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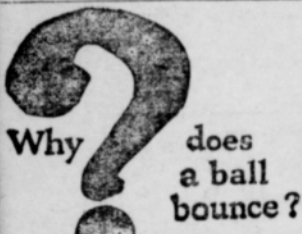
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FINE FARM HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE

Supply Tank for Oil Burner Was Overflowed and Caused Fire—Saved Practically Nothing.

The fine home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Whitson was destroyed by fire between 10 and 11 o'clock on Wednesday morning, January 16. This home was located eight miles south of Spearman and was one of the best farm homes in the country. It is difficult to make an estimate of the loss, but it will be a considerable sum. The fire was caused by an overflow from the supply tank of an oil burner. It seems that Mr. Whitson had filled the tank the night before the fire, but Mrs. Whitson did not know it and asked a man who was employed on the farm to fill it. He poured several gallons of oil into the tank, which was open at the top, and it ran out on the floor near the stove. The stove was hot, and the conflagration followed so quickly that it was impossible to save anything. Only a few valuables, papers, etc., an old suitcase and the clothing the family were wearing was saved. Mr. Whitson was with a threshing crew about two miles from home when he noticed the fire. The threshing crew all jumped in a car and started to the blaze, but a radius rod dropped and turned their car over. Fortunately, no one was hurt, and the boys were picked up by Mr. Whitson and taken on to the fire, but reached it too late to be of any service. Mr. Whitson farms on an extensive plan and had several farm hands who were making their home at the Whitson place. They lost considerable clothing and other paraphernalia, and we understand one young fellow lost \$30 in money, his discharge from the army and an old, civil war revolver, which he prized very highly as a keepsake. Of course the loss to Mr. and Mrs. Whitson is great. The many little keepsakes at home—not worth so much in dollars and cents, but of inestimable value because of their associations—makes the loss of an old home by fire a real tragedy. The Reporter sincerely sympathizes with our good friends in their great loss.

LETTERS WE LIKE TO READ

Erick, Oklahoma, Jan. 9. Spearman Reporter:—Enclosed find check for \$3. You have a good paper and it is well worth the money. I have no interest in your country only that I admire the push of your people, and I know that some day you will be a prosperous people.

A. G. GILLUM.

Tuscumbia, Mo., Jan. 9, 1924. Spearman Reporter, Spearman, Texas.

Gentlemen:—I enclose \$3.00 to pay on my subscription. Keep sending it.

Respectfully,
R. M. MARSHALL.

Gower, Mo., January 9th, 1924. Spearman Reporter, Spearman, Texas.

Gentlemen:—We intended to call at your office before leaving Spearman, but we got in late from the ranch on Saturday evening and left Monday morning, so we failed in our intentions.

We herewith enclose our check for \$3.00 in payment for two years subscription. We have been paying in double doses and do not know our expiration date, but we feel that if you are in the same boat with the rest of us would be business men that you will not object to this small contribution. It would be a pleasure to us to know if this check settles our arrears and if it gives us an advancement of subscription to your good paper.

Yours truly,
J. T. WHITSON.

FAIR SECRETARIES TO MEET

A meeting of the Panhandle and North Plains Fair Secretaries will be held in the Longhorn Club Rooms of the Amarillo hotel on Thursday, February 14. It is important that Spearman have a representative at this meeting, the purpose of which is to discuss plans for securing a circuit of attractions, such as shows, automobile races, horse races, exhibits, etc., and also to arrange the dates so that there will not be any fairs that will conflict. The larger fairs, such as Dallas, Wichita Falls, Amarillo and others have already set their dates and it is planned for the smaller ones to arrange their dates so there will be no conflict. The Spearman Commercial Club should elect the 1924 Fair officials at once, and someone should be sent to Amarillo to attend this meeting.

Mrs. Geo. W. McMurtry is slowly improving from a severe illness, we are glad to report. Mrs. McMurtry had been quite ill for several days, and the first of the week her condition was such that the attending physician, Dr. Gibner, called Dr. Dawson from Dalhart, to assist with an operation. The operation was quite successful and Mrs. McMurtry is now on the road to recovery, a fact which her many friends are indeed glad to know.

WILL BUILD BRICK RESIDENCE HERE

Work Will Begin About April 1 in First Brick Residence for Spearman—Will be a Modern Home.

Work will begin about April 1 on the fine brick residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Russell, which will be located on the lots just north of the C. W. Carson home. Mr. Russell has contracted for the surplus brick which were not used in the construction of the school building, and they will be used in his new residence. This residence will be 45x50 feet in dimensions, with basement, fireplace, furnace and all modern conveniences. Mr. Russell says he intends to have a real home when it is completed. This will be Spearman's first brick residence, although several parties are talking of building good homes here during the coming summer. As soon as the weather will permit the work to progress without interruption, a building boom will open up in Spearman there will be much activity in this line. Watch Spearman grow.

CAR STOLEN

A. G. Satrum and P. A. Dahl were in from Oslo Thursday afternoon to see Sheriff Richardson about a car which was stolen from Mr. Satrum's garage on Wednesday night. The car was a brand new Ford. The car was taken by someone who evidently knew the country well, as they followed the car tracks through gates that are not used often and along old roads that few people ever use. From the tracks Mr. Satrum believes that the thief went northwest, perhaps to Texhoma or Goodwell, but he will not likely stop long at either place.

Kodak Finishing at Eberhart's Gallery, Spearman 4tf.

Miss Cornelia Davis came from Oklahoma City the first of the week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Davis.

J. R. Collard, real estate, loans and insurance man, reports the sale recently of a half-section of land out south of Spearman.

Prof. O. L. Savage, principal of Spearman schools, was on the sick list several days this week, and unable to attend to his duties.

Enlargements, as fine as can be made, and one-half the price of agents, at the H. C. Eberhart Gallery, Spearman. 4tf.

1,000 bushels of seed oats for sale. This is good, sound, clean seed. See or write

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Mrs. A. J. Wilbanks is contemplating an early visit to her old home at Bluffdale, Texas, where she and her son A. J. Jr., will be the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Oakes.

Henry Dacus and Tot Davis, truckmen, went to Canadian Thursday with cotton for Geo. W. Fullbright. Mr. Fullbright had 26 acres of cotton from which he has picked six and one-half bales.

Frank Dacus is here from Canyon, where they are making their home while the girls attend the W. T. S. T. C. Something must be wrong with Frank, as we have not heard him laugh since he arrived.

Stonewall McMurtry came from White Deer Monday to be at the bedside of his mother, who has been quite ill for several days, and on Thursday went to Amarillo to meet his sister Alleene, who came home from her school at Denton on account of her mother's illness.

L. D. Turner and Shorty Dodson were here from the old Ochiltree community Wednesday. Mr. Turner is an old resident of that section having located in Ochiltree county 25 years ago. This was his first visit to Spearman, and he was well pleased and a bit surprised at the growth of the town and development of the country in this section.

Clarence Livingston came in from Shattuck the first of the week and reports that his wife is improving nicely since undergoing an operation for appendicitis at the Shattuck hospital on Saturday of last week. When Mrs. Livingston has recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital, the family will visit with friends in Oklahoma for a while before returning to their home here.

Gray Sparks returned the first of the week from an extended visit to Oklahoma. Gray was down in Mc. Intosh county, a country that is supposed to be one of the finest agricultural sections of the Sooner state but he says the farmers there have been hard hit and are up against a tough proposition. Corn is high and there is very little to be had at any price; the boll weevil destroyed the cotton crop and a severe winter has added to the agony. Gray says the farmers of this section are doing well and don't know it.

INDEPENDENCE

Are you so financially well fixed that, if unexpected adversities came, you could come through with a smile and without a debt? Could you, if you chose, retire from active work to-morrow and live out the rest of your day's just as comfortably as you are now? Those two aims represent Financial Independence, a status every right thinking man aspires to. You can attain it by putting your spare dollars into a Savings Account with us.

GUARANTY STATE BANK

Spearman, Texas

At the Churches

THE CHALLENGE OF A GREAT TASK

Do we find our hands full as we come into the busy days of the New Year? If so thank God for it. Those who are busiest are usually the happiest. It is glorious to have some part in making the world conform to the Christian ideal. These are great days in which to live. What a confession of faith is this: "What times these are in which to be living! I pity those who hear only the crash of falling walls, and see only the decay of ancient structures, and cannot discern the rising walls of the Kingdom of God!" The Church is doing a great work; it has a worthy programme. If the task seems at times heavy it is all the more a challenge to our faith. The low man seeks a small thing to do. Great undertakings challenge undaunted faith and call for heroic effort. In response to so stimulating a challenge we will invest the best we have. This always wins.—Texas Christian Advocate.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church of Spearman, held its first meeting for 1924 at the home of Mrs. Raymond Witt on Tuesday, January 8. The meeting was a very pleasant and interesting one, as the program included the outlining of the work of the Auxiliary for the coming year. It was decided that an Easter Bazaar would be held, the date of which will be announced later and the ladies are already assembling nice things for the bazaar. The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held with Mrs. Lyman J. Hillhouse on Tuesday, January 22.

Rev. J. A. Wheeler will preach at Grand Plains next Sunday, January 20, at 11.00 a. m. and at 3.00 p. m., and at Spearman at 7.00 p. m. A hearty welcome awaits all who will attend services.

BIG TIME TONIGHT

The Pie Supper and program to be given by the Woman's Missionary Society and the O. E. S. at the Methodist church tonight promises to be one of the most interesting and enjoyable occasions of the season. The organizations which have it in charge are making preparations to entertain a big crowd.

Home Baked Pies; Merit Bread. D. C. D. Cafe.

W. L. Harris was in from the Grand Plains community Wednesday. Buck Hancock was here from the Kimball community Wednesday.

The Missionary Society met with Mrs. Delon Kirk on Wednesday, January 16. "Social Gospel" was our lesson for the afternoon. Our next meeting will be held on January 23, with Mrs. S. B. Archer.

The Spearman Reporter reached the age of sweet sixteen the first of the year. Oran Kelly has been the editor and publisher the past seven years and has made it one of the most interesting local newspapers in the Panhandle. May you continue to guide the destiny of the Reporter for many more years, Oran.—Panhandle Herald.

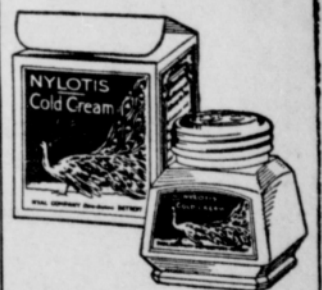
A GOOD MAIL CARRIER

The Reporter is informed by Postmaster Claude P. Ellis that a complaint has been sent in to the Postmaster General's office about the service rendered by Vernon Alexander, carrier on the Guymon-Spearman route. We do not believe this complaint should have been made. In the first place, the weather the past six months has been anything but good for a mail carrier. We had three months of rain and have had a very severe winter, so far, but this mail carrier has made the trip every time it was possible, and many times when the ordinary mail carrier would not have attempted it. He has pulled through the mud and snow on days when he should have been at home, and his car in a garage. Vernon is careful with the mail; is absolutely honest in his business transactions, and in fact, an all round mail carrier far above the average. Furthermore, we believe that 95 per cent. of the patrons on this route are mighty well pleased with the service he is giving them and would not hesitate to sign a petition setting forth this fact. People some time become peeved at mail carriers, clerks, phone operators and others who must deal with the public every day, and they see nothing but mistakes in their work. Most everyone makes a mistake occasionally, but if the patrons would arrange good boxes, conveniently located, treat the carriers right and not expect anything impossible of them, their disappointments with the average mail carrier would be few and far between.

BIG SALE AT FARNSWORTH

That "Bird" Rogers, merchant prince of Farnsworth, holds a sale on the last Saturday of each month, the next one being advertised for Saturday, January 26. He makes big, substantial reductions in the price of everything in his large line of merchandise, and also has an auction sale of livestock, farm machinery and other things too numerous to mention. The coming sale, Saturday, January 26, promises to be one of the best he has ever held, and it will be well worth attending.

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FORD PRODUCTION

(By EDSEL B. FORD, President of the Ford Motor Company.)

Even though 1923 exceeded all our expectations, there is every reason to believe that in 1924 business will attain to far greater proportions.

More people will buy automobiles during the coming year than ever before. Evidence of our belief in this is the extensive expansion program we are now carrying out and which is aimed to effect new manufacturing economics and materially increase production. So, in the New Year,



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BLACK SCHOOL

Misses Hazel and Myrtle Dekle visited Mrs. Orrill Sunday.

W. P. Dekle and children were shopping in Perryton Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Orrill were shopping in Perryton Saturday.

Mrs. Alice Taylor visited in the W. J. Smith home, Thursday.

Fendorf and John Archie Schubert spent Saturday with W. R. Greever.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fuller and family were shopping in Perryton Saturday.

Messers. Dolph Daniels and Lee Belt made a business trip to Perryton Saturday.

Mr. Belt and Mrs. Bertha Smith were visitors in the Dolphia Daniels home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Smith and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fuller.

Mr. Dolphia Daniels and daughter spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Forbes of Perryton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Gilliam and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Brown and children spent Sunday in the home of their daughter and sister Mrs. Tress Maize.

The junior boys basket ball team of Spearman played our junior boys here last Friday. The score was 16 to 0 in favor of the Spearman boys.

NEW HOPE

Willard Scruggs returned Friday from Hutchinson, Kansas.

Paddy Bohannon made a business trip to Guymon Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith were Spearman shoppers Friday.

Everyone has been enjoying the fine weather of the past week.

G. B. Coats, of Dalhart, Texas, spent the week end at his ranch here.

Our school was enlarged by the enrollment of the four Blades children.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Blades moved to the Davis place of this neighborhood last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Cline visited relatives in this community Saturday and Sunday.

Those from this community who attended the forty-two party at R. D. Tomlinson's Friday night were Daisy Kate and Eldon Cline, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cline and daughter, June.

THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL FATHER

A certain man had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father; "Father give me the portion of thy time, and thy attention, and thy companionship, and thy counsel, which falleth to me." And he delivered unto him his living in that he paid the boy's bills, and sent him to high school, and to college, and tried to believe that he was doing his duty by the boy.

And not many days after, the father gathered all his interests and aspirations and ambitions and took his journey into far country, into the land of stocks and bonds and securities and other things which do not interest a boy; and there he wasted his precious opportunity of being a chum to his own son.

And he spent the very best of his life, and had gained money, but failed to find satisfaction; there arose a mighty famine in his heart; and he began to be in want of sympathy and real companionship. And he went and joined himself to one of the clubs of that country; and they elected him chairman of the house committee and president of the club, and sent him to Congress. And he fain would have satisfied himself with the husks that other men did eat; and no man gave unto him any real friendship.

But when he came to himself, he said: "How many men of my acquaintance have boys whom they understand and who understand them, who talk about their boys and associate with their boys and seem perfectly happy in the companionship of their sons, and I perish with heart-hunger. I will arise and go to my son, and will say to him, 'Son I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight; I am no more worthy to be called thy father; make me as one of thy acquaintances.'

And he arose and came to his son. But while he was yet off his son saw him and was moved with astonishment, and instead of running and falling on his neck, he drew back and was ill at ease.

And the father said unto him; "Son I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight; I am no more worthy to be called thy father. Forgive me now and let me be thy friend."

But the son said: Not so. I wish it were possible, but it is too late. There was a time when I wanted to know things, when I wanted companionship, and counsel; but you were too busy. I got the information, and I got the companionship; but I got the wrong kind. Now, alas and there is nothing you can do for me. It is too late, too late, too late.—C. E. Farlines in the Westminster Times.

MANURE OFTEN DOUBLE WHEAT YIELD

"When wheat is worth \$1.00 per bushel, good, well-rotted manure is worth more than \$2.00 per ton as a top dressing to wheat," says H. M. Bainer of the Southwestern Wheat Improvement Association. He states that this valuation is based on results from several of the leading experiment stations in the wheat belt. This means that the farmer who hauls out only a few loads of manure a day is making big wages.

Mr. Bainer continues by saying, "Wheat farmers are losing millions of dollars annually because they

place too little valuation on manure and let too much of it go to waste. At the Oklahoma station, he says, "Ten tons of barnyard manure per acre applied as a top dressing to wheat once every four years, for a 24-year period, where the land was in wheat continuously, produced 9 bushels more wheat per acre per year than the same kind of land by the side of it which was not manured. This is equal to an increase of 36 bushels per acre in each four-year period and a return of more than \$3.50 for each ton of manure applied.

"The Kansas station produced from 9 to 11 bushels more wheat per acre, for several years, on land that had been manured, than on similar land that had not been manured. At this station, land that was in wheat continuously, and was manured and cropped for 10 years, produced an average of 18.4 bushels per acre per year; during the same period similar land by the side of it that was not manured produced an average yield of only 6.9 bushels per acre.

"The effect of manure on land will continue for several years. The subsoil of manured land always contains more moisture than unmanured land. The nitrogen added by the manure not only increases the yield of wheat but also improves its quality, insuring a higher protein content and a better price."

FOUND KEYS

A bunch of keys were found and left at the Reporter shop, where the owner may recover them by making proper proof of ownership.

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Miss Campbell in "Miss America" crown which she has won on two occasions. Photograph by Atlantic Foto Service.

Miss Mary Katherine Campbell, twice proclaimed "Miss America," has taken TANLAC and endorses it in a statement recently given to the women of America through International Proprietors, Inc., distributors of this great tonic. In this statement, Miss America declares that Good Health is the basis of all Beauty, and advises women who would be beautiful to "first find good health."

Her complete statement as given is as follows: "I consider it a great privilege to be able to tell the thousands of women everywhere what a great tonic TANLAC is. Health is the basis of all beauty. Without good health, one is apt to be run down, nervous, underweight, high-strung, anemic. Indigestion drives the roses from a woman's

checks and robs her of that radiant quality of womanhood that is real beauty.

"I have taken TANLAC and I do not hesitate to say that it is a wonderful health-giving tonic. It has brought relief and good health to many women, and with good health one may have a measure of beauty that will overcome shortcomings in face and figure."

"Rosy cheeks, sparkling eyes, a well-rounded figure, a lovable disposition, go hand in hand with good health. To those searching for beauty, I would say—'First of all, Find Good Health.' The TANLAC treatment has proven itself a boon to womankind, and I recommend it."

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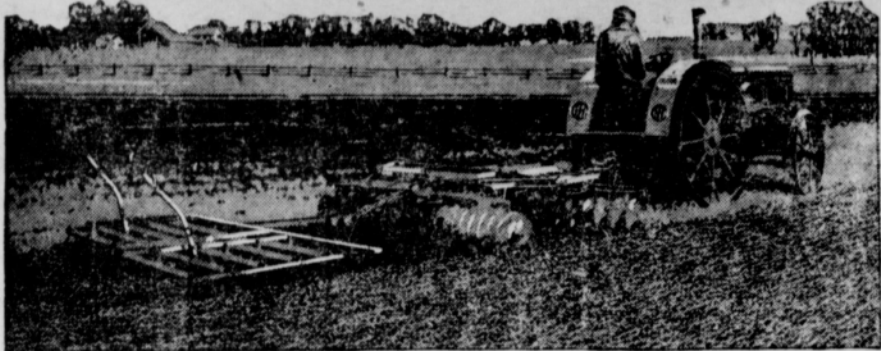
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FRIDAY NIGHT

January 18, 1924

Everybody is invited and a good time is guaranteed. The program will be one of the best rendered in Spearman this winter.

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REPAIRS—Bring correct Number or the old part if you expect prompt service in the Repair Department. All repairs are strictly cash.

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Come to our store for your cotton-growing machinery and tools. We will have Cotton planters, single or double row; Harrows; Listers; Cultivators, Disc, spring tooth or shovel; Sweeps, Drags, Hoes—anything you may need in your cotton patch.

IN FURNITURE

We are offering some rare bargains at present. We want to move a goodly portion of our furniture line during January, and are offering many articles which you need in your house or kitchen at exceptionally low prices.

We have just received a new shipment of OLD TRUSTY INCUBATORS. See them.

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WHAT SUPERPOWER IS

The electric industry in the United States has had a remarkable growth in every item of importance the past year. Greatly increased use of electrical power industries and a wider application of electricity in the home is the cause.

Within the last few months the country has begun to hear of "Superpower." It is proposed that we burn coal in great central power stations, at the mouth of the mine itself, thus saving useless waste in transportation, useless loss in value by-products that amount to many million dollars annually, and useless small-scale conversion into power in thousands of furnaces that now waste 80 per cent of the chemical energy in coal as heat. It is proposed also, that we really begin to tap our vast resources of water power—now less than ten per cent developed—hitching them into the great systems fed by burning coal. It is proposed to generate power at its sources and ship along transmission lines, at new voltages which engineers are beginning to command, to interlock the country in a finely-woven copper net. That is Superpower.

With electric power generated by a waterfall in Oregon you can light a reading lamp today in Yuma, Arizona. There is a great electric horsehoe in Michigan that links ten of the largest cities in the state; there

is a Superpower project under way in eastern section of Ohio; there is a power trunk line of nine hundred miles across the Appalachians that links N. Carolina, S. Carolina, Ala., Tenn., and Georgia.

A superpower system already exists in the Northwest, stretching 1000 miles east and west with 5,000 miles of transmission lines and a combined capacity of 500,000 horse power. In California superpower has for some time been a reality. Every step in this direction means increased advantages for consumers.

PUBLIC PAYS FOR TAX-EXEMPTS

"Money tied up in federal and tax-exempt securities is increasing the expense to industrial enterprises of selling securities in blocks. These enterprises must pay excessive rates of interest to equal the 4½ per cent on tax-exempt federal bonds and in addition taxes which private industry must pay," says Franklin T. Griffith, Pres Portland Railway Light & Power Co.

After all, there are worse things than being hard-boiled for instance being half-baked.—Detroit Free Press

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TWO THOUSAND BUSHELS OF COTTON SEED BOUGHT

President F. H. Hill of the Chamber of Commerce states that about two thousand bushels of cotton seed have been bought for farmers in the Panhandle vicinity for planting purposes this spring. Individuals have bought considerable seed in addition to this amount and the outlook is that four or five thousand acres will be planted in cotton in the trade territory contiguous to Panhandle.

Several have been soliciting farmers to buy high priced seed from the boll weevil district, stating that the boll weevil cannot be carried from one place to another in the seed, but the boll weevil came into Texas from Mexico in cotton seed bought from Mexico in 1892 and the chances are that in a few years we will be saying that the boll weevil was brought into the Panhandle country in cotton seed brought here from the present boll weevil district of Texas.

Speaking of this buying of fine cotton seed recalls a story we heard a cousin of the present Governor McCrae of Arkansas, tell in our childhood. He was traveling thru the country and finding himself without funds in a strange farming community was forced to spend the night at a farmer's house. Noticing some cotton seed in the barn he filled a blank envelope with the seed and next morning the farmer charged him one dollar for his night's lodging. Mr. McCrae told him about the wonders of the fine cotton seed and sold him the envelope full for one dollar. A few years later Mr. McCrae passed back through the same neighborhood and this time had plenty of money to pay his expenses. He told the farmer how he worked him on the cotton seed because he was broke and offered to pay him back the one dollar. "Not a cent do you owe me," said the farmer, "I raised ten bushels from the small amount you sold me and I sold eight bushels of them to my neighbor at five dollars per bushel."—Panhandle Herald.

FOUR ESSENTIALS TO PROFITABLE PRODUCTION OF EGGS ON THE FARM

Make the poultry keep the farmer and take the burden of keeping the poultry off the farmer is the slogan of E. O. Edson, extension poultry husbandman of the A. & M. College of Texas, for 1924. "Four things are directly changeable to the hens for their failure to pay dividends," he said. "These are: poorly bred stock, too small flocks, poor housing conditions, and poor feeding."

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FACTS ABOUT THE BONUS

The bonus question and tax reduction are the two live issues before Congress. Politicians seeking reelection hate to commit themselves on either measure at the present time. Real statesmen have been trying to work out these national problems and give the people the facts. If the people know the facts, public opinion may be relied upon to bring about a satisfactory conclusion.

The three different measures placed before Congress for a soldiers' bonus are the Fordney, McCumber and Mott bills. All three bills give ex-service men the option of choosing any one, but only one, of the following plans:

1. Adjusted service pay, cash award. 2. Adjusted service certificates, insurances. 3. Vocational training aid. 4. Farm or home aid. 5. Land settlement aid. Cost involved in these bills varies as does time in which government must pay.

The Cumber bill has made most progress, as it has been reported on favorably by Senate Finance Committee. But from taxpayers' standpoint and for good of country, the Fordney bill is considered best as the government has longer time in which to pay.

In considering McCumber bill, the Finance Committee believes minimum possible cost would be \$1,560,000,000, if every veteran took the cash payment plan. The maximum would be \$5,273,000,000 if every veteran took adjusted service certificates (insurance.) Under what Finance Committee believes would be real operation of legislation, total cost would be about \$4,396,000,000 scattered over a period of 20 years. Comparing governmental expenditures for 11 months of fiscal year 1921 with whole year 1914, it is found that federal expenditures were \$2,700,000,000 more than expenditures for 1914. Proposed bonus would be in addition to these expenditures.

For year ending June 30, 1921, expenditures of federal government alone were about \$50 per capita, or \$250 per annum per family, as against \$7.07 per capita in 1914.

Taking the 17-months period during which we were at war it is found that the various enlisted men received in pay during that time the following sums: United States \$579,000; France, \$27,550; Italy, \$33,000; Russia, \$7,410; Great Britain, \$138,700; New Zealand, \$138,700; South Africa, \$138,700. It is understood Belgium paid a slightly higher rate than France; Canada paid the same as the United States while Australia paid approximately \$42.00 a month the highest amount of any country.

Every state in the nation except six has provision for bonuses or assistance to ex-soldiers. These benefits are estimated to total over \$184,000,000. In addition, the national government gave cash bonuses at time of discharge.

Roughly, the foregoing is a summary of facts involved in the bonus question. It will be for people of United States to decide whether in face of such expenditures as have already been made and as are being made to maintain our government at present time, it is wise or necessary to enact proposed bonus legislation for benefit of UNJURED veterans, at a cost estimated at from \$1,500,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000.

PREPARING TO BARBECUE TAXPAYERS

In the state of Washington, a measure is being agitated to launch the sale in the development of hydro-electric power. It is interesting to note that those favoring this socialistic measure are practically all public officials or ex-public officials.

There is no general demand on part of public for state development of industry. Such programs are worked up as political propositions for the purpose of appealing to large numbers of uniformed or misinformed voters.

Supporters of state ownership resist most aggressively any suggestion that publicly owned plants be required to pay taxes the same as any other industry, thus relieving the general taxpayer from the double load he must carry under our present laws which exempt publicly owned property from taxation.

Private control of public utilities with governmental regulation, as now in force throughout the country, has been successful in a way that public ownership and operation has never even approximated. The initiative and good management obtained by privately controlled companies are lacking under political or public ownership plans.

If Washington or any other state can be loaded with a mortgage aggregating hundreds of millions of dollars for public ownership of industry, what a mecca it will be for the job hunting politicians and thousands of additional employes on the public payroll.

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Seldom has the country witnessed such universal approval of tax reduction program as accorded Secretary Mellon's proposal.

This is probably due to the fact that the talk about tax reduction is confined to glittering generalities which will not embarrass a political candidate or public official with hard cold facts which must be substantiated.

Secretary Mellon has given the people the figures from which they can draw their own conclusions. Instead of sidestepping the issue, President Coolidge is outspoken in favor of the Mellon plan.

This has been a severe blow to political leaders who would have dodged the issue and delayed action until after coming election.

With a definite program for tax reduction before them and with widespread approval of the plan being expressed from every section of the country, it is going to be hard for our representatives in Congress to justify delay action which will cost the taxpayers of this nation hundreds of millions of dollars.

If tax reduction is actually pushed to final consideration and passage, it will be through the triumph of enlightened public opinion over the preference of individual members of Congress to play personal politics at public expense.

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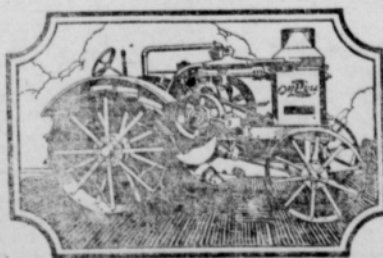
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The "Motor Radio Dinner," held at the Hotel Plaza, New York, of January 4th, under the auspices of the Highway Committee and the Traffic Planning and Safety Committee of the N. A. C. of C. focused thought upon some of the outstanding problems of highway transportation in a very interesting way. Avoiding the heavy speech and the too technical discussion, certain topics were presented for argument which are extremely pertinent to modern road problems.

"Will they wait?" the story of the "saturation point" of good roads, reached in many instances today and rapidly being reached on many other highways, ran neck-and-neck with "where shall I park my car?" in interest. "Lose a minute, save a life," was a safety discussion, but safety from the same angle and not that of mere extra regulation and "more police," usually the only answer of the municipality to cries for safer streets. "Who's your neighbor?" brought out the fact that where we used to speak in acres, we now talk in miles, and that "neighbor" now means the chap anywhere within ten miles, when it used to mean the fellow across the road. "Putting the Bus into Business," "Green Lands and Terminals," "Blazing New Trade Routes?" "Who Pays for the Roads?" are all suggestive topics which will bear discussion in other places and at other times than this.

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Persons insured in this manner would be not a little startled at discovering that by the act of joining the exchange they become parties as insurers to as many several and not joint contracts of insurance as the exchange has subscribers.

NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL WEAKNESS

Secretary Davis of U. S. Department of Labor says the old apprentice system can never be revived in our country with labor organizations and divisions of labor into specialties. Too few trades offer young men an opportunity to learn by direct contact.

Our entire educational system is tending toward producing professional classes, with almost no relation to industry and production. Secretary Davis, speaking before the National Society for Vocational Education, said it was a mistake to turn out 90 per cent. of the young people equipped only for "white collar" occupations.

As a matter of fact in almost any community, by actual count, only 10 per cent of jobs are the "white collar" class. Mr. Davis, himself a product of the workshop, warns us that our country cannot be kept in lead as industrial nation under this system.

Labor organizations shutting young men out from learning trades, and schools and colleges turning out nine professionals when only one is needed will not maintain our hold upon the trade of the world.

Our country will have to learn the lesson once more that labor and productive industry are the foundation of prosperity and our boys and girls must be made to realize that it is not undignified to toil with one's hands.

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TRUCK MAKERS TO HOLD CONVENTION

Motor truck manufacturers will hold a convention at the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce Headquarters in New York, on Monday, January 7th, during the week of the automobile show. A similar gathering held last year was attended by about eighty-five manufacturers.

Among the problems of the industry to be discussed will be: "Bus Operation by Electric Railway Companies," "Progress in Building the Nation's Highway," "Common Carrier Laws and Legislative Problems," "Status of the Motor Truck Industry," "What Can be Done to Improve the Standard of Truck Paper," and "The Pennsylvania Railroad's Experiment in Moving Freight by Motor Truck."

Invitations have been sent to all truck manufacturers in the country, including non-members as well as members of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce.

Illustrating the importance which the motor bus has assumed in urban traffic, it is estimated that nearly 100,000,000 passengers will be carried during 1923 by motor buses in Newark, N. J. by Joseph Crawford, supervisor of transportation. Up to November 30th last a total of 88,650,000 passengers were carried. This was approximately 11,000,000 more than the total for last year. The extra busses brought to Newark during the trolley strike have been withdrawn, and the number in operation during December, 1922, remain at 450—identical with December, 1922.

HOW THE RICH EVADE TAXES

Each person should bear his part of the burdens of government according to his ability to pay. The assessing of excess profit taxes and surtaxes is based on this principle and is the justification of levying a higher rate on large than on small incomes.

But it turns out in practice that there is a limit beyond which we can not go in increasing our taxes without defeating the purpose for which increased rates are levied. According to the reports of the secretary of the treasury in 1916, 1,296 persons filed returns on annual incomes of more than \$300,000; in 1921, the latest figures available, there were only 246 such returns. Each year between 1916 and 1921 the number of persons paying tax on incomes of more than \$300,000 steadily decreased.

In 1916 the government collected on incomes above \$300,000 a year \$706,945,736; in 1921 the tax on such incomes was \$155,370,238, or less than a fourth as much as when the rate was not so high.

Clearly those who have large incomes are not paying large income

taxes; the rich are evading the tax we were trying to impose upon them, and instead of helping to support the government they are getting out from under that burden. Also, the capital of the rich is being taken out of active business and invested in tax-free securities, a shift from productive to idle fields that is hurting business and the farmers along with the rest. No one doubts the wisdom

of making the rich pay and pay heavily, but evidently under our present plan of levying income taxes we are not reaching them. Is the farmer escaping his tax burdens? What should be done about it?—Kansas City Star.

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Growing Cotton on the Plains

(By Victor H. Schoffelmayer,
Field Editor of the Semi-Weekly
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Three consecutive short American cotton crops have brought about a world cotton crisis. The vast cotton-spinning industry of both the new and the old worlds face a cotton famine which is reflected in unusually high prices for raw cotton and in feverish agitation directed to the development of new cotton-producing territory in all parts of the world. Most insistent complaint comes from the British spinners, who up till a few years ago were in position to purchase cotton at what they termed reasonable figures. When cotton touched the 30-cent level the spinners of the great Lancashire mills determined to be free of the domination of the American cotton producer by creating sources of raw cotton within their own domain. Hence there started a cotton boom in Australia, which is still a negligible factor, and other booms in East and West Africa, in Brazil, the Transcaucasus, Turkestan, Indo-China and other foreign lands adapted to cotton culture.

The most important factor in the reduction of the American cotton crop is generally conceded to be the cotton boll weevil, which insect has now spread to the farthest confines of the Old South's cotton belt, although considerable areas of West Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California are free from weevil and there seems little likelihood, in the present knowledge of the weevil, that this marauding insect will ever establish itself in these regions to the point of being a detriment to cotton raising.

Westward Extension of Cotton

It is but logical that cotton culture in the United States should be extended westward, in view of the absence of the weevil and also because of the large areas of adapted soils and climatic conditions to warrant the experiment. It has been known for a long time that probably millions of acres of grazing lands in West Texas and other Western States can be made to produce cotton profitably, once the system of Western cotton culture is perfected. As long as cotton commanded comparatively low prices there was no need for developing these areas. Also until recent years there was a profitable live stock industry which had its home on the Western ranges, but with the decline of the cattle industry, due to low prices paid for beef steers, a change was bound to come, but no man knew just when. That time is now at hand.

Many of the large West Texas ranches, comprising some of the finest soil in the Southwest and which has never been scarred by a plowshare, is now in process of being cut up into cotton farms. The success of cotton-raising in the south Plains and upward into the Panhandle region during the last three years will convince the most skeptical that cotton will have an important place in the agriculture of West Texas. Just how extensive this cotton development will be and how permanent will depend upon the

world cotton situation, of course. As long as cotton sells for above 30 cents a pound, or above 25 cents, there would seem to be no reason militating against its successful inclusion in a scheme of West Texas farming. That there is immediate danger of overproduction in the cotton regions of the world also seems out of the question, but no man can foretell the future.

Overlooked West Texas

In their eagerness to become independent of so-called American domination the British spinners and economists are doing all in their power to foster the cultivation of cotton-growing in foreign countries outside of the United States. They seem to have overlooked entirely that large areas of West Texas could add materially to the total stocks of cotton grown annually, of which so large a part reaches the Manchester textile mills.

Recently an article by John A. Todd, one of the world's leading cotton authorities, reviewed editorially in last Sunday's edition of The Dallas News, leaves out of consideration the possible development of West Texas, not to mention the possibilities of more intensive culture over a large part of the cotton belt through crop rotation and fertilization. Mr. Todd, as was pointed out editorially in the comment referred to takes a gloomy view of the world cotton situation on the theory that whereas the annual American cotton crop in years before the war often exceeded 15,000,000 bales it now has no chance for ever getting above 10,000,000 or 11,000,000 bales. This eminent British cotton authority says that the annual world demand for American cotton has not been less than 12,000,000 bales for its minimum requirements and probably will exceed that figure once the European tangle is straightened and the continent's mills again operate at normal capacity.

While Mr. Todd reviews the possibilities of cotton culture in practically every foreign country and weighs it in the balance of supply and demand he seems to be unfamiliar with the great possibilities of extending cotton growing in the northwestern areas of Texas. He further asserts that the American cotton belt has not naturally any particular climatic or soil advantages over similar potential cotton belts in many parts of Asia, Africa and Australia. Though this be granted, there at once arises the fact that the American cotton belt is fully equipped to do business, having built up a vast machinery for taking care of the cotton produced, which foreign countries can not hope to do in less time than it took the United States with its efficient system built around the cotton industry.

Price Factor Most Important

The price paid for raw cotton in the markets of the world always will be the controlling factor of the expansion or contraction of this great industry. Because the last three American cotton crops have been subnormal foreign countries naturally have turned their attention to new sources of raw cotton. Should there be an overwhelming American cotton crop next year the whole situation at once would change. It is the fact that the cotton crop in the United States was insufficient three times in succession to meet the world demands made upon it that started all this world cotton excitement. Under it all there lies an element of danger. The distress brought on by the boll weevil may have in it the solution of the problem, for it is by no means conceded that some more or less effective method for controlling the boll weevil will not be dis-

covered, once the whole Nation gets interested in the problem. The National Boll Weevil Control Association, founded some months ago at New Orleans, has taken upon itself the study of the boll weevil and has for its purpose the marshaling of the scientific forces of Federal, State and private enterprises to halt the weevil. Where the need is greatest the solution of the difficulty may be nearest.

Another factor must not be overlooked. Not every year necessarily is a wet year, which is so favorable to the spread of the boll weevil. One dry summer, following a season of ample spring rainfall and plenty of moisture stored in the soil from winter rains, would upset all present calculations. Dry summers naturally control the weevil more effectively than do poisons or other methods. All this must be taken into consideration, and doubtless will be, before foreign countries undertake the risk of launching a vast cotton raising movement. The cotton industry of the United States has had its ups and downs and probably will have them again, but after all the existing machinery for raising cotton in this country will be a deterrent to foreign enterprise.

Development of West Logical

The development of cotton raising in West Texas and other Southwestern States is logical under existing conditions. The high prices warrant the breaking up of large ranches which have not been producing expected revenue in recent years in the pursuit of cattle raising. However, to make one vast cotton field of the Panhandle or the South Plains would invite disaster. While it is true that the seasonal rainfall and climatic conditions for a large part of that territory is sufficient for successful cotton raising at high prices, the same might not be true if the price should drop to 10 cents or 12 cents a pound. There is a dearth of essential information on this point in view of the comparatively recent development of cotton culture in West Texas. Such information as is obtainable would seem to prove that cotton has a logical place on the Plains and over a large area of the "breaks" country as long as prices remain high.

It will be just as important for the West Texas cotton raiser to produce his own feed crops as for any other cotton grower. Not only is this economy, but it is the logic continuation of a practical and established system which has made the present prosperity of West Texas possible. No one-crop farming system has ever paid over a period of years. While the virgin lands of the Plains region are very fertile, they will wear out in time. All land needs humus (vegetable matters) and a renewal of its stock of fertility. A one-crop, such as cotton saps the soil of its fertility and puts nothing back. Also, the farmer who does not depend upon cotton alone and raises his own living and that of his live stock is generally better off than the one-crop farmer.

Essentials of Cotton Raising

When it is remembered that the cotton plant is one of the most flexible of any ever brought under domestication and that it grows almost equally well in regions of excessive and scant rainfall, its cultivation on the Plains of West Texas seems feasible within reasonable limits. Cultivated for thousands of years under varying conditions, it has been established that the cotton plant thrives in a climate having a mean summer temperature of 72 to 78 degrees and that it requires from 120 to 160 days from planting time to harvest, depending upon varieties and localities. The average is about 140 days. There are cotton varieties which mature in less than 100 days from time of planting. It is possible that shorter-

maturing varieties will be developed for more northerly territory. The wide adaptability of the cotton plant may warrant such a conclusion. One of the hazards on the Plains will be the danger of early frost in fall and late frost in spring.

The large territory in the Panhandle and Plains country and extending into New Mexico, which has a frost-free period of 180 to 200 days, no doubt is just as logically a cotton-raising country as any other region now raising cotton. Cold nights, the records show, have not seriously interfered with cotton growing at the Lubbock Agricultural Experiment Substation. Also, the summer rains are sufficient as a rule, to keep the cotton growing thrifty.

SEED BARLEY

I have 400 bushels of seed barley for sale; good clean grain. See or write,

G. K. WILMETH,
3t2p. Guymon-Spearman Route.

REGISTERED POLAND CHINAS

Boar pigs and gilts; all ages, from weaning pigs up. Blood lines: Famous Liberator and Big Bob cross. Will sell these registered pigs cheap you cannot afford to keep a scrub.
E. C. SPIVEY,
Postoffice address, Texhoma, Okla. farm 25 miles northwest of Spearman.

STRAY PIGS

We have two black, boar pigs at our farm, which we are keeping for the feed bill. The owner may recover these pigs by paying the feed bill and for this advertisement.
SIMONSON BROTHERS,
2t4. Route 1, Goodwell, Okla.

NOTICE

Parties holding claims against the Gantt-Baker Construction Company, are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned at once for settlement.

JAMES FORAN,
3t2. Manager in Charge.

NOTICE

I will buy butcher cattle and hides, and will pay the highest price. See me before you sell.
KARL RANEY,
52tf-c. Spearman, Texas

NOTICE

All male citizens between the ages of 21 and 45 inclusive, are subject to pay road tax. If you are a citizen of Spearman and have not paid this tax, see the undersigned at once, if you wish to pay same. If you prefer to work out this tax, the work of putting the streets of Spearman in proper shape will begin as soon as the weather will permit, and those who have not paid their road tax will be warned out to work on the streets.

FLOYD SUMRALL, City Mgr.

FINE HOME FOR SALE

One of the best improved homes in the Spearman country; 2½ miles east of Spearman. Seven-room house with bath and basement; shade trees, orchard, corral, graneries for 8,000 bushels of wheat; chicken house, garage, and blacksmith shop; cement cave, elevated water tank with water piped to the house and barn. 160 acres of land, all level, 110 acres in cultivation. This farm can be bought at a bargain by seeing the owner. Write or come to see me.
E. R. WILBANKS, Owner
Box 501 Spearman, Texas.

E. E. COON

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I have had twelve years experience and know the business. Farm Sales a specialty. Rates Reasonable.
Phone No. 25 Spearman.

WHEN HUNGRY

Don't fail to stop at the D. C. D. Cafe, where a good meal or short order is waiting for you.

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We find that we have several lines of good, seasonable merchandise, which we prefer to sell at once, and in order to do so will offer them at

30 Per Cent Discount

FROM REGULAR PRICE

IN THE LOT IS

36 Pairs of Ladies' Shoes
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Ladies' and Children's Coats and Ladies' Dresses

50 Per Cent Off

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Blake Dry Goods Co.

SPEARMAN

Buster Brown Shoes, Topsy Hoes, Stetson Hats, Justin Boots, Busby Gloves.

STRAY HOG

A dark red barrow hog is at my home, the Mattox farm, eight miles south of Spearman. This hog will weigh around 200 pounds, and has been at my place about two months. The owner will please call, pay charges and take him away at once or he will be dealt with as the law directs.

CHAS. E. KIKER,
Spearman, Texas.

Read the Reporter.

Two 12 disc Moline grain drills. Price right. SPEARMAN EQUITY EXCHANGE.

You can get any kind of a picture frame at the H. C. Eberhart Gallery, Spearman.

Miss Lura Bell Raney will leave Saturday morning for Enid, Oklahoma, where she will enter Phillips University.

W. E. Dear, a prominent farmer of the Farnsworth community, was here trading Monday.

Born, on Monday, January 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Oran Kelly, a ten pound daughter.

Mrs. R. L. McClellan was a Perryton visitor between trains Wednesday, going over to see the dentist.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ward were in from their home eight miles west Wednesday, shopping and visiting friends.

Photographs, all sizes and styles, and for less money than elsewhere, at the H. C. Eberhart Gallery, Spearman.

Mrs. R. T. Westerfield, who has been quite ill for several weeks, is much improved at this writing, we are glad to report.

Short Orders—anything you want to eat. Try our Chilli, Hamburgers and Sandwiches. D. C. D. Cafe.

Hemstitching and Pechoit edging, 10 cents per yard. Work guaranteed. Mesdames Wheat & Burran, Darrouzett, Texas 2112p.

The many friends of the family will be glad to learn that Mrs. Chas. McCarter, who has been quite seriously sick for several days is improving nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Riley and son Harry were in from the ideal community Thursday, trading. Mr. Riley's brother, John Riley, is here from Missouri on a visit and was in with them.

TAG DAY

On Saturday January 19 the P. T. A. will sell tags to raise money for the school piano. Be ready to buy a tag.

GET THE FACTS STRAIGHT

"The International Interpreter" of recent date says: "The stability of government chiefly depends on employment in useful industries, and in contentment and well being of the masses of the people. Idleness and unemployment means poverty, misery, low grade morale, and breed radicalism, immorality and crime. To deal with unemployment by 'doles' still further lowers morale, and builds up intolerable tax burdens. To stimulate industry and lessen unemployment is the first and obvious mandate in family, community and national life."

The above summary shows necessity for industrial development which maintains payrolls and steady employment. Certainly all political parties can agree on this point.

In the past when the word "tariff" has been mentioned in connection with industry, it has been a red flag to arouse the antagonism of individuals with varying political beliefs. Mystery about the tariff has been encouraged by politicians who, like the magician or "snake doctor" of old, hold a mysterious power over large numbers of people by keeping them in ignorance of tricks or fake practices.

Those nations which have recognized necessity for protecting their industries by reasonable tariffs to enable them to compete with foreign products in home market, have developed most rapidly in raising the standard of living, wages and working conditions for the masses. The United States, which leads the world in high wages and modern conveniences for all the people, is typical of a nation where the home worker has been protected by a tariff that encouraged industrial development.

The International Farm Congress advocates definite and permanent removal of tariff question from politics and urges its consideration from purely economic standpoint. Since the war, England has been harassed with great unemployment and millions and millions of dollars have been handed out by the government in form of doles. England is advertised as a "free trade" country. It is free trade in this way, industrial workers and basic industries are exposed to competition of manufactured products from countries having a lower wage scale or a higher degree of efficiency than in England. Hence, English industries and English workmen must produce at a starvation price in many instances even to exist.

In 1920, out of a customs revenue of 149,554,000 pounds sterling collected by Great Britain, sugar, tea and tobacco, three necessities of life of English workman, paid 119,492,562 pounds. Manufactured articles which were shipped in from other countries and competed with the British workman paid a very small tariff.

Great Britain uses the tariff to

raise revenue, not to protect industry and workmen, while in United States our tariff has been arranged to encourage industrial development with resulting employment and good wages. In "free trade" Great Britain the average per capita tariff for 1920-21-22 was \$13.87. In "high protective tariff" United States for same period, the average per capita tariff was \$2.85.

Why not discuss the tariff standpoint of industry and labor rather than from the standpoint of partisan politics? Any workman can see that a portion of a fair day's wage will pay his share of tariff levied by this country, while in Great Britain where tariff does not protect industries or workmen, it may take a week's wages of poorly paid employes to pay the per capita tariff of that nation.

INSURANCE THE BALANCE WHEEL

Insurance is the balance-wheel of our industrial and commercial life, says P. F. Garnett of San Francisco. Insurance companies are guardians of a fund, estimated at \$11,318,000,000, held to indemnify policy holders against every known kind of loss. Statistics indicate that this money is collected from 75,000,000 persons and that claims arise each year requiring loss payments on about one-tenth, or 7,500,000 policies.

Practically all great industrial and commercial enterprises are financed to an appreciable degree from funds held by insurance companies. The 4,000 insurance companies operating in this country own approximately 12 per cent. of all railroad capitalization, and about 15 per cent. of the great public utilities, such as gas and water works, electric light and power plants, traction and trolley lines, telephone and telegraph. In addition these companies have also financed and made possible the great agricultural development of the country by loaning to the farmers the huge sum of \$500,000,000, secured by mortgages, and by insuring the physical and material properties of others made it possible for them to borrow from other financial sources a similar amount. The insurance policy furnishes basis of credit for all business.

PUBLIC PAYS FOR TAX-EXEMPTS

"Money tied up in federal and tax-exempt securities is increasing the expense to industrial enterprises of selling securities in blocks. These enterprises must pay excessive rates of interest to equal the 4 1/2 per cent on tax-exempt federal bonds and in addition taxes which private industry must pay," says Franklin T. Griffith, Pres Portland Railway Light & Power Co.

Read the Reporter.

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THE UNIVERSAL CAR

Looking Ahead

LAST Spring a total of 350,000 people were disappointed in not being able to obtain deliveries of Ford Cars and Trucks, as orders were placed faster than cars could be produced.

The demand for Ford Cars and Trucks this Spring will, according to all indications, be far greater than last Spring.

Winter buying has been increasing at a greater rate than ever before.

Actual retail deliveries the past 60 days totaled 308,170 Ford Cars and Trucks, an increase of 1,961 a day over a year ago.

Over 200,000 people have already ordered Ford products on our purchase plan, the majority of whom will take delivery in the Spring.

The above facts are given with the suggestion that you list your order promptly with a Ford dealer if you contemplate the purchase of a Ford Car or Truck for use this Spring or Summer and wish to avoid delay in delivery.

Ford Motor Company
Detroit, Michigan

You need not pay cash for your car. You can arrange to make a small deposit down, taking care of the balance in easy payments. Or, you can buy on the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan. This puts you on the preferred order list and insures delivery of your car at a time to be determined by yourself.

See the Nearest Authorized Ford Dealer

LINCOLN IS SUPERIOR TO FOREIGN BUILT CARS

(By EDESEL B. FORD, President of the Lincoln Motor Company Division of the Ford Motor Company.)

While for many years the average American car owner has looked up to the foreign built automobile as being the finest example of coach work and automobile production in the world, the United States is now recognized as being the home of finer automobile creations than any other country may point to.

The Lincoln car is a typical example of this fact. It is the policy of this company to build the finest car that the tremendous resources of the Ford Motor Company will allow. This means that the finest of materials and engineering talent will go into the making of the Lincoln, and this fact is being recognized abroad, as well as in this country.

European manufacturers and engineers are beginning to come to America to get patent rights and body designs for their cars. Hardly a week passes but what the Lincoln factories in Detroit are visited by some of the leading foreign engineers. Practically everyone of these visitors marvel at the manner in which the Lincoln is built and many express amazement at the fine manufacturing limits which it is possible to obtain in machine work.

The market in the United States for foreign built cars is slowly passing. Today the vast majority of the Americans are forsaking the European cars and turning to home made products. Patriotism alone is not responsible for this, as when a man buys an expensive priced car he buys for value, and the business man has been convinced that such values are built into the Lincoln.

One of the primary reasons why the European manufacturer can not compete with the American manufacturer is that the field abroad for sales of higher priced cars is distinct-

ly limited. They cannot afford to employ thousands of workmen and produce thousands of cars per year.

They have no market for this number and as a result a great deal of the work is done by hand. American demand for large numbers of cars has taught us how to make better cars by machinery than Europe can turn out by hand.

In the same way styles in American coach work are far superior to those of foreign made cars. It is possible to compare foreign built and American products in motor car values and it can easily be seen that they are behind this country in styles. All these factors combine to give value in the car made on this side of the Atlantic, at a lower price. It is true that there are many excellent foreign built automobiles, but comparing them for appearance, value and cost with such a product as the Lincoln, will show anyone how far superior American automobile manufacturers have become.

I AM THE PEDESTRAIN

By Laura Hammer

I am the pedestrian. I am ignored by some drivers, pursued by others, scorned by all.

When Charles Dickens wrote the story of a character called the Artful Dodger, his prescience took cognizance of my future existence.

I am the Artful Dodger of 1923. I have no rights. I forfeit them by poverty or by choice or by whatever makes me walk instead of ride.

If I fare forth resplendent in snow white garments, and come back bespattered with mud or powdered with dust from passing automobiles, I have no cause for complaint. I should have hidden in the alley until all cars were by.

If I am struck or near-struck by a kaleidoscopic flash, accompanied by raucous sounds and evil odors, I am told that I should have climbed a tree. I go armed with a red light and honk a horn at the approach of an

automobile but my efforts are in vain.

I am frightened, bruised, dusted, honked at, menaced, injured, scoffed at, looked down upon from proud em- inences all because—

I am the pedestrian.

LIEB ITEMS

School is progressing nicely this week. Commissioners Court is in session at Plemons this week.

Carson Womble made a business trip to Spearman Saturday.

A few days work was spent on the roads the latter part of the week.

Mrs. L. M. Womble of Spearman spent the week end with her son, Roy.

Mr. Earnest Lieb visited with her mother, of Texhoma, the latter part of the week.

Everybody is expected to be present at the party Friday evening at Rain Tompkins.

Some of the people of the community have been taking advantage of the pretty weather by hauling in feed.

Dr. Gibner was called to the Willis Lackey home Saturday to see the sick children. They are much better at this writing.

Lieb Sunday School met as usual Sunday morning, but with a smaller attendance. Lets see if more of us can't be present next Sunday.

The organization of the Parent-Teachers Association was carried out successfully, and the following officers were elected: Pres. O. W. Jarvis; Vice Pres. C. F. Lieb; Sec. Treas. Mae Womble; Chairman, Mrs. Rayzor.

RESIDENT FOR RENT

I have two small residences in Spearman for rent. See me at once if you need a residence. They are the property of J. Mathews.

412p. L. W. MATHEWS.

Phone us the news. No. 10.

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