22.3 to 28.6 miles, while the

increased average load per car has been brought up from 28.3 to 30 tons. Mr. Cuyler states that there has been brought a substantial reduction in the number of unserviceable locomotives while the accumulation of unmoved freight cars, which amounted to 103,237 on March 1st, was brought down to 21,991 on December 3rd, of which only 6,386 were detained because of the inability of the railroads to move them. The relocation of box cars between the east and the west furnished another record of efficiency for the railroads. In addition the lines have moved the third highest coal production in the history of the country, and have made expenditures of over a half billion dollars in improving the maintenance of tracks, bridges, cars and locomotives; in addition to which they have contracted for additions and betterments, and for new freight cars and locomotives and reconstruction work in sums hitherto unknown in railroad development.

"Private ownership and operation of the railroads as a measure of sound public policy," said Mr. Cuyler, in concluding his review, rests largely upon its superior efficiency and economy. In my judgment the American railroad companies during the present year have fully justified, and during the coming year will make every effort to continue to justify, the support and confidence which public opinion, in gratifying measure, has already accorded them."

Financial Relief in Disarmament
Whenever the Army and Navy appropriations are asked for Congress is usually so staggered by the amounts that it lends an attentive ear to arguments for disarmament. Senator Hiram Johnson and Senator Borah, the "irreconcilables," are among the enthusiasts favoring an agreement between Great Britain, Japan and the United States to limit the size of armaments. At the same time the assembly of the League of Nations at Geneva has taken action recommending to various governments the reduction of armaments.

Aside from all other considerations involving ideals and idealism, especial emphasis is laid upon the great burden of expense reflected in taxation throughout the world. It is plain that in our own country the income taxes would be reduced if disarmament could be achieved, because foreign countries would then be able to use some of the money they are spending for armament to pay America something of their big war debt of \$10,000,000,000. Likewise, political economists state that an improved condition in European credit would follow, which would make itself shown in the rate of exchange in the different countries, thereby facilitating foreign trade. The economic benefits of disarmaments are indisputably innumerable. In the last analysis Washington believes that if the thought of Europe could be turned from war and the people of those countries could be induced to direct all of their energies to productive purposes, that it would not be long before civilization would get on its feet again.

It seems a little strange that after the greatest war in history as well as one of the greatest political upheavals ever known in the United States, that a new administration removed but a few weeks from assuming power, is still groping in the dark for a policy to lessen warfare, that will meet with hearty support in Congress.

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To the Sheriff or any Constable of Andrews County—Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to summon the Lone Star Farms Company, a corporation, partnership or joint stock association, the stockholders of which or the partners thereof being unknown, by making publication of this citation once in 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, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 70th Judicial District; to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Andrews County, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Andrews Texas, on the third Monday in March, A. D., 1921, the same being the 21st day of March, 1921, and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 28th day of October, A. D., 1920, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 239, wherein J. S. Means is plaintiff, and James V. Gow, A. A. Horne, Ira J. Bell, W. E. Bell and Lone Star Farms Company are defendants, and said petition alleging that heretofore on the 1st day of November, 1915, defendant James V. Gow, made, executed and delivered to A. A. Horne his promissory note in writing in sum of twelve hundred dollars, due in one year after date and providing for interest from date at rate of 10 per cent per annum and 10 per cent additional as attorney's fees, and simultaneously therewith executed a deed of trust to secure said note on section No. 18, blk. A-34, public school land, Andrews County, Texas, and which note and lien were transferred to plaintiff. That the Lone Star Farms Company thereafter acquired said land in consideration of the assumption of said note. Plaintiff prays for judgment for his debt, interest and attorney's fees and for foreclosure of the deed of trust lien. 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 Andrews, Texas, this 8th day of January, 1921.
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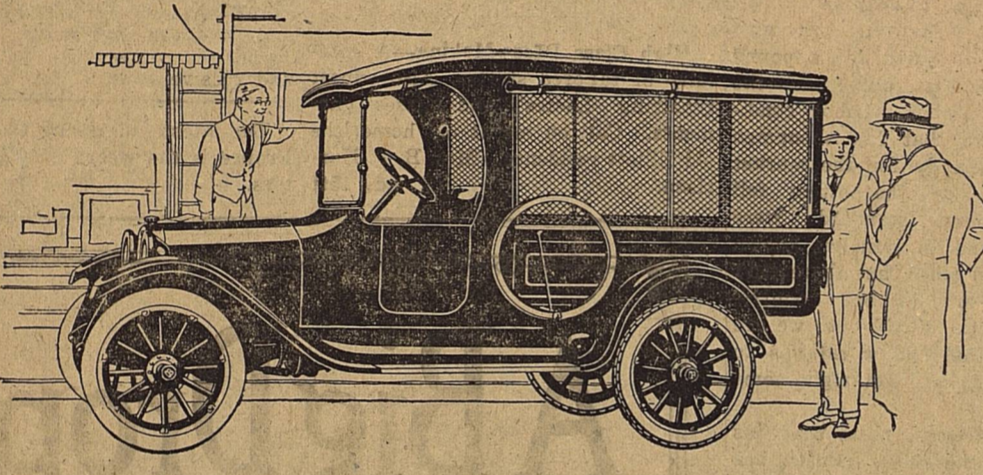


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While following, to some extent, traditional methods in the preparation of almanacs, he has gone far afield in his search for odd and useful facts. For example, the reader is given the last word in photography—the reproduction of pictures over telegraph wires. Up-to-the-minute information is offered on aerial passenger service and the sending of post office material via the air mail. This feature alone lends unusual interest to the Almanac.

Those interested in the Olympic games will find carefully tabulated results of the 1920 events, and, on the same page, is listed the summary of World's Championship baseball series since Boston beat Pittsburgh in 1903.

Quite timely, too, are the 1920 census figures of every State and all cities of 25,000 population or over, showing comparison with 1910 figures and giving percentage of increase and decrease.

Many important Government and political statistics are included, especially informative being the plurality and electoral votes of the Harding-Cox campaign, by States. The electoral and popular vote for President since 1840 is also listed. There is a political questionnaire that the men folks should study before discussing politics on suffrage with the new women voters.

And even the most experienced housewife will discover new, helpful suggestions for saving time and temper in the performance of household duties, while for the children numerous games are explained.

Lieutenant Colonel Connor, Medical Corps, U. S. Army, has prepared a special list of suggestions on first aid as recommended by the American Red Cross. These common sense health suggestions should prove extremely helpful to everyone.

Another special contribution is the outline of the activities of the American Legion. Then there are the revised automobile laws of the various States—and other suggestions for the guidance of motorists. Fastidious men will find a correct Dress Chart, and agriculturists can pore over the comparative crop reports for 1918-19-20.

And, of course, as a seasoning for the Almanac, Velvet Joe's own quaint sayings are interspersed with the items of fact and fancy.

This remarkable publication is distributed without charge and those wishing a copy should write to Velvet Joe, care Liggett & Myres' Tobacco Company, 4241 Folsom avenue, St. Louis, Mo., and he will send them one.

Card of Thanks

We appreciate, very much, the many kindnesses shown to us by our Midland friends since the recent loss of our home. It is difficult, in fact impossible, to express what we feel, and this expression through The Reporter is but a testimony of our deep gratitude to all.

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"SLAM-BANG-JIM"

**RANGER WHO CAPTURED
SAM BASS IS DEAD**

With the death of William L. Bannister, which occurred in Temple a few days ago, there passed a Texas pioneer possessed of a stirring history. Bannister was an old ranger and cowman, who was born in Missouri in 1856, coming to Wise County with his parents at the close of the Civil War. In 1876, in company with his brother, John R. (Shotgun) Bannister, he joined Company E of the Texas Rangers, stationed in Kimble County under Capt. N. O. Reynolds. Three years later, in 1879, the brothers were transferred to Ranger Company D, for special duty in connection with the capture of Sam Bass, the noted desperado.

While at San Saba the brothers learned of a contemplated raid on a bank at Round Rock by Bass, and by forced riding made the trip to Round Rock, a distance of 100 miles, without stopping or dismounting. Arriving there in the evening they encountered Bass and some companions in a saloon. A running fight ensued, Bass being shot through the body as he was escaping on his horse. The next day the two brothers made search for him and found the wounded outlaw in the brush several miles from town. They carried him to Round Rock, where he was under guard until his death occurred some time later.

John D. Bannister, known to pioneers as "Shotgun" by reason of his deadly accuracy with that weapon, was sheriff of Coleman County and died while holding that position several years ago. Both brothers were splendid types of the old Texas frontiersman, and facing death was a mere incident to them. W. L. Bannister moved to Temple from Santa Anna with his family about three years ago, and resided on a farm east of town. Most of his life was spent in the saddle amid stirring and thrilling scenes.

In the fifteenth century it was believed that a roasted mouse, applied tightly, would cure cannon ball wounds.

**BUFFALO HERDS IN UNITED
STATES INCREASE RAPIDLY**

The American Bison Society reports that in January, 1920, there were 3,393 wild and tame buffalo in the United States. This encouraging report sets at rest the very real fear that existed not long ago lest the native buffalo, which once roamed the western plains, would soon become extinct.

The Magnolia Petroleum Company recently authorized a stock dividend to stockholders of \$60,000,000.

**A Tonic
For Women**

"I was hardly able to drag, I was so weakened," writes Mrs. W. F. Ray, of Easley, S. C. "The doctor treated me for about two months, still I didn't get any better. I had a large family and felt I surely must do something to enable me to take care of my little ones. I had heard of

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The alchemists of old used to believe that rock crystal was ice that had been buried a thousand years.

The first women to fly from Paris to Morocco, a distance of about 1150 miles, made the flight in two days.

**NOVEMBER IMPORTS
SHOW HEAVY DECLINE**

The First National Bank of St. Louis, research and statistical department, in its weekly financial review writes that our November foreign trade is characterized by a decline in imports of more than one hundred million dollars, and a decline in exports of about sixty-three million dollars as compared with the same month of last year. In November of this year our imports totalled \$321,200,000 against \$424,800,000 last year, and exports for November of this year totalled \$676,700,000 against \$740,000,000 last year. Our favorable trade balance was thus about \$40,000,000 greater for November of this year, due to the fact that the decline in imports was considerably greater than the decline in exports.

When we compare November with October, a decrease in this so-called favorable balance of about \$63,000,000 arises from a much greater decline in exports than imports. The decrease in imports during November of this year as compared with the same month of last year is seen in our trade with four of the great geographical divisions—Europe, South America, Asia and Africa—and this is due more to lessened demand here than to diminished productive power abroad. Imports from North America and Oceania increased slightly. Imports from Germany increased in November of this year to \$7,560,000 from some \$3,200,000 during the same month last year. Belgian shipments to us likewise increased from \$1,850,000 to \$4,160,000. In this respect the position of these two nations stands out in strong contrast to the other principal former warring countries of Europe, whose sales to us all declined.

Though it is not altogether safe to generalize from one month's experience, it would seem that conditions are at last forcing a reduction in our excess of exports.

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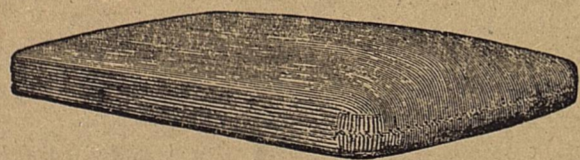


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BACK HOME AFTER A SUCCESSFUL TRIP

OUR TOWNSMAN SUCCESSFUL AS MESSENGER OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Judge J. M. DeArmond, of this city, returned the first of the week from Birmingham, Ala., where he was in attendance at a meeting of the board of directors of the Bankhead National Highway Association which was in session at that place on the 3rd and 4th inst. Judge DeArmond is one of the two directors from the State of Texas, in this association, and took an active part in the proceedings. He being one of the five members appointed by the president to revise the constitution and by-laws of the association.

The meeting was presided over by President Bennehan Cameron with J. A. Rountree, secretary, State Directors from the states of Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California and Oklahoma, were present. Mr. Rountree's report on the work of the association for the past eight months covering as it did the matter of receipts and disbursements of the funds of the association were in all things found to be satisfactory and were approved by the board. His outline of the report he will make to the War Department on the trip of the motor convoy was most flattering from the standpoint of the Bankhead Highway being adopted by the government, and it is Mr. Rountree's belief that the Townsend bill, which calls for the construction of a system of government highways, will pass and that two of the first big projects of that kind to be taken over will be the Lincoln National Highway and the Bankhead. Mr. Rountree further stated that this road is now receiving national recognition, for the National Automobile Association is busy routing tourists through the South over the Bankhead and next year five national map makers will feature the Bankhead Highway on their publications, running the entire route, with special attention to its many points of interest from Washington to California.

Judge DeArmond says that many important matters pertaining to the association were considered by the board of directors but that the most important matter acted upon was the plan proposed by Oklahoma whereby the route running through that State would be placed on a parity and with equal standing with the route through Texas, by creating a division to be known as the Central West Division of the Bankhead Highway running from Hot Springs, Ark., to El Paso, Texas, through Oklahoma, Texas Panhandle and New Mexico, thus making this route a part of the main line of the Bankhead Highway from Washington to California. After quite a heated contest this plan was rejected and by an overwhelming expression of the directors it was made plain that there would be only one organization controlling the Bankhead Highway and that a national association, and that only one main line would be recognized and that would be the route already designated running from Hot Springs, Ark., to El Paso, Texas, through the State of Texas, and a resolution to this effect was carried, every director present voting for same, except those personally interested in the other route. Thus by this action the All Texas Route is again adopted as a part of the main line and the Oklahoma route suffers another defeat in her efforts to become a part of the main line.

Judge DeArmond states further that the Constitutional Committee adopted an amendment offered by himself which was approved by the board of directors, which will be submitted to the next convention of the association, which when adopted will forever settle the main line of the highway from Memphis to El Paso, by naming points through which it runs and Judge DeArmond says he did not overlook the opportunity of having Midland one of the towns mentioned through which the highway runs in Texas.

Judge DeArmond's trip was authorized and paid for by three chambers of commerce, that of Midland, Big Spring and El Paso. Others were asked to share this expense, but made no response.

A MUSICAL TREAT

Prof. L. C. Kigore, of Dallas, will sing at the Methodist church on next Sunday evening. All music lovers should hear him, as he ranks as one of the best soloists in the State.

S. X. SWIMME, Pastor.

STOCKMEN HOPEFUL CONCERNING FUTURE

FUNDAMENTAL CONDITIONS ALL RIGHT, SAYS STATE INSPECTOR

The cattle and sheep raisers of West Texas have trimmed their sails of all expensive frills and have settled down to work their way out of the slough of low priced wool, beef and mutton, according to W. Y. Bengé, of Sterling City, cowman and sheepman and inspector of the Texas State Live Stock Sanitary Commission, who was in Fort Worth on business early this week, and was interviewed by a Dallas News reporter. Fundamentally, conditions never were sounder in all of the country radiating from San Angelo as a hub. Mr. Bengé said, because of the unparalleled range conditions. Practically all of the country is understocked and grass is so good that the cattle are holding up well for this season of the year. Little feeding is being done of a necessity, he said, but in confident hope of better market conditions for spring, a number of men are making plans to feed their cattle early on the range. The winter wheat has been ideal and if rains fall soon there should be another phenomenal crop, he said.

"We have been the victims of extraordinary circumstances," Mr. Bengé said. "In 1919 physical conditions were ideal and we were beginning to see a solution of all our problems. Then came 1920 with the greatest promise in history. Cattle were doing splendidly and the greatest lamb crop in the history of the range country was raised. Sheep prices continued to soar and there were no sellers. Shearing time came along with wool worth 75c a pound for twelve months' clip, and the rainbow rose higher. Labor conditions were such that few sheepmen got their clip ready for the market early and one day the bottom fell out. Of course standards were swept away, and no man has known how to proceed since, but there isn't any heart-failure in our country. We've got work to do, but we are raising stuff that the world has to have and things will get right some time.

"One of the worst pests that has ever beset the sheep industry has been badly routed under the Live Stock Sanitary Commission's war on scabies, directed by T. W. Parker, chief inspector of the sanitary commission, who has been in the eradication forces for a good many years. From San Angelo he has directed the clean-up work in all of West and Southwest Texas counties so successfully that the infested territory has been reduced to a few localities," Mr. Bengé continued.

"We had the scab well in hand up to the winter of 1919, when by reason of the lack of mating sheep there was brought into the country large flocks from New Mexico and other sections. Despite all of the vigilance that could be exercised, scabies broke out in some of these flocks. We had a strenuous season of dipping in the counties north and west of San Angelo, but the dipping campaign has been highly successful, and continued vigilance is holding the parasite in check."

Citation by Publication

The State of Texas, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County—Greetings.

You are hereby commanded to summon Vern Smith 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, Texas, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Midland, Texas, on the first Monday in February, A. D., 1921, the same being the seventh day of February, A. D., 1921, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the day of January, A. D., 1921, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 1605, wherein Ola Beatrice Smith is plaintiff and Vern Smith is defendant, and said petition alleging the lawful marriage of plaintiff and defendant on or about the 11th day of June, 1917, and that on account of abandonment of the plaintiff by the defendant about four years ago, she asks that the bonds of matrimony be dissolved between the plaintiff and defendant, and for such other relief, special and general in law and in equity that she may be entitled to.

Herein fail not, but have before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, C. B. Dunagan, Clerk of the County Court of Midland County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, in the city of Midland, Texas, this 13th day of January, A. D., 1921.

C. B. DUNAGAN, Clerk, District Court, Midland Co., Texas.

Issued this 13th day of January, A. D., 1921.

C. B. DUNAGAN, Clerk, District Court, Midland Co., Texas.

OIL INTERESTS AT PECOS MUCH REVIVED

Renewed activity in the leasing of land for oil development was demonstrated Thursday of last week at Pecos, according to the Pecos Enterprise, when W. R. Lynch, manager of the Pecos Valley Alfalfa Land and Oil Company, sold and transferred leases to the amount of \$50,000.

The leases were all given in Loving County. This is probably the record sale since the days when the boom was first here.

The good showing in the Toyah-Bell No. 1 is probably responsible for the increased demand for acreage in Loving County. The drill in this well has stopped in a sand which oil men claim is identical with the big producing sand of the Ranger field. Not much information is being given out regarding the prospects but there is a "big stir" is evidenced by the fact that all the officials of the company were called to Pecos by wire and spent the entire day at the well yesterday. The drillers are having some trouble with the tools in the hole due to a weakened cable, but the force of workers will be strengthened today and it is hoped that the bit can be pushed on into the sand for a test. Meantime local oil men are holding their breath. That there is oil in the well has been shown by a test, it only remains now to determine whether it is there in commercial quantities.

Mr. Lynch also stated that he had a \$60,000 land sale that would probably be carried through today.

Other Pecos real estate men are experiencing a run on their holdings in Loving County and from all appearances it looks like the lease acreage in the Pecos Valley is due for a big boost.

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STRAYED OR STOLEN—Span of small mules, light brown in color, a horse and a mare mule. One branded "C" on thigh and other branded "I H X" on hip. Disappeared from my home in Midland about December 20th. Will gladly pay for information or trouble in locating same. Jax M. Cowden. 13-ft

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