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## SOUTHWEST NOTES

**Drilling Started Thursday**  
Drilling at the Allison test well began Thursday, and has not been in progress long when this paper goes to press, consequently, we haven't very much to report this week.

The work of running the casing was completed Saturday. A minor accident occurred while finishing up the work when the collar slipped off the last joint and the casing dropped about three feet, but resulted in no serious damage. Workmen have been busy most of the week moving the boiler and laying the steam pipe. The boiler is now located about 1000 feet distance from the well which will avoid danger of fire. As mentioned last

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week, on account of danger, cars will not be allowed inside the gate. The gas flow has increased to some extent since last week and preparations will be made to utilize the gas. Excitement is still running high and the project is being watched. There is a great demand for acreage near the well, the price of which continues to steadily advance.

## Are Burning Weeds Along the Roads

Some of the farmers of this vicinity are burning weeds along the roads adjoining their farms, and this time is well spent. In the first place this will keep the roads from filling up with snow, and causing the roads to be impassable this winter and it also improves the appearance of the farms over the county. The people of Fowler should take patterns from these farmers and burn the weeds on the vacant lots in the city, as well as those along the sidewalks and streets. This would greatly improve the appearance of the town and would reduce the fire hazard during the winter. —Fowler News.

## Three Injured, One Missing in Dawson Line Wreck

Speeding at 65 miles an hour down the Cabeza hill, forty-three miles northeast of Tucuman on the Dawson line, a runaway El Paso & Southwestern coal train, pulled by two locomotives, was derailed at 6:50 o'clock Wednesday evening. Thirty-six of the 42 cars of the train left the track. More than 200 feet of the track in the deep rock cut was torn up. Air failure is given as the reason of the wreck. J. B. Contrell, head brakeman on the second engine, is missing. It

Another year is skipping right smartly to its close, the skies will

snows; and all the bathing beaches have left the ocean beaches, and through the woodland reaches a keen wind shrewdly blows. There's something sad and dreary about the days of Fall; they're seldom bright and cheery, spring days they don't recall; the nights are long and chilly; the roads are rough and hunt for a winter stall. We face increased expenses, though we are in the hole; we'll have to burn the fences, so costly is the coal; the price of grub is steeper; and yet, why be a weeper? For rubber tires are cheaper, and still our busses roll. We'd dodge a lot of sorrow and woe that makes us yell, if we'd vacate tomorrow the shacks in which we dwell, old ties and customs, so-called forms of dull endeavor, and in our ears forever abide till life's days well. Why should we live in shanties, and pay for heat and light, and bonnets for our aunts, and everything we bite? The long white road is lying outdoors where wheels are lying, and motor horns are crying—why not pull out tonight? Thus foolishly I twitter, such vagrant dreams will come, when autumn winds are bitter, and life seems out of plumb; when I can't rightly figure, as bills grow big and bigger, just how I'll stand the rigor of winter, bleak and glum.—Walt Mason.

## GERMANY'S HUGE BUNCO GAME

With German marks selling for about 5,000 to the dollar, compared with a pre-war value of about 4 to the dollar, the world is beginning to realize what a monumental fraud has been perpetrated by German financiers. When the war ended, with German industry highly developed and the factories untouched by war's destruction, there was a widespread belief that a quick industrial and trade come-back would occur. Manufacturers in all countries were quickly disturbed over the supposed menace of German competition. It was known that German financiers and statesmen were well grounded in the principles of sound finance and the assumption was widespread that plans would be made to stabilize the nation's finances. There were plenty of warnings, it is true, but the broad confidence that Germany would not take the pathway of irredeemable currency was shown by large worldwide purchases of German marks. These purchases ran up to hundreds of millions, and were so large that recent estimates of German financiers make the total world losses from the decline in marks about 5,500 million dollars, of which 500 million dollars represents losses in America alone. The figures doubtless are greatly exaggerated, for there has never been, at any time, a volume of marks outstanding on which such a loss could occur.

The fact, however, is indisputable that vast numbers of people bought marks in the belief that Germany would pursue an honest and safe course in its finances. It appears now that German leaders deliberately took advantage of this, and loaded buyers with marks whenever such buyers could be found, with the plain policy of bouncing the world with its avalanche of paper money. The shrinkage has gone so far that Germany today has more than two hundred times as many marks outstanding as before the war, yet the entire circulation of 405,000 million marks is worth less than a seventh of as much as the 1,850 million marks in circulation before the war.

It is the most tremendous gold brick swindle in the history of the world. Germany, today, could redeem, in gold, at present exchange value, all its outstanding marks, and have left nearly 200 million dollars in gold as a basis for a new financial system.—Kansas City Star.

THE TESTS OF A TOWN  
Questions That People Ask About Your Town Before They Decide to Make It Their Town

1. Attractiveness—  
Shall I like the town—its "atmosphere"? Does it have the beauty of shaded streets and other beautiful features? Is it a quiet, roomy,

airy, well light town? Does it have attractive public buildings and homes? Is it well paved? Is it clean in every sense?  
2. Healthfulness—  
Will my family and I have a reasonable chance to keep well in that town? How about its water supply? Its sanitary system? Its methods of milk inspections? Its health department? Its hospitals? Is it without any congested district?  
3. Education—  
Can I educate my family and myself in that town? How about its public schools—present and future? Its institutions of higher education or of business training? Its libraries? Its lecture and concert courses? Its newspapers. Its postal facilities?  
4. People—  
Shall I like the people of the town? Are they "home folks" without false exclusiveness? Are they neighborly and friendly? Is the town free from factionalism? Does it have strong religious, fraternal and social organizations?  
5. Recreation—  
Can I have a good time in that town? I and my family? How about the theaters, museums, gymnasiums, parks, etc.? Are there active agencies for providing good entertainments, athletic contests, etc.? Are inviting opportunities for pleasure drivers afforded by well paved streets?  
6. Living—  
Can we live reasonably and well in that town? Are the best of modern conveniences available for its residents—electricity, gas, telephones, etc.? Are the housing and shopping conditions favorable? Rents, taxes and prices fair? Hotels good? Home and truck gardens and dairy products plentiful?  
7. Accessibility—  
Can we go and come easily? Does the town have adequate railroad connections and train services? Street car lines? Interurban lines? Well marked automobile routes and hard surfaced roads?  
8. Business—  
Can I make good use of capital in that town? Are there good banking facilities? Manufacturing interests? Up-to-date stores? Good shipping facilities? Favorable labor conditions? A prosperous farming territory? Fair real estate values? Reasonably cheap power? Active cooperation among business interests?  
9. Employment—  
Can I get a job in that town at fair pay and with good prospects for the future? Can I count on cooperation from organizations making it their business to help introduce and establish new commercial interests and to welcome new citizens?  
10. Progressiveness—  
Shall I find that I am in a live town having a progressive city government, active civic organizations, modern fire protection, and a pull-together spirit in everything; a town with a future?  
You cannot control the climate, natural scenery, nor historic associations of your town, but if, in other respects, it does not measure up to the standard that will be applied to it by intelligent town-buyers, get busy and help make it measure up. The first big job of a good town salesman is to see to it that his "commodity" is right.—American Journal.

I recall that once a man beat me out of several dollars on subscription and I said nothing about it—didn't even send him a dun. But I cut his name off the list. He used to avoid me, and I was sure he felt sneaking every time he met me. And then he dropped in once after several years and subscribed again. He laid down a ten dollar bill, and when I started to count out the change, he said, "Oh, keep it all—I have owed you a long time!" I put on a surprised look, and he said, "Now don't pretend you have forgotten it! I owed you six dollars ten years ago—keep the change for interest." I couldn't say anything but a stuttering: "T-thank you!" —Tom Thompson.

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