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It is with nations as with individuals: those who know the least of others think the highest of themselves.—Colton.

## SHANNON MERONEY MEETS DEATH IN FIRE

### TAX REDUCTION HOLDS INTEREST OF WALL STREET

#### Mellon's Bill Would Serve His Rich Friends, Democratic Bill For the People.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—It was a grand sight that argued well for the future of the country when 245 democrats and 17 progressive republicans lined up like a stone wall in the house and defeated the Mellon plan, which was a bold and barefaced attempt to load still more of the burdens of the rich on the shoulders of the middle classes. It should be borne in mind that every man of the 222 representatives had been subjected for two months to a continual barrage of heavy artillery fire directed from the bomb-proof of the entrenched wealth of Wall street with its intricate and impenetrable extensions. From the headquarters of J. P. Morgan & Co., out to the allied and associate banks of the great cities, through them to their correspondent banks, through these to their customers, more than a million persons were induced to write or wire or talk to their representatives in favor of the Mellon plan, urging and even bullying them to vote for that measure which would bring great benefits to great wealth and to the rich and a few thousands of the richest men in the country, and very small good to the remainder of the people.

A lover of his country can take heart and hope from the fact that 222 representatives resisted the concentrated attack of great wealth and its duped auxiliaries and gave the people (so far as one house could give) a tax reduction measure that will give a great and real relief to all taxpayers who pay on a few thousand of income, a good saving to those who might be termed wealthy, and a moderate saving to the rich and very rich. Under the democratic plan (patriotically supported by 17 progressive republicans), single men are relieved of all tax on net income of \$2,000 and married men without children on net income of \$3,000, with additional exemption of \$400 for each child under 13 years, with reduction in percentage of all taxes.

Here is the greatest victory for the people against the special interests of great wealth since the original enactment of the income tax law. It is even more; it marks the first instance in which the democrats and progressives acted completely. The issue was basic, fundamental; it makes a great breach in the republican party walls. It makes it practically impossible for the two wings of that party to ever again act in unison. It brings the democrats and progressives so close together as to mean more such joint action in the future, leading inevitably toward cohesion and perhaps coalescence into one party. This would be united the two forces which are working for the interests of the many as against the greed of the few.

One of the stock arguments for the Mellon plan of reducing by half the taxes paid by the millionaire group was the claim that this reduction would operate to release many millions from investment in tax-exempt securities, which millions could then be used in business. Just how? If one man sells, some other man has to buy. The securities still exist, and some man's money is always invested therein, but even then, is that money "in use"? Most certainly not. Every dollar we use in purchasing anything is a dollar pushed out into the swift and ever-moving channel of the great river of business. The only money "tied up" is the money stuck away in safe-deposit boxes, buried out under the apple tree or hidden in an empty stove and left there until the fire is started in the fall.

### Slemp Testifies to Conversations With Fall and McLean

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—C. Bascom Slemp, secretary to President Coolidge, met both Edward B. McLean, publisher of the Washington Post, and Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, between Dec. 16 and Jan. 14, he told the senate oil investigating committee today.

Slemp was called when the committee resumed its public hearings in an attempt to run down suspected "leaks" from the committee to men named in the committee's secret sessions. Stock speculations by government officials was charged in connection with a million dollar cash fund reported to have been raised in Wall street, largely among oil men, and used to cover stock losses by public men.

Slemp told the committee he had advised Fall and McLean to make a clean breast of everything to the committee and straighten out the tangle.

### Ranger Club Tonight To Name Candidates For School Trustees

Three candidates for school trustees in the Ranger independent school district are to be nominated tonight at a meeting of the Ranger club to be held in the Gholson hotel at 8 o'clock.

Politics, like time and tide, waits not upon men or weather, and the meeting is to be held tonight no matter how hard the snow may continue to fall through today or how deep it may be lying on the ground tonight.

The committee named at a meeting last Monday night to sound out possible candidates and suggest three who would be willing to make the race with the indorsement of the Ranger club is expected to bring in its report. The committee may suggest three candidates, or it may suggest more than that number, but only three are to be nominated. Suggestions by the committee will not bar the nomination of other candidates who may be proposed tonight.

### BORAH KEEPING HOT ON TRAIL OF DAUGHERTY

#### Has Conference With President and Insists on Impeachment.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—A public statement by President Coolidge relative to the efforts of both Republican and Democratic senators to force Attorney General Daugherty from the cabinet is expected to follow Tuesday's cabinet meeting. It is intimated that a secret conference was held at the White House between the president and Senator Borah. The latter declined to reveal anything about the interview, but in quarters close to the president it is believed that Coolidge is where he stands relative to the attack on Daugherty.

All members of the cabinet have been notified to attend the session tomorrow. Borah and the president are understood to have discussed impeachments proceedings against Daugherty, which Borah suggested as the only practicable means for giving the attorney general the full hearing he has demanded. No decision was reached at the conference, Borah said.

### SIXTEEN NEW TEST OIL WELLS BEING DRILLED

BIG LAKE, Texas, Feb. 25.—Sixteen additional tests are soon to be started in this territory, according to the latest information. The wells which will be scattered over Reagan and Crockett counties will for the most part be drilled by the major companies who have in the last three months acquired a vast amount of acreage. While a large number of leases have been obtained on untested land, the presence has been shown for lease owned in fee.

The uncertainty of the laws and regulations governing the state land has caused a number of the companies and independent operators to seek land that has been patented. The local Chamber of Commerce in the hope of assisting the oil men has asked the land department for all rulings covering university land and will soon issue a bulletin for the convenience of the operators.

The latest test to start operations, is the No. 6 of the Big Lake Oil company now reported drilling at 100 feet. This well is located about one and a half miles southwest of the discovery well. Work of rigging up the No. 7 has been completed and will be pushed in within the next two days. There are four wells now drilling on this property, with three more to start as soon as possible.

Derrick timbers are now on the ground for the well to be drilled by the Wade Drilling company, who will use a special heavy type rotary. This hole will be drilled to 2,950 feet and then completed with cable tools.

Work on the Shannon No. 1 well of the Crockett Drilling Syndicate was slightly delayed due to water trouble. The 8-inch casing is now being pulled as the trouble appears to be caused by a bad joint of pipe. This well should be completed within the next two weeks.

The Massey No. 1 well of this company has been shut down at a depth of 1,000 feet, both crews of this company working on the Shannon. This test continues to be the center of interest as it appears to be located on the axis of the Sheffield terrace and its completion will have a strong bearing on the future of the field.

The World company's well south of here has resumed drilling and is reported below 600 feet. Enders-Smith is shut down, due to a deal pending. It is reported the geological department of the Texas company have a number of men working out a structure map of the area. It is understood they will drill seven wells the supplies having been ordered.

### TEXANS HAVE WONDER STATE TO DEVELOP

#### Former Lieutenant Mayes Suggests Better Acquaintance With Opportunities.

(By Will H. Mayes, Department of Journalism, University of Texas.)

B. C. Forbes, financial writer for the Hearst papers, came all the way to Texas recently to get data for a series of articles about the resources of the state. He made a few business talks while here, but the best thing that he said being that Texas should let the world know its wonderful resources.

"Texas have been told that by its newspapers and by its own public speakers thousands of times, but somehow we have gone along in the same old way, leaving the rest of the world to find out about us by discovery, just as the first Texans did. Then, when a man like Forbes comes along, he feels he has just discovered a marvelous country before unknown, proceeds to tell us about it and perhaps to talk and write about it for awhile, and we lapse back into a state of 'innocuous desuetude,' apparently caring little what opinion the rest of the world may hold in regard to us.

Learn to Know Texas.

Some Tyler citizen not long ago went deeper into the matter than Forbes did, perhaps because he has been here longer. He said that what Texans need most is to get acquainted with their own state. When once we come to know Texas as we should, we will become so enthused about it that we can't be kept from telling the rest of the world what we have here. We read about the fruits of California and get feverish to sell out and hike toward the Pacific, not knowing that there is not a fruit grown in California that cannot be raised just as well in Texas and at less cost, and far more plentifully than in California.

While we have made some progress, we have just played at fruit growing here, and should make a scientific study of cultivation and marketing. We can grow vegetables here in as great variety, with as great productivity, and of as fine quality, as any place in the world. Texas melons, cukes, the Georgia and the Colorado products. We can grow—why catalogue them? Know Texas first.

Community Improvement.

I saw somewhere a few days ago the statement that places do not improve themselves. Everybody knows that, but many communities seemingly act on the presumption that they will just grow up, topey-like, or that they will secure the advantages and conveniences they need without effort. "Natural advantages" have killed more places than they have helped. Just because the public roads cross near you, it does not follow that you will have an ideal town or an ideal farm. The scenery or the water or the gas or something else may be ever so good, but they are aids only when they are rightly used by the people.

It's the people of a place that really count. The desirability of a place as a home is not measured by the number of inhabitants. In the human race it is quality and not quantity that counts. That is the test that everybody applies to your town, your village or your neighborhood.

Eight counties around Austin have organized a co-operative poultry growing and marketing association. Texas is such a big state that it is almost impossible to organize the whole state satisfactorily in any line, at least without group associations. This is becoming a great poultry growing state, but the poultry market often goes sadly to pieces for lack of co-operation.

The same is true of almost everything else that is produced. Production and marketing are big problems that few are prepared to cope with single-handed. Even co-operative groups, under the ablest management, sometimes fail to accomplish all they try to do, but they have multiplied chances to succeed as compared with the one-man effort. Group associations can co-operate in state-wide organizations in a way difficult for the individual to do.

Wrigley, the chewing gum man, has explained how he has built up his fortune of millions. He has done it by sticking to his one line of business and advertising it. He spends a million dollars a year in buying newspaper space to tell the world about 5-cent chewing gum. He has literally educated people to chew gum and to chew Wrigley's.

He has struck the keynote of success in every business. Do what you are doing the best you can, study all the time to improve, and fairly shout your business into the minds of the people. Don't stop shouting as soon as you attract attention. Keep it up or the buyers will forget you. Whether yours is a 5-cent or a \$5,000 business, keep telling about it. Modern business fortunes are all built on modern methods.

### THIRTEEN OF DENBY'S GROUP FACING VOTERS

#### Republican Senators Who Opposed Ousting Navy Secretary Seeking Re-election.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Of the 33 republican senators who recorded themselves in favor of retaining secretary Denby in office, 13 are candidates for re-election next November. They are: Senators Ball (Del.), Borah (Ida.), Bursum (New Mexico), Colt (R. I.), Couzens (Michigan), Edge (N. J.), Elkins (W. Va.), Fernald (Me.), Keys (N.H.), McCormick (Ill), Phipps (Cal.), Sterling (S. Dak.), and Warren (Wyo.).

As the Teapot Dome oil scandal is certain to be among the principal issues of the campaign, these senators will have to defend themselves against attacks such as were made with political fatal results—on republicans who voted to keep Newberry of Michigan in the senate two years ago.

It is the opinion of onlookers in Washington that these senators had to choose between alienating the republican administration and forfeiting its assistance or offending their constituents, and they have chosen the latter course as the lesser of two painful alternatives. When Secretary Denby refused to resign in response to the suggestions and supplications of certain republican leaders who wanted to save themselves from embarrassment, and when it became evident that President Coolidge was not going to force him out of the cabinet, the republican senators had to make their choice.

States in the West

Senators McCormick, Sterling, Bursum, Phipps, Warren and Couzens are among the supporters of Denby who hail from states in the middle west and far east. Their plight is regarded as worse than that of republicans like Colt and Keys and Fernald, who represent states that are strongly republican. It is predicted that these western senators, including Borah, will find a violent hostility to them in the forthcoming campaign, and may not survive their next appeal to the voters.

One proof of the political danger of this championship of Denby is furnished by the example of Senator Capper of Kansas. He has been playing the administration's game with his own hands, but he has evidently considered his own safety first in this instance and voted with the democrats to oust Denby. McCormick of Illinois is admitted to have magnified the difficulties of his renomination and election by trying to exchange his help to Denby for the administration's favor in his own behalf.

Although Borah voted to retain Denby he has not only outspokenly but leading in the fight to oust Attorney General Daugherty.

President Coolidge's stand for Secretary Denby against a majority of the senate and a vehement popular demand for the secretary's resignation is understood in the light of politics. Denby is slated as a delegate to the republican national convention from Michigan. He is unquestionably a big factor in the republican organization of his state, which 18 months ago elected a democrat—Woodbridge W. Ferris—to the United States senate. Denby's friends in Michigan were able to secure a barrage of telegrams and letters at the senate in an effort to prevent the adoption of the resolution requesting the president to call for his resignation.

Attorney General Daugherty is to be one of Ohio's delegates in the republican convention. He may not be high in the regard of the general public but he is strong in the councils of the republican machine in Ohio. The Harding following and many powerful interests, industrial and financial, are among Daugherty's backers. He could not be elected to public office in his state, perhaps, for he has tried that and failed, but he is still an influence in the election of others.

Former Secretary Fall is not without strength in New Mexico. A faction of the republican party there is led by him. He may have lost his reputation elsewhere, but he has retained the fealty and support of his followers in New Mexico.

Fall, Denby and Daugherty were not only colleagues in Harding's cabinet but are still close personal friends, representing practically the same elements in the republican national convention. They are expected to stand together like the Three Musketeers. The elements and interests in whose cause they have become popular, it is taken for granted, will continue to stand by them.

### SNOWFALL OVER WEST TEXAS IS VERY SEVERE

#### Eastland County Has Heaviest Snow Blanket Has Had In Many Years.

Heavy snows swept over West Texas and North Texas last night and today, accompanied by a severe drop of temperature, and today a great white blanket covers the larger part of the state. The cold was not severe enough to hurt any growing crops, especially since the snow is covering them and acting as a shield.

Wires out of Ranger and Eastland were somewhat demoralized this morning, but wire communication within the two cities was not interrupted. No long distance communication was possible with Fort Worth or Dallas, and the latter city was reached during the early part of the day only by way of Sweetwater. Later in the day other wires were restored, but direct communication with Dallas and Fort Worth was still interrupted.

The snowfall at Dallas was reported the heaviest of the year; likewise at Wichita Falls and other points along the Fort Worth & Denver railroad. The snow was reported generally throughout the Panhandle and in New Mexico and Arizona. Delayed trains were the rule today throughout West Texas and North-west Texas.

Six Inches of Snow

Eastland county woke this morning to find the ground blanketed with probably the heaviest snowfall in 27 years. The housetops, telephone wires and trees were covered white.

At the breakfast hour this morning, there was at least six inches of snow on the ground. It did not melt in the early morning hours after most people are up and it continued intermittently to fall. Late in the morning it melted slightly. Early this afternoon the snow was falling as heavily as it had at any time of the day.

In January, 1897, this vicinity was visited by a snowfall as heavy, if not more so than today's fall, several persons, who lived here then, said today. L. E. Davenport, Ranger assistant chief of police, said today's snow fall was about as great as that in 1897. Ranger had two heavy snowfalls then. J. F. Dreinhofer, Ranger postmaster, said when the first big snow came in January, it stayed on the ground for a week.

There were a number of heavy snowfalls preceding the last big one in 1897, Davenport said.

Winter sports, such as northern people enjoy, will hardly be in evidence here, as sleighs and sleds are almost unknown.

School attendance in Eastland and Ranger was cut by the sudden change in weather. Four teachers, who were out of Ranger over Sunday, failed to be in their classrooms Monday morning at the usual hour because of delayed railroad service and bad roads. The Eastland teachers were all reported present. Suburban schools suffered most.

Cleaning sidewalks was a job some persons took hold of with zest while others ignored it for reasons of their own. School children were in high glee as they rolled snow in their hands to make snowballs. "Biggest snow I have ever seen," was a common expression among them.

Telephone and telegraphic communications east of Mingo were broken this morning. The Southwest-ern Bell Telephone company didn't have a single line open east early this afternoon.

At the office of the company's wire chief, it was stated that sleet probably caused the "lead failure" this morning somewhere between Weatherford and Fort Worth. A. M. Worley, wire chief, said that everything east of Mingo was out but west of this point the circuits were open.

"We have no lines open to Dallas, Fort Worth, Mineral Wells or Weatherford," he said. "West of Mingo on out to Abilene our lines are working."

A press association wire, which passes through Ranger from Dallas to El Paso, suffered interruption this morning and the press despatches were being relayed around by Wichita Falls.

All of the passenger trains, west and east, of the Texas & Pacific railroad, were on time up to early this afternoon except the Sunshine Special, due in Ranger at 11:41 a. m., eastbound, S. A. White, the company's representative, said. The Sunshine Special was 30 minutes late.

The big snow will hamper oil drilling operations severely. Work will have to be held up, where supplies such as casing are needed, because of the condition the roads will be put in.

On the other hand, the snowfall will be of incalculable value to the farmer. The melting snow will soak the earth more thoroughly than most rains.

### Dock Workers In England Agree to Go Back to Work

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Delegates representing 100,000 dock workers today accepted the terms offered by the employers and will resume work tomorrow morning. Most of the men's demands were met.

### HENKE SAYS HE WAS ROBBED OF FOUR \$100 BILLS

#### Automobile and Watch Recovered. Evidence of Struggle, But No Bruises.

If C. E. Henke, bound and gagged by four masked robbers late Saturday night at the Sinclair Oil company's pumping plant near Colony Creek, had reached a local bank Saturday before it closed, he would not now be mourning the missing of four \$100 bills.

Henke, according to a letter he wrote Saturday to A. J. Untermaier of Brunswick, Mo., R. F. D. No. 1, went to a Ranger bank to get a draft but he could not get in as the bank was closed.

No arrests have been made. City and county officers visited the scene of the robbery early Sunday morning and went over the ground. They found his automobile about 100 yards from the pumping station, where it had apparently been abandoned by the men. His watch, which was torn from a gold watch chain on his shirt was either thrown away or dropped accidentally, outside of the station.

Work of Amateurs.

It was an amateurish job, according to Assistant Chief of Police L. E. Davenport, who went to the station a few hours after Henke had been attacked while he was alone. "It was the work of amateurs," he said, "because there was no violence. There was a fight between them but he wasn't slugged."

Henke wasn't able to talk much Sunday, when Davenport visited him at his room at the Clinical hospital. Henke said there were four men in the gang and that he tore the mask off of one of the men, but didn't recognize him.

In an investigation made in Ranger, the assistant chief learned that Henke had been in at least two places of business where it was noted he carried a roll of currency. If Henke flashed a roll of paper bills in the presence of the robbers in Ranger Saturday, the plan to rob him was probably hatched then.

Henke said he had the money in his pocket for two days.

In the letter to Untermaier, the envelope and writing paper being found in a waste basket where it was apparently thrown by one of the robbers, Henke wrote:

"I have four \$100 bills that you will find in this letter. Pay that on the interest and I will send the rest Monday." He added that he wanted to get in the bank Saturday so that he could send a bank draft but "the banks close at 12 o'clock down here on Saturday. So I thought I would send you this \$400. You can look for \$328 by return mail."

Paying on Farm.

Police inferred from the contents of the letter that he is paying on installments for a farm in Missouri. He inquired of Untermaier if the place had been rented yet. He also gave instructions as to what crops to be planted and where.

Henke was found in the station about 11 o'clock Saturday night by two Ranger officers, Jim Ingram and Jim Daniels and Dr. T. L. Lauderdale. He had managed to get to the telephone and call for help. He was quoted by Night Sergeant Ted Hamilton as saying: "Send help to the Sinclair pump station." He had hardly completed this when there was a thud. Hamilton believes that the robbers seeing Henke at the telephone when they got outside returned and knocked him down.

Efforts to get a connection with the station after Henke's S. O. S. were fruitless.

### RANGER YOUTH BURNED WHILE ASLEEP IN BED

#### Flames Destroy Breckenridge Hotel Sunday Morning Snuffing Out One Life.

Shannon Meroney, who left Ranger just two weeks ago to enter the employment of Williams Brothers, pipe line contractors, at Breckenridge, was burned beyond all recognition early Sunday morning in a fire that destroyed the two story frame building known as the Curry hotel. Meroney has three brothers living in Ranger. E. Meroney, L. C. Meroney and F. Meroney, while in Ranger, Meroney was employed by R. H. Hansford, pipe line contractor. Meroney, according to Breckenridge reports, was sleeping in a room on the second floor of the hotel. He may have been smothered by the smoke and died before the flames reached him. Two persons were rescued from the second floor by firemen with ladders. A roommate of Meroney testified at the inquest that he got up early and went out for breakfast, leaving Meroney asleep. The fire occurred while he was away.

The building burned rapidly and was totally destroyed, together with its contents. The property damage amounted to about \$10,000, it was estimated. The first floor was occupied by Swift & Company, which concern lost a large stock of meats. The fire is believed to have originated from a gas stove, according to Fire Chief Smalley.

The body of Meroney, who was 18 years, 10 months and 27 days old, was brought to Ranger Sunday afternoon in a Jones-Cox Undertaking company ambulance.

J. E. Meroney, a brother, is a clerk at the Ranger postoffice and lives on Mesquite street. The deceased was born in Fort Worth. He is a son of Ed Meroney of Cleburne, Texas.

Besides the three brothers who survive him in Ranger, he has also one sister here, Jeanette, and two sisters and one brother living in Clatskanie, Oreg. and Jewell Meroney and E. C. Meroney. The latter formerly lived in Ranger.

Funeral services for Meroney will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the Jones-Cox parlors with Rev. O. G. Lanier, Church of Christ, officiating.

### REGISTERED LETTER SAFER AND AS CHEAP AS SPECIAL DELIVERY

"I wish the public would be careful and not send money in an envelope unless it is a two-cent stamp on it," said J. F. Dreinhofer, postmaster of Ranger.

"Some people will send money in a special delivery letter. They would get no indemnity if the letter was lost or stolen. It should reach its destination safely but there's no protection if it doesn't. It costs no more to send the letter registered than special delivery. It's a little slower but better."

This is "Better Mailing Week" all over the country and the postmaster general has sent bulletins to the local office, which include suggestions that will be of interest to the general public. In speeding up the dispatch of mail, one bulletin had these suggestions:

By depositing outgoing mails in postoffices early in the day and as frequently as possible.

By addressing all mails plainly and sufficiently. See that they are addressed to an existing postoffice, and if to a city the street and number of postoffice box included.

By securely wrapping and preparing for mailing all parcel post packages.

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### THE WEATHER

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### ATHENS, Feb. 25.—King George is reported seriously ill at Bucharest. The Greek sovereign, recently expelled from this country, is reported to be suffering with a double pneumonia.

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**BIBLE THOUGHT.**  
**TRUST HIM ALWAYS:**—Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him.—Psalm 27: 5.

Henry Ford has 163,000 men on his pay roll. It is estimated that not more than 30 millions of people work for wages or salaries or profit and of these Mr. Ford employs one in every 200. No one has yet heard him complain about wanting immigration bars let down in order to get labor to keep his industries moving.

The American Jewish committee has made its final report on Russian work, shows that with congressional appropriations of \$22,370,000, food packages valued at \$10,000,000 and voluntary contributions of over \$26,000,000, a total of \$58,000,000 has been distributed in Russia, a large part of which was for non-sectarian purposes. Over 30,000 children were maintained in institutions, and many old people's homes and hospitals were looked after. Surely the United States cannot be charged with "aloofness" in this respect by any nation of the earth. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been sent to Europe, even when needed at home.

The department of labor reports that while more churches than places of amusement were built during 1922 in communities of 25,000 population or more, the places of amusement cost \$10,000,000 more than the churches. The report offers no estimate on the comparative amount of money expended for the maintenance of these institutions, but it's a safe guess that the churches gets what's left.

Col. Greeley, chief of the forest service, reports that the annual drain on the country's forests is four times as much as the growth replaces. The necessity for intensive forestry practices is emphasized and congress is urged to assist in the reclamation and replanting of a vast acreage fit for no other purpose.

With the oil scandal, the veterans' bureau prosecution, the Indian affairs, the treasury duplicate bond disclosures, the proposed investigation of governmental protection to Mexican and other oil interests, the demand of the shipping board transactions, coupled with the fight for tax advantages and the banking condition in the Northwest, congress will appreciate a vacation about the first of June, and then the real trouble will commence for many of them.

As a part of its gigantic irrigation projects India is building the largest dam in the world. It will be nearly a mile long and as high as the Woolworth building. When completed it will not only irrigate thousands of acres, but furnish power greater than anything in America. The sleeping Orient is beginning to wake up.

**FEDERAL BUILDINGS NEEDED.**  
 Senator Smoot of the public buildings commission in the District of Columbia, presented a statement to congress showing that the various governmental departments occupy 246 different buildings, 83 of which are rented at an annual expense of more than \$750,000. These buildings contain nearly 64,500 employees. More than 70 per cent of the space occupied is in non-fireproof structures. Some of the departments are scattered over one and a half square miles. The bureau of internal revenue is in nine different

buildings and the agricultural department occupies 45 different buildings. Mr. Smoot urges an appropriation of \$50,000,000 to be spread over 10 years, for the construction of adequate and proper housing facilities.

**PROFITEERING IN COAL.**  
 As the result of long and thorough personal investigation Congressman Treadway of Massachusetts has presented some very illuminating and interesting facts regarding the anthracite coal monopoly. He disclosed that one company with a capital of \$10,000 had built up a surplus of \$490,000, and another company has a surplus of \$33,000,000. Some of these companies have paid aggregate dividends of 500 to 600 per cent. While the Pennsylvania fair price commission fixed \$8 to \$8.50 as a fair price at the mines and under the Pinchot settlement this was advanced to about \$9.00, no dealer can go into the market and buy at much less than \$11.50 to \$12.50 at the mines, and it is retailed at \$19 per ton in the vicinity of Boston. The price of coal has doubled in 10 years. He also showed pieces of rock averaging 200 pounds to the ton, that have been sold as coal.

Miners though working on piece work, are restricted in their production, and their average earning is about \$1.70 per ton or \$7 per day. Congressman Treadway charges that Pennsylvania imposes a tax of about 12 cents per ton for which producers charge 50 cents extra. He also charges uncontrolled monopoly and unlawful combinations between producers, railroads and jobbers.

There is now no government agency having the slightest control over the business. The coal commission, after expending \$600,000 has finished its labors but has left certain information as the basis of legislation. Mr. Treadway argued that this commodity was not put in the ground in a certain confined area in the state of Pennsylvania for the benefit and use of the profiteers and mine owners—it was put there for the use of the public.

While he is opposed to government ownership he has introduced a bill providing for federal regulation under the interstate commerce laws, just as railroads, telephones, water companies and other public service corporations are regulated. It might not result in a reduction of cost to consumers, but it might put a brake on any further advances in prices.

**CITY NEWS**  
 Levi Cohen proprietor of the Toggery Shop has returned from the eastern markets where he has been for the last two weeks on a buying tour.

**"FLOWING GOLD" COMING SOON TO LAMB THEATRE**  
 Ranger's muddy streets of 1913, and Main street as it appeared before modern buildings had been erected in the wake of the great oil era were flashed on the screen Sunday as a cut-in of the Rex Beach moving picture, "Flowing Gold," at the Lamb theatre.

Persons who lived in Ranger in 1919 said the Main street "set" was faithfully portrayed by the producers. The sled that carried people across the muddy street near the railroad station was shown frequently.

The date of showing of "Flowing Gold," will be announced shortly, W. B. Palmer, manager of the Lamb, said today. It will be about the same time as its appearance in Dallas theatres.

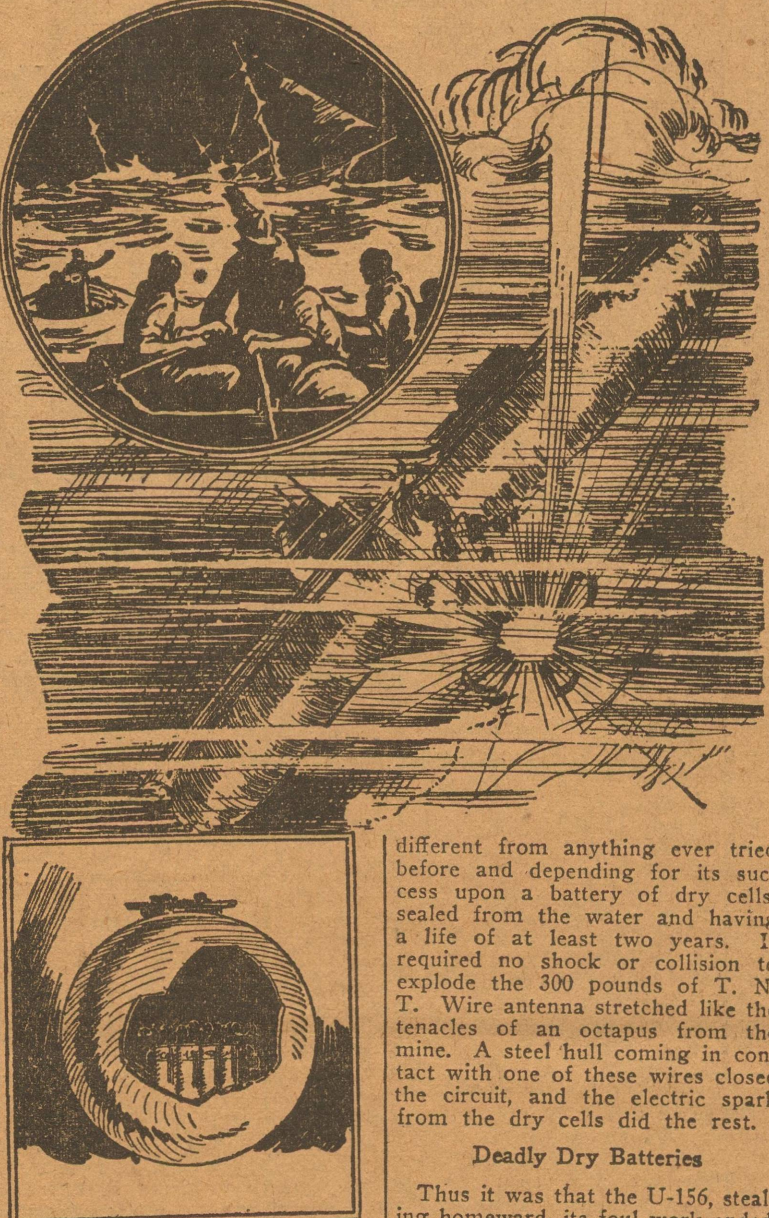
**MARRIAGE LICENSES.**  
 McKinley Wesley and Alma Turban (col.), Ranger.  
 O. E. Wise and Estelle White, Ranger.  
 C. C. Cooper and Opal Caro, Ranger.

**INDIANA GOVERNOR FACES TWO FEDERAL INDICTMENTS**

By United Press.  
 INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 25.—Warren T. McCray, governor of Indiana, voluntarily appeared at the office of the United States marshal here today and surrendered, following two indictments returned against him by the federal grand jury Saturday. The indictments charge the governor with using the mails to defraud, violation of the national banking law and conspiracy to violate the banking law. The indictments charge 170 banks were defrauded through loans negotiated by the governor.

### How American Mine Sank German U-Boat Disclosed As Result of Recent Shipwreck

**Electric Firing Device Operated by Dry Batteries Ends to U-156**  
 News Dispatch  
 New York, January 16: Captain Martin Pence of the schooner J. W. Comeau, abandoned at sea in a hurricane, arrived here on board a rescue ship today. Captain Pence lost another vessel in almost the same position five years ago. He was skipper of the schooner Industrial which was bombed and sunk by a German submarine on October 4, 1918.



As long as the breed of merchant skippers who dared the U-boat infested seas survive, just as long will news dispatches such as above bring reminder and recollection of the days when the Kaiser's intersecooten "strafed" the American coast in the final months of the World War.

In the archives of the Navy Department may be found the details of how the British schooner Industrial was destroyed by the U-155 some 250 miles southeast of Nantucket Island—confirmation enough of the story told by Captain Pence when he landed in New York in 1924, again a master without a ship.

The search for the record of the loss of the Industrial in the Navy Department files produced something else pertaining to German submarines which shades in interest the experiences of Captain Pence. It pertains to the sister ship of the U-155, the U-156, infamous as the submarine which strewed the mines off Fire Island whereon the armored cruiser San Diego was sunk, and as the raider which seized and armed a trawler and sent it destroying the fishing fleets off Maine.

Retribution found the U-156. That is the amazing and interesting fact disclosed in the records at the Navy Department. And that retribution was served out by American hands, for the submarine, after a career of frightfulness along the American coast, failed to negotiate the Northern Mine Barrage on its attempted return to Kiel and was torn to pieces off the coast of Norway.

**BRUNSWICK RECORD**  
**W. E. DAVIS**  
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 Eastland, Texas

**POLITICAL Announcements**  
 For State Senator:  
 E. L. RUSSELL.  
 HARRY TOM KING, Abilene.  
 For County Superintendent Schools:  
 MISS BEULAH SPEER.

**BABY CHICKS**  
 S. C. R. I. Reds, pen 1, Owens Farm Strain, \$25 per hundred; pen 2, \$15; S. C. White Leghorns, Tancred strain, greatest layers on earth, \$30; flock mating, \$15; Barred Rocks, \$15; heavy type baby chicks, \$12; prize winning Buff Orpingtons, \$25; 5 per cent discount on all orders 3 weeks in advance of shipment.  
 WEATHERFORD CHICK HATCHERY, Weatherford, Texas

**The Mark VI mine deadly only when four dry cells sent an electric current to the T. N. T. charge.**

seven other submarines which ran afoul the mines in the barrage stretched across the North Sea can be laid entirely to Yankee ingenuity. The British Admiralty had tried to bar the North Sea with mines, had failed and had abandoned the effort. Further, the Britons did not believe it could be done. Then came the American Navy Department with a new idea—an electrical firing device, radically

different from anything ever tried before and depending for its success upon a battery of dry cells, sealed from the water and having a life of at least two years. It required no shock or collision to explode the 300 pounds of T. N. T. Wire antenna stretched like the tentacles of an octopus from the mine. A steel hull coming in contact with one of these wires closed the circuit, and the electric spark from the dry cells did the rest.

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 LET YOUR NEXT TIRE BE A DAYTON  
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**0—LODGE NOTICES.**  
 Ranger Masonic Lodge  
 No. 738, A. F. & A. M., meets Tuesday night, 7:30. Work in E. A. degree.  
 C. E. MAY, W. M.  
 F. E. LANGSTON, Sec.

**RANGER ENCAMPMENT No. 36, I. O. O. F., special call meeting, Friday night, Feb. 29. The special business demands that each and every member attend.**

**T. J. PERRY, Financial Scribe.**

**1—LOST AND FOUND**  
 LOST—A Elk's dance, cameo brooch; reward for return. Phone 276, Ranger.

**3—HELP WANTED—FEMALE**  
 WANTED—A high-class saleswoman or saleslady to sell subscriptions for daily newspaper; can earn \$50 per week; liberal commission basis. Apply at once to Ranger Daily Times or Eastland Daily Telegram.

**7—SPECIAL NOTICES.**  
**BIKYLE AND FIXIT SHOP**—Buy a bicycle; fix anything but your pocketbook; keys fitted and duplicated. 210 Elm st., Ranger.  
**GUARANTEED hemstitching and piecing attachment;** fits any sewing machine; \$2.50 prepaid or C. O. D.; circulars free. LaFlesh Hemstitching Co., Dept. 2, Sedalia, Mo.  
**LATEST Magazines,** your favorite cigar, cigarettes, candies. Exchange National Bank Cigar Stand, Eastland  
**HIGHEST market price paid for hides.** Adams & Co., phone 168, Ranger.  
**WE RETAIL Furniture and floor coverings of all kinds.** We wholesale a square deal to all and practice has made it a habit. Cory Furniture Store, next door to Chamber of Commerce, Phone 321, Eastland.

**9—HOUSES FOR RENT.**  
 7-ROOM modern house, servant's house and garage; 1109 Desdemona Blvd. A. F. Hartman, Ranger.  
**FOR RENT—Rooming house,** has large dining room. Inquire 325 Elm st.  
**FOR RENT—3 or 4 unfurnished rooms;** lights, water, gas furnished; private front and back entrance. 303 S. Austin, Ranger.  
 6-ROOM strictly modern house, servant's house and garage, 713 Cypress st. A. F. Hartman, Ranger.  
**FURNISHED HOUSE—Apply 637 No. Marston st., Ranger.**  
 3-ROOM furnished house, with water, gas, lights and garage. Apply 506 Mesquite st., Ranger.

**11—APARTMENTS FOR RENT.**  
**CARTER APARTMENTS—325 Elm st., Ranger, phone 565-J.**  
 O. K. APARTMENTS—Furnished apartments for rent. 109 South Hodges.  
**TREMONT Apartments—311 Walnut st. Phone 458, Ranger.**

**12—WANTED TO BUY.**  
 WANTED—To buy 1,000 good second-hand auto tires. Speegle Storage & Repair Shop, 303 Main st. Phone 421, Ranger.  
**WE BUY second-hand furniture.** Ranger Furniture Exchange, 123, N. Rusk st., Phone 242, Ranger.

**15—HOUSES FOR SALE.**  
 FOR SALE—My 5-room, modern home, together with three furnished rent houses that bring in a good return; several young bearing fruit trees; near high school. Call after 4 p. m., at 506 Mesquite st., Ranger.

**16—AUTOMOBILES**  
**WHY PUT new parts in old cars?** "We tear 'em up and sell the pieces." Ranger Auto Wrecking Co., 422-24 N. Rusk st., Ranger, phone 84.

**18—WANTED—Miscellaneous**  
**FURNITURE WANTED—Highest cash price.** New and Second Hand Store. 121 No. Austin, Phone 276.  
 WANTED—Second-hand furniture. Wright Furniture Co., 207 S. Rusk st. Phone 154, Ranger.  
 SECOND-HAND furniture bought and sold at the right prices. Main Street Second-Hand Store, Marston Bldg., Ranger.

**20—OIL, GAS AND MINERALS.**  
**WANT TO SELL one (1/2) interest 80-acre block,** section 11, R. 3, 4-S, 3-W, Carter county, Oklahoma (49-acre surface rights sold to tank company); mineral rights goes to purchaser, in fee, royalty; 70 acres leased to E. P. Halliburton, now drilling deep test, Davis No. 1, down around 3,000 feet; 10 acres to M. L. Johnson, well 3/4 mile southwest Healdton, center proven territory. No trade—no option—CASH! Make me an offer. Mrs. Beulah Davis Hicks, 321 Hill ave., Ranger, Texas, phone 507.

**21—LEGAL NOTICES**  
**BIDS WANTED.**  
 Notice is hereby given that on Feb. 28, 1924, the City of Ranger, Texas, will receive sealed bids for \$190,000.00 City of Ranger waterworks bonds. Bids shall be addressed to C. A. Love, City Secretary, Ranger, Texas, and will be received until 2 p. m., Feb. 28, 1924. The city reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
 C. A. LOVE, City Secretary.

**22—POULTRY AND PET STOCK.**  
**POULTRY FEEDS**  
 STARTING MASH.  
**Altex**  
 GROWING MASH.  
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 All Guaranteed.  
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 Hatching Eggs, \$1.50 for 15  
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 WM. HOGAN  
 223 S. Oak St. Ranger, Tex.  
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 Phone 320—P. O. Box 1106  
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**RANGER DAILY TIMES**  
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**Transfer**  
**TRUCK AND TEAM SERVICE**  
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**SUBSTITUTES NEVER GOOD AS REAL ARTICLE**

Nationally Advertised Goods Must Have Substantial Value Behind Them.

When you ask for some nationally advertised product at your store and the clerk says he does not have it but has something just as good, that is the time to go to another store.

When a manufacturer spends millions of dollars in advertising a soap, or soda fountain drink, or shoe, or fountain pen, or typewriter, or any other sort of commodity, it means that he is not afraid to invite the criticism of the world upon the value of his product.

Sometimes we are compelled to use substitutes. In that case we are not to blame.

The Germans during the war had to wear paper clothes and resort to many other kinds of ersatz. Russia had bread made out of anything but wheat. And there was a time when nearly everybody took saccharine instead of sugar in coffee.

Those were substitutes by duress, and were pardonable.

Some people like to wear imitation diamonds and artificial pearls, and there are all sorts of articles made in imitation of precious metals, and cheap wood stained to make it look like walnut and red mahogany.

The whole moral condition of the world would be toned up if nobody tried to make anything look like anything but itself.

The use of substitutes is unfair to the producer. Take the case of a man who has invented, we will say, a kind of soft drink. He is honest, his product is scientifically compounded, healthful and tasteful. He puts millions of dollars into his business. He builds up a complicated organization. He spends his money freely in letting the people know the advantages of using his product.

When you ask for that particular kind of drink, but the clerk offers you something else, he is doing that which is unfair. The manufacturer, by his advertising, brought you into that store. He created the demand.

It is well to remember that if a druggist offers you a substitute at the soda fountain there is a reasonable suspicion that he will give you substitutes behind the prescription counter.

If a clothing manufacturer spends a great amount of capital in advertising certain garments with his mark upon them he loses his name unless he keeps the quality of those garments up to the mark.

This does not mean that extensive advertising absolutely guarantees quality, but it does mean that it is to a certain extent an insurance of quality.

The day is past when advertising implies integrity. Today advertising does not guarantee integrity. But advertising means that a man has staked his reputation and his capital upon his claims.

If he does not make those claims good the public eventually finds it out.

Nation-wide advertising is a wholesome factor in any business. To a great extent it protects the purchaser against fraud.

Dealing in substitutes is very closely akin to bootlegging.

**"MOTHER HEN" DOES NOT FEAR COMPETITION OF MODERN INCUBATORS**

COLLEGE STATION, Feb. 25.—Those who have never relished the hatching of chicks by artificial methods but whose sentiments of economic judgment has kept them prejudiced for the "mother hen" in spite of the swift encroachment of the incubator or "wholesale hatching hen" there may be considerable appreciation of the remark by Miss Myrtle Murray, extension poultry specialist of the A. & M. college that "no one has ever found a better method of hatching than the mother hen's. Artificial incubation is used where one wants to hatch chicks in large numbers," she added. And then assuming that she will find agreement she proceeds to give a few hints on hen hatching.

"The nest should be about 14 inches square and 14 inches high, located in a nice quiet place and protected from the rains and cold. Nail a six-inch board across the lower front edge for a support. Thoroughly clean and spray with a strong solution of stock dip or some other disinfectant. Place about two inches of clean, loose sand in the bottom. On top of this place enough straw or excelsior for a nest."

"Be sure the hen is contented with the nest before placing the eggs under. She should be dusted with 10 to 12 pinches of sodium fluoride to prevent lice, then give a day or two to get settled before placing the eggs under her. She should be provided with plenty of clean, fresh water, a place for exercise and a dust bath to wallow in and feed whole grain. After she is at work do not 'fuss' over her."

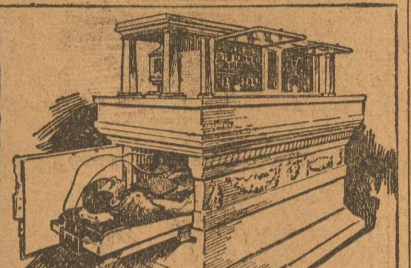
A scale has been devised which can not be influenced by the heavy hand of a grasping retailer. The purchases to be weighed are carried to the platform of the scale by an electrically operated conveyor and when exact weight has been determined a printing device, also electrically run, stamps the weight upon the paper to be used for wrapping. Another conveyor removes the purchase and carries it to the wrapping counter. Such a scale can weigh 600 purchases an hour, and assures customers that no outside means has been employed to increase weights.

**WHAT THE WORLD IS DOING**

AS SEEN BY POPULAR MECHANICS MAGAZINE

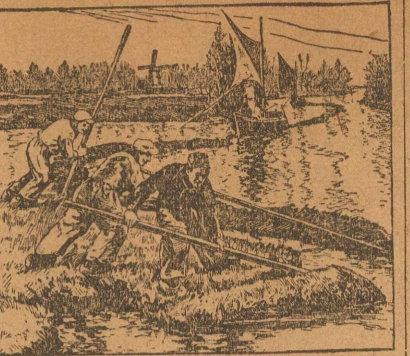
**Mummy Dead by Electricity**

The long-sought art of preserving the human form after death in nearly lifelike aspect, has apparently been achieved in a scientific method developed by an expert embalmer who has devoted years of study to the work. The method not only promises to afford a means of perpetuating the illustrious dead more successfully than the Egyptian mummies, but offers possibilities for the disposition of the dead in sanitary ways that introduce none of the objections of ordinary burial methods.



Electricity plays the leading part in the apparatus, which has the outward appearance of a sarcophagus and consists of a chamber which receives a rolling copper table upon which the body is placed. This table forms one terminal for the contact with the body and the other terminal consists of a number of contacts made on the upper surface of the body. When the circuit is closed an electric current passes through the body at many different points, sterilizing and dehydrating it beyond the point where the organisms that cause decomposition can exist.

The success of the method is attested by experiments performed upon dogs and cats, and by a test upon the body of a man.



**Dutch Float Land for Home Sites**

Perhaps the quaintest spot in quiet old Holland is the floating village of Giethoorn, in the province of Overijssel, one of the low regions which have been water-logged for centuries because of the periodical inundations of the sea. Taking advantage of the condition of the soil, the hardy Dutchmen of Giethoorn have learned how to cut away sections of turf, and then float them through the canals to any desired spot. Poles, about 12 feet in length, are used to shove off the floating home sites, which are cut away beyond the village limits and then guided to town.

**Utilize Goats to Prevent Fire**

As a means of fire prevention at the Naval Powder Factory at Indian Head, Md., a herd of Rocky Mountain goats are allowed to roam around the buildings, so that they may devour the dead leaves and other inflammable rubbish that otherwise would litter the ground. The goats effectively remove this dangerous material, as it is all that they have to subsist on.

**Holding the Garage Doors Open**

The simple stops to prevent the doors slamming shut shown in the drawing will prove helpful to any motorist who must drive into his garage unaided. Each consists of a stout wooden prop, of 1 by 2 in. material, a leather strap, nailed to the door, and a cleat nailed below the strap. In use, the prop is set under the cleat so that pressure applied to the other side of the door cannot close it. When the doors are closed the ends of the props are set behind brackets or simply rested on the frame.

**A Unique Hedge of Sod**

A very neat hedge can be made by setting up a frame of wire screen or netting as shown in the illustration, and placing sod inside the wire, with the grass side out, and filling the space between with earth. In a short while the grass will grow through the mesh of the screen and completely conceal it. The same idea can be followed out by planting some rapid-growing climbing vines over the netting.

**FIT OF THE GUN IS NOT ALL NEEDED TO SHOOT STRAIGHT**

The "fit" of the gun is what makes the wild cats "wild" and the shooters have "fits." "I don't think my gun 'fits' me." "Am shooting way over or way under—too straight or too much drop." I bet I hear those expressions at the shoots more than any other alibis in the gun game. There is more money spent by the gun cranks in trying to get a correct "fit" than in any other part of their shooting expense.

Just take a look at a flock of trapshooters' guns at a tournament. Did you ever see such a layout in special stocks? Special this, and special that, guns bound up with 10 yards of tape—looking as if they had just received first aid from the Red Cross. Stocks lengthened out with shoe leather, and even parts of inner tubes. Fine walnut stocks grooved out and pieces glued on—changed in every possible conceivable manner by the shooter in his efforts to get the blame thing to fit him. And to make it all the worse—the very first time he has a day "off," and misses a bunch of targets, he is convinced that the darn thing don't fit him even then and he starts murdering the specifications at once.

**Another Disappointment.**

Even experienced shots—good shots—get that sneaking idea every so often that their gun don't fit them exactly. I have seen a shooter pick up a strange gun, step up to the trap and knock 50 straight—square on the nose—and with a sigh of relief and a cry of joy hand over 100 bucks for that gun—thinking he has at last found the gun that fits him to a "T." At the next tournament, perhaps, he will shoot worse than he ever did, blow up, and go all to pieces, with the same gun and someone gets it for a song. He can't get rid of it fast enough. Once more he starts out looking for the gun that "fits" him and some good gun salesman sells him a brand new one that is "just out" that will "automatically" fit him in due time.

It takes years of experience to know when a gun does fit you; or even a most expert shot to locate your trouble at once. Shooters form certain habits that tend to change their load and place the shot charge in various spots. Some are inclined to flinch a little, others hug their guns in tight, some don't even check their guns, and some are just "poor shots" and will never be able to shoot a great deal better with any change. There you are. A gun that may "fit" one star may be an impossible proposition for Mark Arie, Frank Troeh, who is known the world over for his wonderful skill over the traps, shoots the saddest looking old gas pipe of a Winchester that has ever been seen on the shooting grounds. No one else can hit a flock of army balloons with Frank's gun—but it "fits" Frank. He just murders 'em. When he looks at 'em over that old blunder bus—Wow!

**To Improve Shooting.**

Still it is possible for a shooter to improve his shooting by studying his own faults and checking them up. The length of the stock should be the first thing. It should be just long enough not to strain the shooter from holding it in correct shooting position, just so that the trigger finger rests upon the trigger and the gun can be shot with a slight press. So the shooter will not have to jerk it off or find too much "play" that will cause him to flinch and get behind. Too short of a trigger pull results in slow time. Too long of a trigger pull results in the shooter firing too fast and the gun going off before he has the bead on the target. A fellow with a long neck needs more "drop" than the fellow with a short neck, so the gun will

line up without any effort to get down on the gun and stay there. A shooter with thin cheeks will need a thick comb—so as to make up for the difference and prevent him from getting over too far and cross firing. The fellow with fat cheeks will need a thin comb for the reverse reason. A pistol grip, or a straight stock, depends upon how the shooter holds his gun and the size of his hand. Some fellows have a big hand and their thumb rests right in front of their nose on a straight stock and they get a kick in the nose every time they shoot. A pistol grip gets rid of the position of that thumb and also gives a shooter a better chance to get a firm hold and grab the gun in the same place each time without shifting as is often done on a straight stock.

Only by careful observation and experience, with the help of an expert who knows guns, can you get a good, correct, "fit."

**SURVEYING WATER ROUTE.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Working out from Port Arthur, Texas, whose growing importance as a shipping center becomes more evident every day, are the United States coast and geodetic survey steamers, the "Bache," commanded by Lieut. F. S. Borden, and the "Hydrographer," commanded by Lieut. G. C. Jones. They are completing the first stages of a great project contemplated by the survey to chart and re-chart the entire gulf coast, thereby directly affecting every port along the gulf and every city in every state which sends outward bound commerce through the gulf.

Without accurate charts which show changes wrought in once familiar channels, mariners cannot ply their vessels which carry the commerce of the southern states to all the world. Without the vessels the world goes without this commerce.

The Port Arthur work, while it constitutes a re-survey of territory already charted, is necessitated by the growing importance of Port Arthur and the ships which send their goods through this port. Ships of heavy tonnage and deep draught have taken the place of the sailing vessels of a generation ago, and their needs are vastly different. The coast and geodetic survey, one of the branches of Uncle Sam's workshop in Washington, which strives to keep one jump ahead of the times, realizes this fact and has striven to smooth the way of the commerce of the future.

The survey's chart work consists in ascertaining not only the depth and appearance of the ocean's bottom, but in mapping it in relation to prominent points along shore. Channels are not only indicated, but the direction and strength of currents and all menaces, as well as aids, to navigation are shown. In addition, the tides, their rise and fall, are prepared a year in advance for every day of the year for every port and furnished the mariner in printed tables.

When the work of charting the approaches to Port Arthur has been completed vessels of the coast guard will extend their sphere of work to cover the entire gulf coast.

**GIRLS LEARN TO DANCE AT TEXAS UNIVERSITY**

AUSTIN, Feb. 25.—In order that girls who study aesthetic dancing at the University of Texas may be encouraged to appreciate and develop the sense of the artistic and beautiful, the dancing studio has been especially arranged and decorated for their use. Orchestras, the girls' dancing club, is rapidly increasing the properties of the studio each year, by the efforts of individual girls and by donations of friends. Miss Susie Fisher, dancing instructor,

is planning to have new draperies and shade for the lights added to the studio this year. An attempt will be made to have some girl with artistic ability make sketches of the girls while they are dancing. These sketches in silhouette will be used to decorate the silk lampshades.

**MEDICAL MEN TO MEET IN CISCO ON APRIL 1**

CISCO, Feb. 25.—The Northwest Texas District Medical association meets here for a two days' session on Tuesday, April 1. Arrangements have been begun by local committees for the entertainment of the delegates and other visitors. This medical body is one of the most active district societies in the state and more than 200 delegates are expected to attend the convention here.

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**THE ART OF REDUCING**

By Helen Harrington Downing

Are you too fat to be comfortable? Do you want to get rid of any of that excess flesh?

Time and again rules for reducing or how to gain weight have been published in newspapers and magazines. Many readers have made resolutions to follow them explicitly, and just as often have failed to carry them out. It takes a lot of perseverance to adhere strictly to a set of rules and regulations on diet or exercise. I am convinced, however, that exercises, when practiced regularly and conscientiously, are very important factors in reducing. One certainly cannot reduce flesh by exercise alone; so all of the following are good:

Use certain reducing exercises daily without fail. Drink a glass of hot water before breakfast and before retiring. Take a hot bath at night and a cold bath in the morning. Swim and ride horseback, if possible. Avoid fats, sweets and starches; instead, eat fruits, non-starchy vegetables, greens and meats with the exception of pork. Do not drink water with meals. Eat bran instead of white bread.

Exercises Effective. With the above, reducing exercises taken faithfully are, to my mind, most effective. Many people believe they are really meant to be fat or thin—they continue to eat heartily and then complain of their weight. Follow your rules and say nothing, and you'll see and feel the desired change.

It is far better to leave the table

before satisfying one's appetite than to have a stuffy feeling for an hour or so after a meal. Often the family have enough to eat before they reach the dessert course, but eat it because it is placed before them and is tempting. As a result, they have that uncomfortable feeling. This is sometimes due to unwise planning of the meal, though very often too great a variety is served or too large portions are given one.

When cream is omitted from coffee, the drink is not always popular; a good substitute, then for the coffee, is a cup of boiling water in which a bouillon cube is dissolved. In the middle of the morning or afternoon, a teaspoonful of beef extract dissolved in boiling water will satisfy that desire for food.

Canned fruits with bran, for breakfast, are not only appetizing, but are a good start for the day. At noon, canned soups are nutritious, stimulating and non-fattening. For dinner, canned fish, spinach with eggs and a salad of mixed vegetables are the foundation of a good dinner, supplying a balanced meal and at the same time conforming to the reducing diet.

Many people are of the belief that breads of all kinds, hot or cold, will add flesh. This is not true of the ones for which recipes are given below:

**Bran Muffins.**  
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tablespoon melted butter, ¼ cup sugar, ½ teaspoon salt, 1¼ cups milk, 1 egg.  
Beat shortening, egg and sugar together until creamy. Sift flour, baking powder and salt together three times and add the bran. Add milk to first mixture and then add dry ingredients gradually. Mix thoroughly and bake in greased gem pans, in a hot oven for 20 minutes. (375-400 degrees F.)

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### Shoe and Stocking Styles For Spring

By HEDDA HOYT, Fashion Editor of the United Press. (Written for the United Press.)

PARIS, France, Feb. 25.—"Soles for sale," last season's shoe drama, has been scratched off the fashion boards. After a long run, it has been decided that soles held together by straps had many bad lines, to say nothing of poor support.

Shoes are no longer mere wisps of leather attached to a holed sole. Perhaps fashion is revolting against eccentric shoe styles, but more likely women are revolting against fallen arches and crippled insteps. Paris still likes the strap idea for shoes, but insists upon some arch and foot support other than the tiny vamp that just covers the big toe.

#### Velvet for Shoes.

Velvet is used quite as much as satin for dressy shoes this season. Models are usually made with the medium short vamp, but with good arch support. Buckles of rhinestone and rhinestone monograms are used frequently on these dressy shoes. Patents and other leathered shoes are also to be monogrammed this year, with stenciled colors or with cut-outs.

Evening shoes can not be too glittering. There are some of silver cloth studded with rhinestones throughout; others with entire heels of rhinestones with plain metal cloth used for the rest of the shoe. Brocade slippers still retain their popularity, but are worn only with dark colored gowns, or gowns of the same material. Silver is by far the most important shade for evening and it is always worn with the flesh or nude stocking. Both silver and gold-dipped leather is being used, although it is not as attractive as the gold or silver cloth, to my mind.

#### Shoes for the Street.

Black shoes with pipings of contrasting colors are worn with the street frock. There are black shoes with red, purple and yellow pipings, that go very prettily with the colorful embroidered frock. In no in-

stance is the coloring blatant, however.

Red, green and blue shoes such as we saw last summer will not be as popular this season as last, although for sports wear there will be shoes that use these colors, but usually in conjunction with white. Spring will see many colors again, but subdued ones, such as taupe, deer shades, light browns and dark corn collar. Suede will be a popular feature for these colorings.

There seems to be no let up on light colored hosiery. Women have entirely given up the black stocking. Colors that verge on peach tones are favored by the Parisians.

#### Fashion Notes.

Paris is wearing frocks with fringe from the knee down which carry out the flounce idea.

Summery frocks of voiles and linsens have skirts made entirely of tiny ruffles.

The newest sports cape is hand-crocheted in lustered wool. A variety of effect is produced by using rows of contrasting or blending colors with a fringe of these same tones. These capes are made on large needles and with a drop-stitch so that the effect is somewhat lacy. By knitting several rows of each different shade a striped effect is obtained.

The Spanish shawl will be used extensively for the summer evening wrap this season. It has been a popular wrap in England for years, but has never met with much success in America.

#### SWISS GOAT ENTERED IN MILKING CONTEST

By United Press. FORT WORTH, Feb. 25.—It would be a serious thing for somebody to get Robert Bruckner's goat. Bruckner, an Arlington farmer, has entered an ewe valued at \$2,000 in the goat milking contest of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show here, March 8-15. Imported from Switzerland, the goat gives seven quarts of milk a month, Bruckner claims.

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#### WILLIAM W. BENDER DIES AT HOME IN CARBON

CARBON, Feb. 25.—William W. Bender, 78, died here Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. F. Edmonson. Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Bascom Morton of Carbon, were held at the First Methodist church in DeLeon Sunday afternoon followed by interment in the DeLeon cemetery.

Mr. Bender was one of the pioneers of this section of the country, having settled at DeLeon in Comanche county many years ago. His wife died in 1905.

Besides Mrs. Edmonson deceased is survived by the following children, all of whom were with him when death came: G. C. Bender Rising Star; E. P. Bender, Brinkley, Ark.; Mrs. W. M. Gleason, Lone Wolf, Okla.; Iry C. Bender, Beeville, Texas; Mrs. Lillian Scott of Stamford, and Earl Bender of Eastland.

#### FRANKLIN'S FIRST HOME IN PHILADELPHIA RAZED

By United Press. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 25.—Benjamin Franklin's supposed "first Philadelphia home" has been razed.

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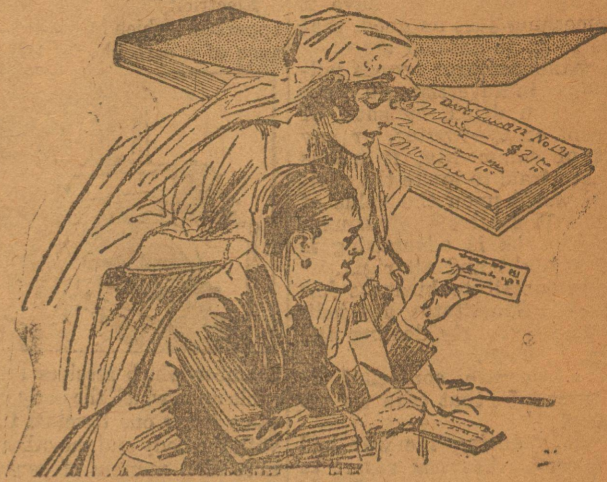
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to make way for modern day traffic. The little alley house, more than 200 years old, was in the path of the approach of the Delaware river bridge which will connect southern New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Sentiment was cast aside when the wrecking demolished the house at Fourth and Race streets. Under the picks of the razers, the little dwelling vanished, but the bricks were good despite their age and will be sold to be used in the building of another house.

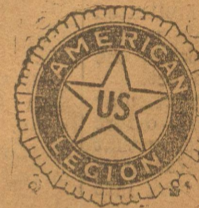
Whether the house was ever the Franklin home has long been debated but never decided. Several efforts were made to save the structure, but were abandoned because the authenticity of the house could not be verified. Investigators say the house was unquestionably of the period in which Poor Richard lived and express the belief that it was the home of Franklin. Until razed, the house brought a rental of \$15 a month.

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#### ST. RITA'S ALTAR SOCIETY POSTPONES ITS MEETING

St. Rita's Altar society has postponed its meeting, which was announced for this afternoon, until next Monday, when members will meet with Mrs. Morris Leveille, 915 Oddie street. The business meeting will be followed by a social session.

#### CHEERFUL WORKERS MEET AT CLAY RESIDENCE

The Cheerful Workers of the Christian church enjoyed a social meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ivan Clay, who was assisted in entertaining by Mmes. Clay Sr., and Tom Clay. Washington birthday decorations were tastefully displayed about the house and delicious refreshments were served. The meeting for Wednesday of this week will be held at the home of Mrs. W. H. Dyer, Spring road.

#### TWILIGHT MUSICAL AT GHOLSON WELL ATTENDED

A somewhat impromptu twilight musical was given Sunday afternoon at the Gholson hotel on the mezzanine floor. Those taking part were Mmes. A. L. Leake, Bess Luke, Charles G. Norton, Miss Lucille Keith and Joy Leake. About 30 attended and ex-

pressed their enjoyment of the occasion.

**MRS. BARKLEY WILL ENTERTAIN BRIDGE CLUB**  
Mrs. G. C. Barkley, 608 Young street, will be hostess on Friday to the XXth Century club, which will meet at 1:30 o'clock.

#### RANGER PERSONALS

Little Davis Heydon, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Heydon, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is now considered out of danger. His grandmother, Mrs. W. J. Levens of Rotan, who has been here the last eight days, returned home yesterday.

Miss Eleanor Norton and her guest, Miss Anna Maxwell, returned to Fort Worth Sunday afternoon after spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Norton.

Capt. R. P. Patterson, vice-commander of the American Legion post at Fort Worth, and expert piano tuner, is in the city for a few days, having driven over on Sunday.

C. F. Brigham of Minneapolis, father of Mrs. Clegg, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gifford Clegg. He expects to leave Wednesday for Fort Worth.

Terrell H. Smith who has been in South Carolina the last two weeks, is expected back home today.

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