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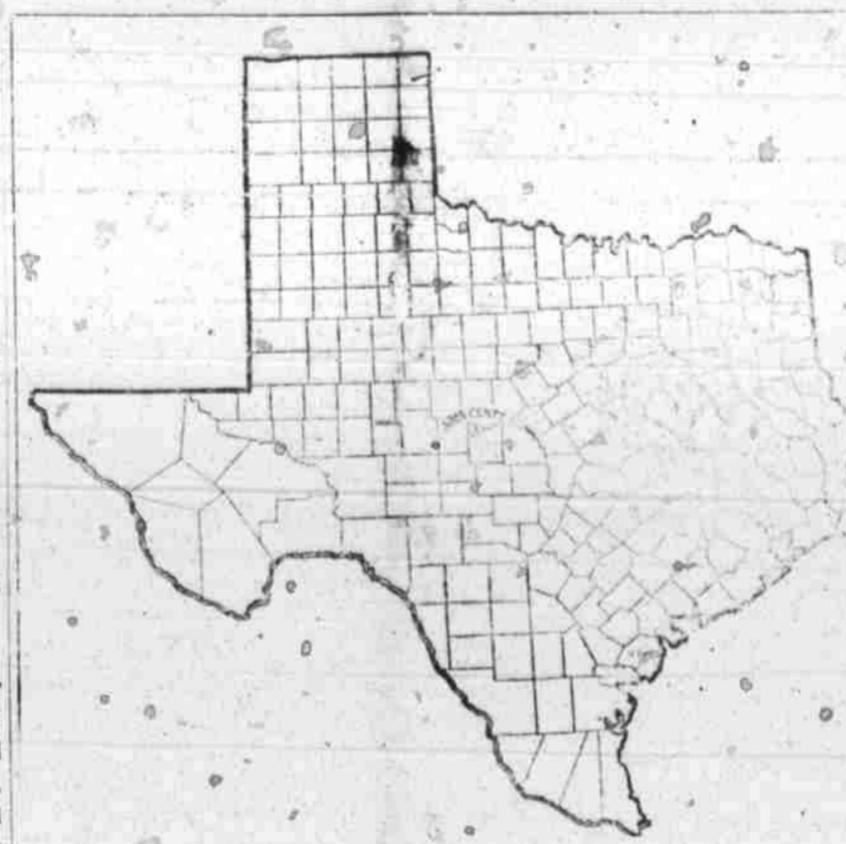
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## POPULATION CENTERS OF TEXAS

### The Center of 1910 Population Five Miles Northwest of Waco--The Star of Empire Moves Westward



There is no more inspiring scene than to watch the growth of an empire and no viewpoint is more instructive than that of the center of population.

The Texas Commercial Secretaries Association has developed the population centers of Texas by decades since 1850, the first Federal Census, and the pathway of our civilization is shown by the heavy line in the map below. During this period the population center has traveled a distance of 105 miles west and 45 miles north, and it now rests five miles northwest of Waco in McLennan county, and the city of Waco may be said to be the "Heart of Texas."

COMPARATIVE GROWTH

The first Federal census was taken in 1850, showing a total population of 2,125,000. The population center then rested in the southeastern corner of Madison county. At that time there were 136 counties having no population, or at least none were enumerated, and only one county in the state had a population exceeding 10,000 which was Harrison.

We now have a population of 3,892,000 and all our counties are populated; we have 127 counties having a population of 10,000 and over, and we have four counties with a population of 100,000, and over. We have two counties that now have a population equal to the entire state of Texas in 1850 with 42,632 to spare. They are Bexar and Dallas. If we make the same per cent of gain in the first half of 1900 that we did the last half of 1850 our population in 1950 will be 10,000,000.

CENTER OF AREA

The center of area rests in McCulloch county, near Brady.

The center of area and the center of population appear to have little or no affinity for each other, but the development in the western portion of the state will have a tendency to bring them closer together.

### Texas Hogs at the Head

The expert hog breeders who attended the International Live-stock Show at Chicago made the statement that the hogs that won the grand champion honors at the greatest of all stock shows were no better than the third premium hogs at the National Feeders and Breeders' Show at Fort Worth, and that the grand champion at the Fort Worth show were far superior to anything at Chicago that they would have been in a class by themselves.

The hogs that won the grand championship at the great Fort Worth show were Texas hogs. As Chicago is supposed to attract the best hogs in the country, we may be pardoned for considering Texas hogs better than the best. Anyhow, that's the way it looks.

Encouraged by the success of a Texas hog raiser in winning such honors last year, a number of others will be in the contest this year, and we have it straight that the hogs on exhibition at the big National Feeders and Breeders' Show, March 13 to 18, will be something to open the eyes of everybody who don't know that Texas raises the finest hogs in the world.

J. R. Long returned last night from Eastland where he had been to attend court.

### Cemetery

D. G. S. Fraps, State Chemist of Texas, says:

For Bermuda grass on concrete let's would suggest that acid phosphate be sprinkled on once a year at the rate of three ounces for each 30 square feet. Once or twice a year dissolve one ounce of nitrate of soda and 1-2 ounces of muriate of potash in 5 or 6 gallons of water and sprinkle on the grass.

The fertilizer can also be applied in the solid form but do not use any more than the quantity stated above, as too much nitrate of soda or muriate of potash will cause injury.

Fox Stripling, the Old land man and all round West Texas West Texas booster, with headquarters at Big Springs, is a prominent Sweetwater visitor. He reports everybody up his way in an optimistic frame of mind and banking on a fair to the acre this year. Sweetwater Signal.

J. H. Billingsley returned Saturday night from a trip to Arkansas, Louisiana and East Texas.

D. C. Evedy and wife, who have been sick for over a week, are reported improving.

### Attend Sunday School

In his sermon, delivered at the Christian church last Sunday morning, Rev. E. S. Bledsoe stated that from the information he had obtained, there were only about 550 people in attendance upon the different Sunday schools of the town on the previous Sunday. We consider this a rather small showing for a town of over 4000 population, and too, when taken into consideration the fact that 800 children are enrolled in the schools of Big Springs. Among the number attending the Sunday schools there at least 25 per cent of them that are adults which will bring the attendance of children down to about one-half the number enrolled in the public schools. Whose fault is it that no more attend Sunday school; is it the parents of the children, or is it that the workers in the Sunday schools are lax in their duty? There is no better place to spend an hour each Sunday morning than in Sunday school. What a child learns there will do them good and they will never forget it. Parents are always benefitted by accompanying their children to Sunday school and taking part in the lessons taught there.

### 167 Farmers' Institutes Organized in Texas in 1910

The report of the Commissioner of Agriculture which has been made to the Governor, shows that during 1910 one hundred and sixty-seven farmers' institutes have been organized throughout the state, with a membership of from 100 to 200 each. The Institutes have long been recognized as the best medium for arousing interest among farmers in scientific agriculture, for acquainting them with the latest methods of agriculture and enabling them to keep in the vanguard of progress. In modern agriculture only seeds and plants which have attained perfection, are used. The Farmers' Institutes help to bring about the highest results in the farming world.

The Commissioner's Comy has given out a statement concerning the road bonds, saying they have not been sold, only as contract and a forfeit put up is all that has been done and that the bonds cannot be issued until the middle of February and that the court does not expect to get any money on the bonds until the middle of March.

J. W. Mealey and wife, uncle and aunt of Mrs. J. D. Maxwell, who have been on a visit to relatives in Arkansas and east Texas, spent Monday and Tuesday here, leaving Tuesday night for their home at Magdalena, New Mexico.

Van Bullard of Big Springs, business in Sweetwater today. He says conditions are improving considerably in his town, and that a number of new enterprises are being negotiated for. Sweetwater Signal.

Clayton Black and S. Johnson were tried at Eastland this week charged with shooting S. P. Echols at Coahoma last fall and were acquitted. There are several cases against each of them.

The Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Big Springs Baptist Association will be held with the Elbo church, beginning Friday night before the 18th Sunday in the month.

G. N. Letlow bought the bankrupt stock of the Dreeben Millinery Company last week and began selling it last Monday. He intends to put in a stock of fact of store goods.

## Colquitt's Recommendations

Governor Colquitt's message to the Legislature recommends that the law governing the so-called "social clubs" be made more stringent, giving the secretary of state greater power.

He favors local option as "the most rational form of prohibition," and recommends the control of the state penitentiaries by a commission similar to the state railroad commission, the establishment of a state institution for the care and treatment of those afflicted with tuberculosis or leprosy.

He also said that it was the duty of the Legislature to carry out the instruction of the people to submit the question of state-wide prohibition to a vote of the people at the earliest possible time.

The governor is reported as saying that he will veto any measure looking to the control of the liquor traffic except a state-wide prohibition amendment.

## Texas Watermelon

Texas is bidding for first place as the home of the watermelon and Georgia will have to look well after her laurels. According to government reports, Texas shipped 2000 car loads of melons in 1910, which, of course, does not include home consumption. The melon belt was originally in central and east Texas, but gradually, as irrigation and improved agricultural methods have come into vogue in Texas, the belt has extended westward until practically the entire state is in the melon growing district. The melon crop put \$470,000 into the jeans of the Texas farmers this year and is now considered one of our staple crops. The best melons come from West Texas.

## Health Hints for School Children

An eminent physician has written the following of health hints for school children. It would be well if every child would thoroughly learn and practice each one, and the same advice applies equally as well to other people:

- Do not spit if you can help it. Never spit on a slate, floor or sidewalk.
- Do not put the fingers into the mouth.
- Do not pick the nose or wipe the nose on the hand or sleeve.
- Do not wet the finger in the mouth when turning the leaves of books.
- Do not put pencils into the mouth or wet them with the lips.
- Do not put money into the mouth.
- Do not put pins into the mouth.
- Do not put anything into the mouth except food and drink.
- Do not swap apple cores, candy, chewing gum, half-eaten food, whistle or bean blowers, or anything that is put into the mouth.
- Never cough or sneeze into a person's face, turn your face to one side.
- Keep your face and hands clean; wash the hands with soap and water before each meal.
- Rising Star merchants inform us that all during the fall and holiday season their trade was good, in fact better than it had ever been before. This can only be accounted for from the fact that they advertised more extensively during the past season than ever before. Advertising not only helps the merchant but it helps the town as well. Rising Star X-Ray.
- The Parker Fountain Pen cannot be equalled. Reagan sells them.

## Let's Have a Stock Show

The importance of a fine stock show in stimulating farmers to raise good stock is not now disputed. The great value of such shows lies not in what the breeders may win, but in the instruction that the average farmer gains by visiting them and seeing the fine stock there, for few farmers go away without making up their minds that they can and will raise better farm animals. Let our stock raisers begin now to get ready to have a fine stock show during next summer or in the early fall.

## Texas Gets a General Rain

Texas was a recipient of a rain this week that was of a more general character than any that has fallen in some time. It covered the state from east Texas to Sierra Blanca, as far north as Dalhart and as far south as Brady. A portion of Oklahoma got some of the rain.

In this part of the country enough rain fell to keep the wheat and oats growing and enable farmers to do their winter plowing. While the rain was not heavy at any place, it was of such a steady fall and covered so much territory that it will be of great benefit and especially to the wheat belt.

## Prepare the Soil Now

Farmers who expect to achieve the best results during the coming season should begin now to thoroughly prepare their soil so as to hold the moisture that is now in the ground and catch what may come. They should look well to seed selection and plant the best seed of every kind.

Farmers should look well to their own interests and be proud of their occupation for on hinges all other industries, and farmers will work together and on a co-operative basis, the best results will be obtained. Begin now to prepare the soil for the exhibit, and make the agricultural exhibition this year the largest in the history of the Fair.

## Meeting at Court House

The meeting at the court house which began on the 8th is still going and will continue until Sunday night and perhaps all next week. The attendance has been fairly good, considering the weather, and the sermons delivered by Evangelist Bentley are forceful and instructive, and those who have heard him are high in their praise of him as an instructor on the bible.

## Coming Back

Riley Burns was here a few days ago from the North Concho and said that all the people that left there last year had returned with the exception of one and they were looking for him. We are of the opinion that a great many who left West Texas last year made a mistake, and believe a great many of them will return in the spring.

## L. M. Guiley Dead

L. M. Guiley, whose home was in the east part of town, died about 10 o'clock Tuesday morning and was buried today.

He came home about ten days ago suffering with diphtheria, but seemed to be getting along very well until two or three days ago. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his death and to whom is extended the sympathy of many friends.

Walter Gallimore was here yesterday from Coahoma.

## Contest Closed

The membership contest conducted by the Y. M. C. A. closed last night and resulted in 101 new and new members. The contest was conducted by the Reds and Blues, and was won by the latter. At the close of the contest the workers who took part in it and the pastors of the town were given a banquet at the T. & P. dining hall.

## Big Springs Defeats Midland

Friday evening the Midland basket ball team came down and played the Y. M. C. A. team a game on the grounds east of the depot, and the home team won by a score of 62 to 41. It was a lively game from start to finish but our boys were too much for the visitors.

## Resolutions of Respect

At a call meeting of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father in all His wisdom, to take from us our loved ones, Brother and Sister D. H. Duncan, whom we all loved and cherished. They were not only loved by us but by all who knew them. We feel that something has gone from our home, instead of from our midst, as we always went to them, in our most trying hours for consolation.

God wanted two more among His heavenly shining band and so he chose these, there being but a very short space between their calls.

Their bodies, or lying in the arms of death, but safely in the arms of Jesus their souls are safely resting.

Resolved, that we extend to the bereaved children, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Walter, Duncan, our heartfelt sympathy and consolation in their hour of bereavement, trusting in the resurrection of the just.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to their bereaved daughters and son, and a copy sent to the paper for publication, also a copy kept upon the minutes of our secretary's book.

It's hard to break the tender cords.

When I've thus bound the heart.

It's hard to speak the words, Must we forever part.

Fear not loved, we lay thee in peaceful embrace.

But thy memory will be cherished until We see thy heavenly face.

MRS. W. C. BARNETT, President.

MRS. J. R. WILKES, Secretary.

## Road Map

This week we publish the road map issue by the Texas Commercial Secretaries Association, which shows the number of miles of public roads in each county, the number of miles of improved public highways, the amount of money that has been spent on the roads and the amount of bonds issued last year.

## Y. M. C. A. Meeting

All men are invited to attend the meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. E. S. Bledsoe will address the meeting.

Z. T. Joyner, was here today between trains and said the rain was heavier in Dawson county than it was here.

### THE BIG SPRINGS ENTERPRISE

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BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

#### CURE FOR "HIGH BROWS."

The term "high brow" is a bit of modern slang typifying one whose head is inflated with air or ignorance instead of knowledge. It should not be applied to any one with real learning. Among the leading high brows of the town are those persons who think they think and who invariably choose the most abstruse subjects—science, religion, the drama, statecraft—for their mental paroxysms, says the New York Herald. No high brow has ever been known to brood over or lecture on or write books about "Roller Skating as a Career," "The Evolution of the Clothes Wringer," or "Bringing Home the Cows." The organ which they call a mind leads them up from such familiar fields to the cloudy regions of intellectual inebrity where fads and "isms" complete the destruction of their wits. It is, of course, impossible to check the course of thought, or what passes for thought, but it is a pity that the habit of attempting to fill with highly seasoned philosophy a brain that stands in sore need of such simple and nourishing diet as is afforded by the Rollo books, for example, cannot be summarily dealt with in a Home for High Brows, where faddists, immature consumers of German philosophy, victims of scientific and religious quacks may take a Keeley cure for pretentious ignorance at the hands of masters of the subcutaneous school of thought.

The list of vicars at Eastbourne parish church dates back to 1244, one of Canon Goodwyn's predecessors being Rev. Henry Lushington, D. D., a representative of the family of which the late Sir Godfrey Lushington was a member, says the Church Family Newspaper. This Doctor Lushington, of whom there is a memorial in the church, had a son who was one of the survivors of the tragedy of the Black Hole of Calcutta, and who was barbarously murdered a few years later by native rebels in India. A curious feature of Eastbourne parish church is that the chancel is out of rectilinear, being inclined somewhat to the south. It is possible that this is a suggestion of the inclination of our Lord's head upon the cross. One of the most interesting antiquities of the church is an eastern sepulchre in which in pre-Reformation times the burial of the Lord's body was symbolically represented by the consecrated host being placed there on Good Friday.

The incongruity of things appear strongly in the objections one can note in the New York papers with regard to Central Park. For two or three years the press of New York has been mourning because the soil fertility of that pleasure ground is not kept up. Now they are up in arms over a reported intention to dump street rubbish in that park. Yet if there is any quicker and cheaper way to restore worn-out soil in a large city than to fertilize with the street sweepings we have yet to learn of it.

Minnesota astronomer says the story of the Star of Bethlehem is either "a myth, a folk story of great beauty, or a supernatural visitation that can be regarded by individuals in any manner they desire." As this leaves the story precisely where it has always been, the astronomer might well have spared himself his labor in announcing his conclusion.

Why do square-shouldered, short-necked women persist in wearing the big floppy black hats that drop to their capulas? From the side or rear, these women seem to have no necks at all. Their appearance is that of deformity. It cannot be that they have the advantage of multiple mirrors in the shops where they get their headgear.

In the objections to having boys learn sewing in the Chicago schools, the critics overlook the advantage it will be to the boys when they become men to be independent of the tyrant woman in the matter of getting trousers' buttons replaced.

Members of the Stefansson-Anderson expedition to the arctic region feasted on whale that had been dead four years. But that is not such an extraordinary experience in a country of illimitable cold storage.

Scientists announce that the earth will have grown so cold in a million years from now that men will freeze to death at the equator. Still, the women will probably be able, even then, to be comfortable with short sleeves and shoes that expose their ankles.

Last year Uncle Sam smoked 7,600,000,000 cigars and consumed 132,000,000 gallons of spirits, which is speed even for Uncle.

## LABOR PAYS TRIBUTE TO GOV. CAMPBELL

### GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK PRESENTED OUTGOING GOVERNOR.

#### TRUE FRIEND TO THE TOILER

##### Ex-Governor is Moved by the Token and Declares His Lasting Friendship.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 17.—On the last night that he will be Governor of Texas and in the hall of the House of Representatives, which is being decorated for the inaugural ball in honor of Oscar B. Colquitt, which function will be in progress at this time twelve hours hence, the retiring Governor of Texas, Thomas M. Campbell, was presented, in the presence of a crowd which well filled the floor and galleries, with a token of appreciation by the organized labor interests of the State.

The gift was a colonial hall clock of rosewood, with embossed gold and silver dial. This clock, nearly eight feet high, stood during the ceremonies on the platform which had been built over the Speakers' stand for the musicians of the ball Tuesday night. An American flag was draped over the Speakers' table. Red carnations were placed upon each side with ferns and pot plants arrayed across all the front of the platform.

The clock bears the following inscription: "Presented to Thomas Mitchell Campbell, Governor of Texas, upon his retirement from office Jan. 17, 1911, as Governor of Texas, as a token of his unwavering fidelity to those who toil—by organized labor of Texas."

The presentation speech was made by Hon. Pat Neff of Waco, and was a splendid tribute to Campbell's administration.

#### SUITS TO FORFEIT CHARTERS

##### Gov. Campbell After Katy and International Companies.

Austin: For four reasons Governor Campbell orders the suit against the Missouri, Kansas & Texas of Texas for forfeiture of charter and has ordered Attorney General Lightfoot to bring suits:

1. He contends that it is insolvent under an act of the Thirtieth Legislature.
2. That it has not complied with the law by failing to keep bona fide officers and headquarters in Texas.
3. That the road has been consolidated through stock ownership with the Missouri Kansas & Texas of Kansas, in violation of the constitution.

Suit was ordered against the International and Great Northern on the ground of insolvency—that is, that it owes more than its assets, as indicated by the valuations of the railroad commission.

#### FOREIGN TRADE IS ENORMOUS

##### Favorable Balances Shown for Last Year

Washington: With the enormous total of almost \$3,500,000,000, the total value of the foreign trade of the United States during the year which ended December 31, 1910, was greater than that of any year before, and left a balance in favor of the country of over \$300,000,000, exceeding the former high record of 1907 by about \$50,000,000.

The exports during the year were larger than in any year except those of 1907, the total being \$1,864,411,270, compared with \$1,728,198,645 in 1909, \$1,752,835,447 in 1908, and \$1,923,426,892 in 1907.

The balance of trade in favor of the United States in its dealings with foreign nations increased almost \$80,000,000 over the 1909 balance. The excess of exports for the year was \$301,602,648, compared with \$252,677,921 in 1909.

**Strong Anti-Usury Law Proposed.**  
Austin: Messrs. Cathey and Minton will offer in the house a usury bill, which provides that the receiving or accepting by any person, directly or indirectly, of more interest than 10 per cent per annum upon any amount of money loaned shall entail a fine of not less than double the amount of money actually loaned. It is provided that such loan, renewal or extension shall constitute a separate offense. The bill further provides for the removal from office of any County Attorney who shall fail or refuse to prosecute any violations of this law, when brought to his attention.

County Judge George B. Hall has appointed J. M. Gee City Auditor for the city of Greenville.

The Terrell Cotton Oil Company has increased its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$240,000 on account of increased business.

**Mexican Rebels Lose Fight.**  
Chihuahua, Mexico: A sixteen-hour battle between seventy Government volunteers, so-called, and 100 revolutionists occurred at the village of Coyunc on Sunday. No details are given, but from the duration of the engagement it is presumed the losses were considerable. The General expects an amplified report soon.

## TEXAS NEWS HAPPENINGS

Arrangements are making for building a twelve-story home office building for the Southland Insurance Company of Dallas.

Farm work has begun in earnest in Ellis County. The recent rains and freezes have put the ground in splendid condition for plowing.

Laredo is to get a new passenger depot. It will be built by the International & Great Northern and Texas Mexican Railroads, and will cost \$25,000.

Mrs. W. M. Shaw, living a mile northeast of Roston, made 244 pounds of butter from one cow last year and got 244 dozen eggs from thirty hens.

Mrs. J. B. Gambrell, one of the most widely known Baptist women in the Southern States, died at the Baptist Memorial Sanitarium in Dallas Sunday morning.

Sunday morning as the San Antonio & Aransas Pass train, making up at Corpus Christi for San Antonio, was backing out to turn around, it ran over and killed Prof. Robert Milner, a teacher in a business college at San Antonio.

The Fourth Court of Civil Appeals in an opinion holds that the absence of a person sitting on school land in attendance upon a school in order to fit himself so that he can pay for the land does not work a forfeiture of that land.

A petition to incorporate the town of Spur and elect city officers was presented to the County Judge during December, and an election has been ordered for the purpose to be held Feb. 4.

The fire which destroyed one dormitory annex at the College of Industrial Arts and badly damaged another at Denton caused loss to young lady students who were boarding in the burned homes of about \$1,500 worth of clothes, jewelry and other valuables.

Senator Bailey appeared before the Senate committee and urged the incorporation in the rivers and harbors bill of an appropriation of \$600,000 for the Beaumont-Orange waterway and \$100,000 for works at the mouth of the Brazos River, to clear away a sandbar at Velasco.

Gov. Elect Colquitt will formally open the fifteenth annual Feeders and Breeders' show to be given in the Fort Worth Coliseum March 13 to 18.

Engineer F. F. Andrews and Fireman G. W. Wright were killed by a locomotive boiler explosion on the Sunset near Flatonia. The explosion was terrific.

A month ago Andrew Payne, a negro, robbed a crippled white man in Dallas. On trial he was sentenced to twenty-five years in the penitentiary.

The garnet miners' strike in Chicago, which commenced October 1, has ended after much suffering of 45,000 people affected and some bloodshed. Hart, Schaffner & Marx, the largest concern involved have taken back all employers, without discrimination and the others will follow.

Abraham Gonzales, provisional governor of Chihuahua, Mexico, in an interview given out at El Paso, says that the Mexican rebels are as active as ever, and that President Diaz is really more alarmed over the situation than the press reports have indicated.

The Wichita Falls & Northwestern Railroad has reached the town of Hammon, Okla., with its tracks. Hammon is eighteen miles north of Elk City, and it is the intention of the road to push farther north to a connection with the Santa Fe.

At an election at Gainesville to see whether the city should issue \$150,000 worth of bonds with which to purchase the Gainesville water works, the bonds carried with only twenty-six dissenting votes.

J. K. Biggerstaff, living in the southwest part of Lamar County, was thrown from his wagon and sustained injuries.

C. D. Windham has sold to C. W. Davis his farm of 331 acres, six miles north of Waxahachie, for a consideration of \$38,330, nearly \$113 per acre.

Ground was broken Monday for the \$17,000 girls' dormitory of the Baptist College at Palacios, and active work on the building is now in progress. C. F. Emmons of Palacios was awarded the contract for this building and it is thought the structure will be completed by June.

The big gin of J. F. Powell & Son, at Avalon, burned last Friday morning. Loss, \$15,000.

The Rice Growers' Association sold \$500 bags of rice at their headquarters at El Campo a day of two since, the Japan bringing \$2.85 per barrel and one lot of 1400 barrels of Honduras bringing \$2.90.

Vernon Eugene Horton, four-year-old son of Dallas County school superintendent, fell from a window where he was watching the aviators and crushed his skull, from which death ensued four days later.

Philip Henson died in the ninety-third year of his age at the home of his son, P. E. Henson, a well-known cotton dealer of Paris. The dead man was a native of Blount Springs, Ala.

## GOOD NEWS EPITOMIZED

### HAPPENINGS OF UNUSUAL INTEREST TO OUR READERS, IN READABLE SHAPE.

#### BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC

##### If It Was of Sufficient Importance You Will Find it Recorded Here.

Oil indications are found near Kemp, where test wells are now being sunk.

The Slaton well at 130 feet deep at Plainview is rising to within twenty-two feet of the surface. After a continuous test of forty hours, the flow was 1,600 gallons per minute. Great excitement prevails.

Fire destroyed the gin plant of J. M. Powell & Son at Avalon, entailing a loss of \$15,000. The property was insured for \$7,500. The origin of the fire is unknown.

State Treasurer Sam Sparks has offered a gold watch to the boy under 18 years of age who will grow and exhibit at the annual convention of the Texas Corn Growers' Association at Corsicana, January 17 of next year, the best bushel of corn.

Smallpox situation in Rio Grande City is serious and many families are leaving town for safety. Quarantine was established by Hidalgo County.

Encouraged by the high price of cotton, some of the farmers of Lamar County, who have realized good profit in raising peanuts will, however, abandon that crop and devote an increased acreage to cotton.

A school for training nurses has been organized in Paris and a charter has been applied for. It will be conducted by the two hospitals of that city and lectures will be delivered by physicians of Paris and by the trained nurses of the two institutions. The course will extend over a period of two years.

One of the largest land deals that has ever been made in Franklin County was closed last Saturday. Amount of acres sold 1,660, consideration \$19,072.50. The property was sold to citizens of Franklin County.

Cleburne is in receipt of three new "pay as you enter" street cars.

Fire destroyed two dormitories of East Texas Normal at Commerce Saturday evening. All students escaped and practically all trunks and books were also saved. The students will be taken care of by private families until the dormitories can be restored. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

A recent tabulation compiled by the Secretaries Association shows that the center of Texas population is still in McLellan County, where it has been for the past twenty years, but moving to the Northwest steadily. The area center is in McCulloch County, near Brady.

The Southwestern Aero Club has been organized in Fort Worth, with R. L. Costan president. The purpose of the organization, as set forth in its constitution is to "investigate practical air navigation."

The Postal Telegraph Company has organized a new division covering the States of Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma. The division headquarters will be in Dallas.

A few days since Didies Masson made a trip from Los Angeles to San Bernardino, a distance of about 75 miles, carrying a message in an aeroplane.

Contracts have been let for the entire earthwork of the Fort Bolivar Iron Ore Railway, which call for completion by May 1, which means that it is probable for the entire line to be completed by July 1, a record for quick railway building for the sort of territory through which it is to be built.

Dr. H. Y. Benedict, director of State University extension, announced that the registration in the Correspondence School is now more than 500 students.

Oscar Solomon Strauss of New York, former Cabinet Minister and for more than a year and a half American Ambassador to Turkey, has resigned his post at Constantinople.

Uncle Joe Cannon is of the opinion that it would be unwise to increase the present membership of the house, which now numbers 391, and is a cumbersome body to handle.

Cleburne business men are setting on foot a movement to secure natural gas for that city.

Following the detection of spurious quarters by an electric piano player, in Fort Worth, three young cotton pickers from Oklahoma, were arrested on charges of counterfeiting, and it is claimed, one man confessed.

Sparks from the chimney of an adjoining building set fire to the four-story building of the Jones Saddlery Company at Oklahoma, causing the complete destruction of the structure. The loss is estimated to be \$100,000.

Despondent over ill health, Tom J. Green, aged 60 years, a bachelor, killed himself at San Angelo, his home for 20 years, by taking poison, according to the coroner's verdict.

A commercial broom factory has commenced operations in Clarendon.

A least \$1,000,000 a year is the sum Gov. Dix expects to save the State of New York through the adoption of economies he has submitted to the Legislature. Suggestion for retrenchment by abolishing some State offices and consolidating others constituted the principal recommendations.

With the resumption of diplomatic relations brought about by the United States Argentina and Bolivia, the two countries embroiled in a boundary dispute, have formally proffered their thanks for this service.

United States Senator Chas. J. Hughes, Jr., of Colorado, died in his home in Denver after a long illness. Death was due to a general break down.

Jas. A. Patten, former grain and cotton "bull" leader, is the defendant in a \$6,000,000 suit filed at Chicago by Dr. Paul Burmaster, president of the Chicago Anti-Gambling league.

James A. Farrell of Brooklyn is to succeed William Ellis Corey as president of the United States Steel corporation. His formal election will take place at an early date.

New York City will join the list of cities which have legislated against the long hat pin evil, if an ordinance now before the board of aldermen becomes a law.

Davis Elkins, son of the late Senator Elkins of West Virginia, has been appointed senator pending the election of a successor to his father by the legislature.

The department of agriculture announces good results from experiments in the culture of Egyptian cotton, a very fine grade particularly adapted to the manufacture of mercerized goods, in the Southwest, and will soon send out a large number of packages of seed throughout the South. Texas experiments have been especially successful.

Wm. R. Sherwood, who for eighty years has been considered perhaps the foremost American pianist, died in Chicago Saturday of a complication of diseases which culminated in paralysis.

Tommy Burns, formerly heavyweight champion, cabled to Hugh McIntosh an acceptance of the latter's offer of a purse of \$12,500 win or lose, to fight with Bill Lang in London.

Gov. Lee Cruce of Oklahoma is an ardent prohibitionist, and at the inauguration reception given in his honor in Oklahoma City, butter milk was served instead of the usual liquid refreshments.

One of the biggest gas wells in Oklahoma was brought in at Beggs, Okla., near Muskogee by the Caney River Gas Company. It has a capacity of 30,000,000 cubic feet daily.

The work on Chaves County, N. M.'s \$130,000 court house is progressing nicely, the building now being above the basement windows, which are about twelve feet above the ground. The contractors have until Nov. 10 to finish the court house.

Davis Elkins, son of late Senator Elkins of West Virginia, is likely to be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father. Davis Elkins is 34 years of age and has never taken part in public affairs. The last few years he has been looking after some of his father's interests in West Virginia.

The Queen Bee Stove Company has begun the erection of two large brick buildings to house the plant at Tulsa, Okla. One hundred men will be employed when the factory is in operation.

Sir John Aird, builder of the famous Assuan dam across the Nile, is dead. He was born in 1833 and was a member of the contracting firm of John Aird & Sons. He was created a peer in 1901.

A commission form of government is being advocated for Mount Pleasant, and an election will probably be held at an early date to vote on the proposition.

The store of Frank Ligotino, in Houston, was almost demolished by the explosion of a bomb shortly after midnight Monday morning. It is believed that blackhanders, who had demanded money of him, some time since, committed the crime.

Lena Stringer, a negro woman, aged 28, while crossing the Iron Mountain Railway tracks north of Texarkana was stuck by the fast mail train and instantly killed.

Alex S. Coke, formerly a member of the firm of Coke, Miller & Coke, attorneys for the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway, has been named as attorney for that company, effective January 1. On that date the law firm resigned from the connection with the road, and Mr. Coke's appointment was made.

Edward M. Shepard and Wm. F. Sheehan are rival candidates for U. S. Senator from New York. The contest promises to be a most spirited one. Sheehan is a partner of Alton B. Parker.

Thirty car loads of pecans, aggregating 900,000 pounds have been shipped from San Angelo. The amount of revenue from the crop is \$65,000. This season's yield is larger than for five years.

The general merchandise store and postoffice, conducted by J. P. Sims, at Crisp, seven miles from Ennis, on the Texas Midland Railroad, burned Thursday, it being a total loss, amounting to some \$15,000, nothing being saved. Mr. Sims, the proprietor, received painful burns about the hands and face in trying to protect his books.

Dallas has at least taken up the matter of requiring builders to erect roofed tunnels over sidewalks running along buildings under construction.

According to trustworthy information, there will be made a practically entire change in the personnel of the State bank examining force when Mr. B. L. Gild assumes his duties as commissioner of insurance and banking.

Vast improvements, costing \$42,000,000, have been laid out by the New York Central lines, consisting principally of freight terminals on the West Side of New York City.

## SPECIAL GROUP OF RECIPES

### Good to Know When Luncheon Has to Be Quickly Served Unexpected Visitors.

Oyster Cocktail Sauce—Into one tablespoonful of tomato catsup stir the following: One-half tablespoonful each horseradish, Worcestershire sauce, mustard, vinegar; one tablespoonful of lemon juice, quarter teaspoonful, tabasco sauce or red pepper, and salt. Serve cold.

Oriental Sandwiches—These are delicious and should be served with tea. Cut the bread very thin and remove crust. Butter the bread and spread one side with cream cheese and chopped dates and the other side with chopped peanuts and press together.

India Tapioca Pudding—Two tablespoonfuls Indian meal soaked one hour in one-half pint of cold water, one-half cup tapioca soaked until soft in water. Bring to a boil one quart of milk and add Indian meal and tapioca and stir until it scalds. Take from stove and add two eggs beaten, one-half cup of sugar and two-thirds cup molasses, salt, cinnamon and ginger; one-quarter teaspoon each. Bake half hour, add one cup cold milk, bake two hours longer, and serve with whipped cream.

Oysters in Blankets—Roll out squares of puff paste, put on each three oysters seasoned with butter, pepper and salt. Bring the four corners together and bake brown.

**DOES AWAY WITH THE ODOUR**  
Cooking Ventilator of Great Service When Onions or Cabbage Are on the Stove.

This ventilator is made of an old, large frying-pan—even one that is ready to be thrown away will go by cutting out the bottom, as shown in the sketch, leaving four legs. These legs are bent up inside, the ventilator placed on the stove, the frying-pan



placed inside and the cover put on. When cooking steak or onions, the odor and smoke will pass from the frying-pan with the draft and out through the chimney.—Popular Mechanics.

**Spanish Ham.**  
A Spanish dish timely just now while cider is sweet has ham for a foundation. To one slice of ham, about a quarter of an inch in thickness, and the fat trimmed off, allow one sour apple, cut in eighths, one-half cup of sweet cider, one tablespoonful of butter and a level tablespoonful of bread crumbs. Brown the ham in the butter, and when one side is browned turn, and put in the apples, taking care not to break them, as they are to serve as a garnish. As soon as the ham is browned on both sides add the cider, cover and simmer ten minutes. Take up the ham and apple, dip a little cider over the ham to improve its appearance, put the bread crumbs in the remainder of the cider, beat thoroughly and pour over the ham. This is easy to cook in the chafin dish, and always find favor on a cold evening.

**For Sunday Night Supper.**  
The little boneless herring that come in glasses are delicious for supper if they are soaked in cold water for an hour, washed through several waters and then drained dry and cooked in butter with a few drops of lemon juice. Persons who object to the smoky flavor find the herrings are much improved by the soaking. Rubbed to a paste with a little butter and a minced olive or two, the herring made delicious sandwiches. The unsalted pickles, liked so much by the Germans, are also favored as a mixture with the herring.

**Walnut Bonbons.**  
Place in a saucepan one cupful of granulated sugar, one-half cupful of golden sirup and one-half cupful of water and a pinch of cream of tartar. Boil until it makes a firm ball when tested in cold water, then add one-half teaspoonful of vanilla and one-half cupful of English walnut meats chopped fine. Pour over the beaten white of one egg, and beat up until light. When it begins to harden drop on halved English walnuts and press a-half nut on the top of each bunbon.

**Fried Cabbage.**  
Cut the cabbage very fine on a slaw cutter if possible, salt and pepper, stir well and let stand five minutes. Have an iron kettle smoking hot, drop one tablespoonful lard into it, then the cabbage, stirring briskly until quite tender. Send to table immediately. One-half cup sweet cream and three table spoons vinegar, the vinegar added after the cream has been well stirred, and after taken from the stove is an agreeable change.

**Feather Cake.**  
Cream together one tablespoonful of butter and one cup of sugar, add one beaten egg, a cup of sweet milk and two cups of flour sifted with one teaspoon of cream of tartar; put one-half spoon of soda in the milk before adding the flour. This is a very dainty cake without any frosting whatever.

# You Will Find

many articles of every-day necessity here. Come to us for the "little things" needful--toilet articles, soaps and the like. They are little to you but not us; everything is selected with the greatest care, no matter how small the price.

## Biles & Gentry

Phone 87 Exclusive Druggists Big Springs

# Notice!

to the people of  
Big Springs

I have bought the Dreeben stock of Millinery and Ladies' Furnishing goods and will sell it out for less than actual cost. Also have a good line of men's work shirts, underwear and gloves. We must close this stock out in the next Ten Days. Everything you buy at this store will be a bargain. Notice some of the few prices:

### Dry Goods

Men's socks, 7 1-2c to	15c
Men's Cotton Flannel drawers	30c
Good towels, pair 20c to	35c
Ladies' Union Suits	30c
Ladies' Undershirts	35c
Men's undershirts and drawers, suit	75c

### Dishes

Plates, per set, 35c to	65c
Cups and Saucers, set, 35c to	45c

Many Other Articles Just as Cheap

## G. N. Letlow

At the Dreeben Millinery Stand

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a very valuable medicine for throat and lung trouble, quickly relieves and cures painful breathing and a dangerously sounding cough which indicates congested lungs. Sold by Biles & Gentry

### Local and Personal

Michigan salt at Pool Bros.

J. H. Wilcox for dressed poultry.

Henry Holler was here Tuesday from Gail.

Sid Millsaw, of Glasscock county, is in town.

Michigan salt is best for dairy use. Try it. Pool Bros.

R. L. Powell, of Coahoma, was here Monday.

Jacob's candies are the best, at Reagan's.

Bring your prescriptions to Reagan's to be filled.

L. L. Stephenson visited Sweetwater Monday.

Wall paper bargains can be found at Reagan's.

W. B. and H. S. Currie, of Garden City, are here today.

See W. B. Allen for storage. Rates reasonable. Ph. 362 16

P. D. Burns was here Monday from his North Concho ranch.

Phone 284-green and ask J. H. Wilcox for dressed poultry.

J. A. Weaver, of R- community, was here Saturday.

If you want anything stored see W. B. Allen Ph. 362. 16

Miss Edna Key has returned from Lampasas where she spent the holidays.

Guaranteed Hosiery for men, women and children, sold by A. P. McDonald & Co.

Robt. H. Kemp, of Roswell, New Mexico, was here the first of the week.

D. p ex is the name of the best safety razor yet. Try one. Reagan's.

Miss Gladys Read has returned to Fort Worth where she is attending school.

Our hat stock is chuck full of the new shapes and colors. A. P. McDonald & Co.

O. T. Lacey and wife returned yesterday from a month's visit to relatives in East Texas.

For your tired feet get a pair of Sturgeon's foot braces at A. P. McDonald & Co.

Shees & Gent's Furnishers.

R. E. Slaughter of Soath was here yesterday and said the rain fall Wednesday was heavier out there than it was here.

Have you a weak throat? If so, you cannot be too careful. You cannot begin treatment too early. Each cold makes you more liable to another and the last is always the harder to cure. If you will take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at the outset you will be saved a lot of trouble. Sold by Biles & Gentry.

### Special Clubbing

#### Offer

Every intelligent man wants to keep up with the news of his own community and county. Therefore he needs a good local newspaper. He also needs a paper of general news and for state, national and world-wide happenings, he will find that

### The Semi-Weekly Farm News

has no superior. The secret of its great success is that it gives the farmer and his family just what they need in the way of a family newspaper. In addition to its general news and agricultural features, it has special pages for the wife, the boys and the girls. It gives the latest market reports and publishes more special crop reports during the year than any other paper.

For \$2.25 Cash in Advance

We will send THE SEMI-WEEKLY FARM NEWS and THE ENTER PRIZE, both for one year. This means you will get a total of 156 copies. It's a combination which can't be beat and you will secure your money's worth many times over. Subscribe at once at the office of this paper.

# The Joy of Living

Half the Joy of Living is in the eating, and there is Happiness in the Home when your Groceries are of the Highest Grade and Purest Quality. We stake the reputation of our firm on the Quality of our Merchandise; on these grounds we solicit your trade

### All the Year Round

We carry a full and complete line of Staple and Fancy Groceries. In Fact we have the largest stock of Groceries to be Found in Howard County, and guarantee them to be Pure and Fresh. We also carry everything in the Feed line, such as Hay, Bran, Chops, Trico Cotton Seed Meal and Cake

### Fresh Vegetables

We receive weekly shipments of Fresh Vegetables, such as Lettuce, Onions, Radishes, Beets, Turnips, Etc. When you want Fresh Vegetables just Phone us your order and will be given prompt attention. Just ring up "145"

## Pool Brothers

BOTH PHONES 145 208 MAIN STREET

### Notice

To my Friends and Patrons.

Those wanting veterinary service will let your wants be known to Mr. Robinson, Liveryman, as he can tell you just when I will be here. If you have a sick horse you can find out where I am by calling long distance office.

Respectfully,

W. T. BALLARD, V. S.

Phone 284-green and ask J. H. Wilcox for dressed poultry.

T. D. Love, of El Paso county, was here the first of the week.

W. B. Allen will store your household goods. Rates reasonable. Phone 362. 16

J. T. Brooks returned Wednesday night from a visit to East Texas.

Mrs. Z. R. Stephens, who has been sick several weeks, is improving.

Fire early Wednesday morning destroyed \$64,000 worth of business property in Snyder.

Mrs. E. S. Bledsoe very pleasantly entertained her Sunday school class with a chafing dish party.

Miss Mamie Barrington will leave this evening for a brief visit to relatives and friends at Abilene.

C. W. Herrin, who left here about three years ago and went to Cincinnati, Ohio, returned last week and has a position with John Johnson.

### A Nice Present

Do you want a three-sheet wall map, containing the 1910 census of Texas by counties, towns and villages, with portraits of all the governors? One sheet contains a map of the United States and possessions with portraits of the presidents. The other sheet contains a map of the world, portraits of all the rulers of the world and flags of all nations. If you want one of these fine maps free of cost call at this office and we will tell you how to get it. 15tf

### For Sale

A nice home, situated five miles southeast of Bonham, Texas consisting of one and a half acres of land and nice six-room cottage. Have on this property an everlasting well of the finest water to be had anywhere, also, a good two-story barn. Property is unincumbered and can give perfect title to same. I desire to sell or trade it for Howard county property and it will be to your interest and will pay you to investigate. Inquire at this office.

### CHURCH SERVICES

#### Methodist Church.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.  
Preaching at 11 a. m.  
Junior League at 4 p. m.  
Senior at 5 p. m.  
Preaching at 7:15 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8:15 p. m.  
Choir practice Thursday night at 8:15 p. m.  
Come and bring some one with you.

CHAS. W. HEARON, Pastor.

#### At the Christian Church

Sunday school at 9:45.  
Preaching at 11 a. m.  
Preaching at 7:30 p. m.  
All are invited to attend.

E. S. BLEDSOE, Pastor.

#### Baptist Church Services

Sunday school 9:45 a. m.  
Preaching 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.  
Sunbeams, Mrs. Morrison 4:30 p. m.  
Sr. Union 4:00 p. m.  
Jr. Union 5:30 p. m.  
Don't forget that you are invited to all these services.

#### Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 10 a. m.  
Children's Band at 4 p. m.  
Prayer-meeting Tuesday night  
Everybody invited to attend the services.

#### Episcopal Church.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.  
Preaching at 11 a. m. and night service at 7:30 p. m.  
Rev. D. A. Sanford, Rector.

### SEE

If you have a notion to buy notions look through the notion department in J. D. McDonald's new and second-hand store, east of the court house.

### OLD HATS

Cleaned, Blocked and made to look like new by

J. W. Atkins

the Hatter  
Located in Building Formerly Occupied by the Union Bakery.

### Inviolable Accuracy!

This is the Point

There are people throughout West Texas who know of this store most favorably as the place to have done the best and most reliable.

### Watch Repairing

And not only watch, but clock and jewelry repairing. There is no pass of this line of work to which we are unequal

For Quick Service, for Time Saving, for Results

For unimpeachable business honor and inviolable accuracy, please remember Park, the jeweler

I. H. Park, Jeweler

Established 1890  
Watch Inspector T. & P. Railroad

We are Agents for the

## Celebrated Majestic Range

J. & W. Fisher, Established 1882  
"The Store that Sells Everything"

## WEST TEXAS NATIONAL BANK

County Depository Howard County

CAPITAL and SURPLUS \$100,000.00  
RESPONSIBILITY, Over \$1,000,000.00

If you have an account with us, we thank you for it. If you have not, we would thank you for one. It is our desire to accommodate every customer needing any assistance. We guarantee to every depositor the safe return of their money. Visit this bank when you come to town. We are always glad to advise with you on any matters pertaining to your interests.

### OFFICERS:

G. L. BROWN, Pres. R. D. MATTHEWS, Cashier  
R. D. MATTHEWS, V. P. BURTON BROWN, Asst.  
W. P. EDWARDS, V. P. F. S. MORRIS,  
W. R. COLE J. J. HAIR S. W. MOORE

WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS

# Some Suspicious Persons

Enquired if we were "hiring" a certain "weekly" paper to abuse us.

Of course every time a spot light is turned on from any source offers a splendid chance to talk about the merits of the products, but upon honor now, we are not hiring that "Weekly."

The general reader seldom cares much for the details of "scraps."

A few may have read lately some articles attacking us and may be interested in the following:

Some time ago a disagreement arose with a "Weekly." They endorsed our foods by letter, but wanted to change the form of advertising, to which we objected.

The "Weekly" discontinued inserting our advertisements while they were negotiating for some changes they wanted in the wording and shape of the advertisements, and during this correspondence our manager gave instructions to our Advertising Department to quit advertising altogether in that "Weekly."

Quite a time after the advertising had been left out, an editorial attack came. We replied in newspapers and the scrap was on.

Then came libel suits from both sides, and some harsh words.

Generally tiresome to the public.

That "Weekly" has attacked many prominent men and reputable manufacturers.

Our Company seems prominent enough for a sensational writer to go after, hunt for some little spot to criticize, then distort, twist and present it to the public under scare heads.

**Distortion No. 1** stated that we have been accustomed to advertise Grape-Nuts and Postum as "cure-alls for everything."

It has never been the policy of this Company to advertise Grape-Nuts or Postum to cure anything.

We say that in cases where coffee disagrees and is causing sickness its dismissal will remove the cause of the trouble, and we suggest the use of Postum for the reason that it furnishes a hot palatable morning beverage, and contains natural elements from the grain which can be used by nature to assist in rebuilding nerve centers that coffee may have broken down.

Likewise Grape-Nuts food does not cure anything, but it does assist nature tremendously in rebuilding, provided the undigestible food that has been used is discontinued and Grape-Nuts taken in its place.

**Charge No. 2** states that the passage of the National Food & Drugs Act compelled us to drop from the packages some assertions regarding the nutritive value of Grape-Nuts.

We have never been "compelled" to make any change.

Since the beginning it has been a universal rule to print clearly on every package exactly what the contents are made of.

Before the passage of the Pure Food Law the packages stated that Grape-Nuts food was made of wheat and malt.

We did not esteem the small amount of salt and yeast as of value enough to speak of, but after the new Law came in we became as technical as the officials at Washington and added the words "yeast" and "salt," although we have no recollection of being asked to.

We believed that our statement that Grape-Nuts will supply elements to nourish the brain and nerve centers is true and bring authorities to support the fact.

Some state chemists believed this a gross exaggeration and inasmuch as the Food Dept. at Washington could easily harass grocers, pending a trial on the disputed question, we concluded that much the better way would be to eliminate from our packages such claims, however certain we may be that the claims are true.

Another statement objected to read as follows:

"The average man needs a greater amount of nourishment from one pound of Grape-Nuts than from ten pounds of meat, wheat, oats, or bread."

Some department chemists deceive themselves as well as the public.

"Caloric" is the word which defines a unit of heat determined by the amount necessary to raise one kilogram of water one degree centigrade. On this basis a table of calories is prepared showing the percentage of different kinds of heat. Butter shows 8,000, Grape-Nuts 3,500, milk 1,000. Remember the statement on the package spoke of the nourishment the system would absorb, but did not speak of the calories of heat contained in it, for the heat is not nourishment, and the nourishment cannot be judged by the number of heat units, notwithstanding the fact that certain chemists would have the public believe so.

As an illustration: Attempt to feed a man sixty days on butter alone, with its 8,000 calories. The man would die before the experiment had run sixty days.

Then take Grape-Nuts with 3,500 and milk with 1,000, the two combined equal 4,500 calories. The number of calories contained in butter is not fed for sixty days on this diet. The man will flourish and build live not only sixty

days, but six months on that food alone, and we do not hesitate to say from our long knowledge of the sustaining power of the food that a man at the end of sixty days would be of practically the same weight as when he started, if he be a man of normal weight.

We will suppose that from his work he lost a pound a day and made up a pound each day from food. If that premise proved to be true the man in sixty days would make sixty pounds of tissue to replace what had been lost, and this would be done on Grape-Nuts and milk with half the number of calories of butter, upon which no one can sustain life.

Therefore, we have reason to believe that our contention is right that concentrated food like Grape-Nuts, which is partly digested and ready for easy assimilation by the body, presents more nourishment than the system will absorb than many other forms of food, and we will further say that in cases of digestive troubles where meat, white bread and oats cannot be digested, that Grape-Nuts and milk contain more nourishment than the system will absorb than many pounds of these other foods.

**Distortion No. 3** charges that our testimonials were practically all paid for and re-written in Battle Creek.

These testimonials were demanded by the opposing lawyers. Naturally this demand was refused, for they are held in vaults and kept safe to prevent any one who are apt to be delivered up on demand of enemies.

Testimony at the trial brought out the fact that we never printed a single testimonial that we did not have the genuine letter back of. Many of these letters came spontaneously. A record was kept of twelve hundred and four (1204) letters received in one month from people who wrote that they had either entirely recovered their health or been benefited by following our suggestions on food and beverages.

On three or four occasions in the past ten or twelve years we printed broadcast in papers offers of prizes to users of Postum and Grape-Nuts—two hundred \$1.00 prizes, one hundred \$2.00, twenty \$5.00 and five of \$10.00 each, stating that each must be an honest letter with name and address. We agreed not to publish names, but to furnish them to enquirers by letter. These letter writers very generally answered those who wrote to them, and verified the truth of the statements.

Under this agreement not to publish names literally scores of letters came from doctors. We kept our word and neither printed their names or surrendered the letters.

Right here notice an "imitation spasm." The "Weekly" says: "Post got those testimonials by advertising for them. In New York the post for that purpose the New York Magazine of—, whose editor is now in the Federal Penitentiary for fraudulent use of the mails. For example, Post announced in that magazine in 1907, etc." (then follows our prize competition.)

We used nearly all of the papers and magazines in New York and the rest of America, but the sensational writer gives the impression to his readers that the only magazine we used was one "whose editor is now in the Federal Penitentiary," etc., something that we know nothing of the truth of now, and never did. Space was bought in the magazine spoken of on a business basis for the reason that it went to a good class of readers. The incident seems to have furnished an opportunity for a designing writer to deceive his readers.

We look upon honest human testimony.

So an attorney from New York spent more or less time for months in Battle Creek hoping to find impurities in our foods, or dirt in the factories. After tireless spying about he summoned twenty-five of our workmen and took their testimony. Every single one testified that the foods are made of exactly the grain and ingredients printed on the packages; the wheat, barley and corn being the choicest obtainable—all thoroughly cleaned—the water of the purest, and every part of the factories and machinery kept scrupulously clean.

That all proved disappointing to the "Weekly." There are very few factories, hospitals, private—or hotel and restaurant kitchens that could stand the close spying at unexpected times and by an enemy paid to find dirt or impurities of some kind.

In any ordinary kitchen or factory he would find something to magnify and make a noise about.

But he failed utterly with the Postum Works and products. Twenty to thirty thousand people go through the factories annually and we never enquire whether they are there to spy or not. It makes no difference to us.

He next turned to discover something about our advertising that could be criticized.

An analysis of the methods and distorted statements of the "Weekly" may interest some readers, so we take up the items one by one and open them out for inspection. We will "chain up" the harsh words and make no reference in this article to the birth, growth and methods of the "Weekly" but try to confine the discussion to the questions now at issue.

from men and women as to the means by which they recovered health as of tremendous value to those in search of it. Our business has been conducted from the very first day upon lines of strict integrity and we never yet have published a false testimonial of human experience. Many of these letters covered numerous sheets; some, if printed, would spread over half a page of newspaper. If we would attempt to print one such letter in every one of the thousands of papers and magazines we use, the cost for printing that one letter would run into many thousands of dollars.

We boil down these letters exactly as a newspaper writer boils his news, sticking sedulously to the important facts and eliminating details about the family and other unimportant matters. This work is done honestly, and with a full knowledge of our responsibility, but notice the art of the "twister" in the way he presents to his readers this matter of testimonials.

**Distortion No. 4.** This is a bad one. It reads as follows: "The only famous physician whose name was signed to a testimonial was produced in Court by Colliers and turned out to be a poor old broken-down homeopath, who is now working in a printing establishment. He received ten dollars (\$10.00) for writing his testimonial."

We will wager ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) with any investigator that we have a list of three hundred (300) communications from physicians, many of them expressing the highest commendation of our products, but these will not now or ever be turned over to the publisher for his use.

Notice the statement in this charge: "The only famous physician whose name was signed to Postum testimonial, etc." The truth is, this Dr. Underwood was one of a great many physicians who have not only written commendatory words about the value of our foods, but very now and then some physician writes an article on coffee or on food, and sends it to us with a suggestion of compensation for his time and medical knowledge. Precious to the time when we employed physicians in our own business, we occasionally employed a doctor to write an article on coffee, always insisting that the article be an honest expression of his opinion and research.

The "Weekly" hunted up this physician, and because he seemed to be poor, and as it says "broken-down" had him brought to Court to be exposed before a jury as the "only physician that had ever endorsed Grape-Nuts," but much to the chagrin of the "Weekly" when our attorney asked him if the article he wrote about coffee was true he replied, "yes."

**Statement No. 5** reads: "The health officers of Mich., Maine, Penn., New Hamp., and other states in their official bulletins have for years been denouncing as preposterous and fraudulent the claims made by the Postum Cereal Company." We do not recall any criticism except from Mich., Penn., Maine and S. Dakota.

The average reader might think that the opinions expressed by the State Officials are always correct, but that conclusion is not borne out by facts.

As an illustration: About thirteen years ago the Dairy and Food Commission of Michigan for some personal reason printed a severe criticism on us for making Postum of Barley (according to his official chemist) at market price and selling too high. He was shown there was never a grain of barley used in Postum. His report was false and misleading. The governor dismissed him.

We believe that most of the state

officials are honest, and on the other hand we are firmly convinced that some of their conclusions cannot be substantiated by facts in scientific research.

They never criticize the purity of our foods, for so much we are thankful.

If our objections in regard to its being a brain food differ from theirs, and we are both honest, they have rather the advantage, because under the law they can order us to eliminate from the package any statement if it disagrees with their opinion. Otherwise they would harass grocers.

**Spasm No. 6** says: "The most dangerous thing in the world for one threatened with appendicitis is to eat any food whatever. Notwithstanding he knew that danger, C. W. Post advertised Grape-Nuts at fifteen cents a package for those so threatened."

This is intended to muddle the reader into believing that we put out Grape-Nuts as a cure for appendicitis.

Mr. Post, himself, has had probably as wide experience as any other man in America in the study and observation of food as related to the digestive organs, and we proved in Court by the physicians and surgeons on the witness stand that the predominating cause of appendicitis is undigested food, and that it is necessary to quit eating food, and when the body requires food again, use a pre-digested food.

Dr. Ochsner in his work on appendicitis refers directly to the use of the well-known pre-digested foods that can be obtained on the market. He also brought out the interesting fact that in "after treatment" it is advantageous to take on a pre-digested food.

The price of the package (referred to by the weekly) is not known by us to have any relation to the question.

Our advice to stop using indigestible food in bowel troubles and use Grape-Nuts food has been a great blessing to tens of thousands of people, and we hope will continue to bless a good many more in the succeeding years.

**No. 7** is a live wire. It refers to C. W. Post and his studies and experience in "Suggestive Therapeutics" or "Mental Healing" which further lead to a most careful and systematic study of the effect of the mind on the digestive and other organs of the body.

He attended clinics in Europe and fitted himself for a future career in which he has become known as one of the food experts of the world, fitted to judge both from the material as well as the mental side of the question.

For about eight years, previous to 1901 he was an invalid. In that year, after being under the care of several well-known physicians, he was quickly healed, by what to him was a curious and not well-understood method. Sufficient to say he became a well man, weighing about 185 pounds.

This experience challenged his investigation into causes of disease and their amelioration. These studies and experiences developed a very profound reverence for the human being, and this reverence for the infinite became to him a form of religion which included honesty of purpose towards his fellow-man. A statement which will be indorsed by everyone who knows him closely.

He will make a public announcement in detail of these facts, and the Postum Company will cause that statement to be published in newspapers and magazines

in due time. We suggest the reader look for it.

**Prevarication No. 8.** "Post spends nearly a million a year in advertising and relies on that to keep out of the newspapers the dangerous nature of the fraud he is perpetrating on the public."

The Postum Company does pay out upwards of a million a year for trade announcements. Newspaper men believe our statements truthful or they would not print them. Large numbers of newspaper men use our products.

They are capable of telling the public whether or not we "bribe" them.

It may have escaped notice that we did not "bribe" that particular weekly.

**No. 9** states that the amount of the verdict will be devoted by the "weekly" to exposing fraud.

This is almost real humor.

We have two suits pending against the "weekly" total \$300,000.00.

We haven't "devoted" the sum to any particular purpose yet.

**Item 10** is a "discovery" that wheat bran is a part of Postum.

But the criticism neglected to mention that for years every Postum package announced in plain type that the outer covering of wheat (bran), made part of the beverage.

They ignorantly fell into a trap here, not knowing enough of food value to know that "Taka-Diastase" the article used by physicians the world over for "starch indigestion" is made from "wheat bran."

So we see that part of the wheat berry because it contains the element needed to develop the valuable diastase in manufacture, Good Postum is impossible without this part.

These self-appointed critics do make some laughable blunders through ignorance, but—be patient.

**Item 11** is an illustration of the squirming and twisting of the sensational writer delivering distorted matter to his readers.

While on the witness stand Mr. Post testified to his studies in Anatomy, Physiology, Dietetics and Psychology—all relating to the preparation and digestion of food. Asked to name authorities studied he mentioned six or eight from memory, and commented on some clinical experience covering several years in annual journeys to Europe.

Now notice the distortion. (Copy from the printed criticism.)

"He (Post) pointed out a pile of books in possession of his attorneys as the very ones he had read."

(Notice—"the very ones he had read," leading the reader to believe that they were the only ones.)

"Did you consult the books from these editions?" was asked.

"From those and various editions," answered Post.

The attorney "picked up book after book from the pile and showed the title pages to the jury,—all except two had been published since 1905."

This is an example of distortion and false coloring to produce an unfavorable impression.

The facts are Mr. Post purposely introduced the latest editions that could be obtained of prominent authorities to prove by them the truth of his statements regarding appendicitis and the analysis of brain, also the latest conclusions in regard to the action of the digestive organs. These works are:

Human Physiology, by Raymond.  
Physiological Chemistry, by Simon.  
Digestive Glands, by Pawlow.  
Hand Book of Appendicitis, by Ochsner.

## Some Facts

Battle Creek, Michigan, December 30, 1910.

We the undersigned certify that never to our knowledge has a testimonial letter been printed by the Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., which did not have behind it a genuine letter signed and believed to be an honest statement.

To the best of our knowledge and belief the Company has received upwards of fifty thousand (50,000) genuine testimonial letters.

This company has never knowingly made nor permitted an untruthful statement regarding its products or its methods.

M. K. HOWE, Treasurer. (With Company about 14 years)

L. J. LAMSON, Inspector of Advt's. (With Company about 24 years)

F. C. GRANDIN, Advertising Manager. (With Company about 13 years)

R. M. STERRETT, M. D., Physician in charge of Scientific Dept. (With Company about 14 1/2 years)

CHESTON SYER, Advt. Writer. (With Company about 3 years)

CHARLES W. GREEN, Advt. Writer. (With Company about 5 years)

HARRY E. BURT, General Sup't. (With Company about 13 years)

H. C. HAWK, Assistant to Chairman. (With Company about 7 years)

C. W. POST, Chairman. (With Company 16 years, from the beginning)

Physiological Chemistry, by Hammarsten.

Biochemio System of Medicine, by Carey.

The "Weekly" carefully eliminates from its printed account testimonies regarding the years of research and study by Mr. Post in fitting himself for his work, and would lead the reader of the distorted article to believe that his education began since 1905.

**Distortion No. 12** reports Mr. Post as a "dodging witness."

His eye is not of the shifty kind observed in the head of one of his chief critics. On the witness stand Mr. Post looks quietly but very steadily straight in to the eyes of the haggling, twisting lawyer, trying by all his art to ask double barreled questions and ball-dodge and confuse a witness.

The "dodging" it seems consisted of replying, "I don't know."

Opposing counsel holds a book in his hand while he queries.

"I want to know if there is a single thing in your whole book here that suggests any particular kind of food?" This followed some discussion between attorneys.

When Mr. Post was allowed to reply, he said, "I don't know until I read the book over to see."

This book, it turns out, was written by Mr. Post seventeen years ago, and probably has not been read carefully by him in the last fifteen years. It would require a remarkable memory to instantly recall "no" as to what a book of 10 pages did or did not contain, without reading it over,—but such conservative and well balanced answers are construed by sensation seekers to be "dodging."

The attorney sought by every art to impress the Jury with the fact that Mr. Post's belief in the power of Mind in relation to the body branded him as unreliable and worse.

The following is quoted from one of the questions—

(The lawyer reading from the book)

"The writer of these pages desires to say nothing of himself other than as a simple instrument through which the Divine Principle chooses to manifest itself by precept and example."

"Skill in mental practice is gained in the same way as skill in any department of science—by observation, study, experience and the ability to evolve correct conclusions."

"Read carefully, thoughtfully no more than twenty pages daily. Afterward seek an easy position where you will not be disturbed. Relax every muscle. Close your eyes, and go into the silence where mind is plastic to the breathings of spirit and where God talks to the Soul. The thoughts from Divine Universal Mind come as winged angels and endow you with a healing power. If you go into the silence humble and trusting, you will come out enriched and greatly strengthened. Your body by contact even for a short time with the Father of all life and all power, you will feel refreshed in every way and food taken will digest readily as the stomach works smoothly when under the influence of a Higher Power."

"I ask you if you did not write this, and if you did not believe it when you wrote it?"

For a moment the Court Room was in absolute silence.

Mr. Post slowly leaned forward over the rail, pointed his finger at the Attorney's face to emphasize his reply and said, "I am proud to say I did."

It may be remembered that we were first attacked and have since defended ourselves by placing facts before that great jury—The Public.

A good "scrap" is more or less comforting now and then, if you know you are right.

In the case lately tried, an appeal has been taken to the higher courts. We have unbounded faith in the ultimate decision of our American Tribunals.

Our suits against the "weekly" have not yet been tried. They are for libel

and \$500,000.00 is asked as damages, and may the right man win.

After all the smoke of legal battle blows away, the facts will stand out clearly and never be forgotten that Postum, Grape Nuts, and Post Toasties are perfectly pure, have done good honest service to humanity for years, the testimonials are real and truthful and the business conducted on the highest plane of commercial integrity.

**"There's a Reason"**

Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., Battle Creek, Mich.

# The Economy Event of the Year

Saturday, January 21, to Saturday, January 28th.

The Second Week of Our Greatest Clearance Sale is Rich in Money Saving

Saturday, January 21, to Saturday, January 28th.

Every day witnesses unusual value-giving. We are eager to clear out all remaining goods of winter character and have cut prices down to lowest point. Buying is brisk, big and enthusiastic, because there exists no equal opportunity of obtaining desired merchandise at such small cost. If you need the goods or are likely to need them any time this year you will make big interest on your money by taking advantage of this big economical event. This week's offerings are many and are all exceptionally good. Many are small lots and will not last long—SO IT WILL PAY YOU WELL TO COME EARLY

**Remember:---We don't want your money unless you are satisfied you get more than your money's worth!**

## See Our Special Showing of Embroideries and Laces for 1911

It is an unquestioned fact that this will be one of the greatest Embroidery seasons this country has ever known. An unparalleled variety of styles and widths, combined with the reasonable prices, will enable us to satisfy the most exacting demands.

Our Big Counter at 9c, 19c and 39c are Actual Wonders.

**\$1 Overalls 75c**

Remember our price for the best 1.00 Overalls made, is the pair ..... 79c

**50c Underwear 37c**

Men's 50c quality fleeced lined as well as the ribbed shirts and drawers, for clearance ..... 37c

**\$1.25 Overshirts 95c**

One lot men's overshirts, well made, of good heavy materials, a regular \$1.35 value, clearance price ..... 95c

**\$1 Wool Underwear 50c**

All wool shirts and drawers, values \$1 to \$2 garments, sizes broken, for speedy clearance at one-half price.

## A Tailored Suit at 1-2 Price

These are all handsome styles, only one of a kind, in the short coats, new style skirts, richest shades and most perfect materials some are elegantly trimmed, others plain. Before they are all gone select one, now they go at ..... Half Price

**Entire line Tailored Suits, No two alike, 1-2 Price**

Beautiful tailored suits, browns, blacks, tans, etc., values from 14.85 up to 27.50, now

**7.43 to \$13.25**

Many nice suits, worth 9.95 up to 12.50, now going at exactly half price

**\$4.98 to \$6.25**

**Extra Special**

CORSET COVERS—Women's dainty Nainsook corset covers, some finished with Torchon and other Valenciennes lace—bought to sell for 35c, this sale at ..... 23c

## Entire Line Ladies' and Childrens' Coats 1-2 Price

Long cloth coats for childre and misses worth \$1.50 to \$8.50, your choice now at

**75c to \$4.25**

Pretty little bear skin coats, values from 2.50 to 4.50, choice now at one half

**\$1.25 to \$2.25**

Pretty cloth skirts at 1-3 off—\$5.00 and up to 9.85 values now going at

**\$3.34 to \$6.59**

Beautiful black Heatherbloom skirts, \$2.00 values, in this great Clearance sale only

**\$1.49**

**Extra Special**

CORSET COVERS—Women's new corset covers, some of Nainsook and others of soft finished muslin, trimmed with laces, select 65c and 75c values ..... 59c

## Great Hat and Cap Clearance Sale

Entire line of fine John B. Stetson Hats in 4.50 and 5.00 grades, (except "Laloo" and "Big 4") going at

**\$3.29**

75 beautiful, new shape hats, dressy and stylish, regular \$2.50 and 3.00, come on and take your choice now for

**\$1.75**

About 100 men's and boys' hats, broken lots, odds and ends, regular 1.50, 2.00 and 3.00 values, your choice for

**\$1**

Caps at a price you never saw before. Men's heavy, winter, fur-lined caps, our best 75c and 1.00 ones, your choice for only

**50c**

Entire line men's and boys' 50c to 65c caps—this includes 5 doz. right new ones—take 'em at

**35c**

About 100 Corduroy caps sold up to 35c and 40c—ideal winter caps but to be sure there is not a one left, they go in this clearance at

**10c**

**REMEMBER---We propose to clear out all winter goods regardless of price. We know and realize RIGHT NOW is our LAST CHANCE and we propose TO TAKE OUR LOSS AT ONCE. You can use these goods for many months, our loss is profit to ALL that buy.**

## Clearance Sale Price on Underwear

Remarkable Prices on Underwear for Man, Woman and Child.

Men's \$4.00, all-wool union suits, now exactly half price ..... \$2.00

Then the 3.00 union suits at 1.50

Boys' heavy fleeced lined shirts, about 10 dozen, sold for 25c to 40c, come and get your choice while they last for ..... 15c

Ladies' 25c and 35c pants at ..... 15c

Nice fleeced 50c, 65c vests ..... 36c

Union suits, 75c bleached ..... 50c

The 1.50 and 1.25 grade at ..... 85c

Men's Stylish Suits at 33 1-3 to 50 per Cent Off

This entire line of high-class clothing for men and boys is now marked at 33 1-3 per cent off. There are the rich black, blue, tan, gray, brown, etc., in the solid, new stripes, check and plaids, most perfect fitting garments shown anywhere, regular prices were \$5.00 to 27.50, now they are all going at ..... 33 1-3 per cent off.

Beautiful dark gray 27.50 suits only ..... \$17.95

18.50 and 20.00 suits, now ..... 11.49

15.00 suits only ..... 9.89

9.00 and 10.00 suits, handsome patterns ..... 5.45

5.00 suits only ..... 3.29

## 33 Overcoats at 1-2 Price

Never will you get such prices again. Entire line from 5.00 to 25.00 at exactly one-half price

**\$2.50 to 12.50**

BOYS' SCHOOL PANTS—One hundred pairs boys' Knickerbocker school pants at a big discount.

EXTRA SPECIAL—Fifty men's worth up to \$1. you may take your pick of the pile for 25c.

**Keep your eye on the white tags, where the blue pencil has done its best work.**

Corduroy and whip cord pants, the ideal winter pant for man—to be sure we sell the 48 pair we have left, all \$3.50, 4.00 and 5.00 pants in the big pile go at 2.98; all the \$2.50 to 3.00 pants in the pile go for ..... \$1.98

REMNANTS of wool goods, silks, Emb. and laces, Ribbons, gingham and calicos, outings, contains thousands of yards of goods left from the big winter selling.

All now piled out on big table at just 1-2 price. You must see these to appreciate them.

**The big white tags with the blue pencil marks show you where the best bargains are.**

## Wonderful Bargains

From all over the house

50c elastic seam, Scrivens pattern drawers, going for the low price of ..... 25c

\$5 new shape Stetson hats 2.50

\$3 black Heatherbloom petticoats in this great clearance sale \$1.60

16 yards of good, soft finish, 36-inch bleached domestic for \$1.00

25c veiling, this sale only ..... 15c

1000 yards fine dress trimmings and braids, 10c 25c entire line 5c

TOILET GOODS—Entire line of toilet goods, includes creams, sachet powder, toilet water and many other items, in this great Clearance Sale at HALF PRICE

COUNTERPANES and Lace Curtains—Entire line of counterpanes at 25 per cent off. Entire line of Lace Curtains at exactly half price, worth 75c up to 4.50 a pair, come on and take your choice 38c to ..... \$2.25

EXTRA SPECIAL—20 sets of pretty linen napkins, sold up to 2.50, choice this sale at ..... 1.60

Beautiful table linen at about the price of oil cloth—35c table damask, snow white in this sale only ..... 25c

Then the beautiful 72 inch \$1.00 all pure linen ..... 69c

## Dress Goods

We are heavily overstocked on wool dress goods and are making the greatest cut in prices we have ever made on them. This stock must be reduced at least half in this sale. Now is your opportunity to buy dress materials at a great saving.

50c quality, plain and fancy mohairs, novelty suitings, and many other favorite cloth at ..... 33c

60c and 65c value, Panamas mohairs, serges and diagonals, in black and colors, clearance ..... 37c

75c wool dress goods, many favorite weaves and patterns, splendid offerings, this sale ..... 48c

\$1 dress goods, all the favored weaves in plain and satin stripe purnells, diagonal suitings, fancy novelty suitings and all the staple cloths, now ..... 67c

Our entire line of 1.25 plain and fancy weave dress goods ..... 89c

Persian silks, plain silks, all colored taffetas and messelines included in these great reductions:

50c silks, in this sale only ..... 37c

65c silks, in Clearance sale ..... 48c

\$1 silks now reduced to ..... 67c

**Flannelettes**

All remaining flannelettes, only a few pieces, some good patterns in lights to close at yard 7c

## Shoes, Boots, Oxfords--- The Greatest Sale of Winter Shoes Big Springs Has Ever Known!

**THE GREAT SHOE BUYING EVENT OF THE SEASON**—Many men and women have thronged our store every day the past week, but there are still many men and women of Big Springs who have not taken advantage of these extraordinary reductions. It is to allow these an equal opportunity to investigate our offering that we continue this sale next week. SEE OUR WINDOW DISPLAY



See Those Big Shoe Tables

Entire line men's fine Boots, \$6.50 and 7.00, and 7.50 boots and booties, your choice for ..... \$4.95

These shoes we won't carry any more and in order to clear out we make 150 pair men's Walk Over, Beacon Special and Reed's 3.50, in black and tan—piled out on big table, your choice ..... \$2.49

Men's shoes in broken and odd lots, good enough for work and dress, up to regular \$3 values, your choice ..... \$1.95

Then pretty patent and vicci shoes in broken lots, our regular 2.50 values—come take your choice for ..... \$1.49

Dozens of ladies shoes, Oxfords and straps, over 100 pair, odds and ends, broken lots, regular 1.00 to 2.25—come on, your economical buyer, choice of lot ..... \$1.25

\$2.00 SHOES 98c—One lot ladies shoes in broken sizes, all good winter shoes, also com non sensa toes, value to 2.00, for speedy clearance at ..... 98c

LADIES: One big lot ladies fine \$1.50 dress shoes, in this great sale ..... \$2.50

One hundred pair men's \$5 Just Wright shoes, your choice ..... \$3.49

EXTRA SPECIAL—No. 19 Iron Child shoes, these 25c have made 1-6-15-10 or girls, choice ..... 17 1/2c

NEW GINGHAMS The Golden Rod brand—new dress styles for 1911, absolutely fast—all you want at ..... 12 1/2c



See Those Big Shoe Tables

# Berry & Davenport, 214 Main St

Big Springs, Texas

# Texas Commercial Secretaries' Association

TABLE NO. 1

List of ten counties having the largest mileage of public highways.

County	Miles
1. Hill.....	3500
2. Bell.....	3000
3. Collin.....	3000
4. Denton.....	2500
5. Harris.....	2500
6. McLennan.....	2500
7. Ellis.....	2000
8. Hunt.....	2000
9. Fannin.....	1900
10. Grayson.....	1800
11. Bexar.....	1600

Total in State.....140,101

TABLE NO. 2

List of counties having the largest mileage of public highways per square mile of area.

County	Miles of Road Per Square Mile
1. Collin.....	3.8
2. Denton.....	2.5
3. Hill.....	2.4
4. Bell.....	2.3
5. McLennan.....	2.3
6. Hunt.....	2.2
7. Guadalupe.....	2.1
8. Fannin.....	2.0
9. Ellis.....	1.9
10. Falls.....	1.9

State Average......53

TABLE NO. 3

List of ten counties having the largest mileage of public highways surfaced with stone or gravel and now in good condition.

County	Miles
1. Tarrant.....	280
2. Dallas.....	220
3. McLennan.....	200
4. Bexar.....	196
5. Bexar.....	181
6. Travis.....	140
7. Grimes.....	130
8. Jack.....	120
9. Limestone.....	100
10. Parker.....	100
11. Wilson.....	100

Total in State.....4,652

TABLE NO. 4

List of ten counties having the largest mileage of improved public highways per square mile of area.

County	Miles of Improved Road per Square Mile.
1. Tarrant.....	.29
2. Dallas.....	.24
3. McLennan.....	.18
4. Bexar.....	.18
5. Travis.....	.14
6. Grimes.....	.13
7. Wilson.....	.13
8. Jack.....	.12
9. Hays.....	.12
10. Parker.....	.11

County	Amount
1. Harris.....	\$250,000
2. Tarrant.....	180,978
3. Dallas.....	150,000
4. Bexar.....	85,000
5. McLennan.....	51,000
6. Grayson.....	51,000
7. El Paso.....	48,000
8. Galveston.....	48,000
9. Fannin.....	48,000
10. Fannin.....	48,000

TABLE NO. 5

List of ten counties showing highest annual expenditure on public highways, bond issues excluded.

County	Amount
1. Harris.....	\$250,000
2. Tarrant.....	180,978
3. Dallas.....	150,000
4. Bexar.....	85,000
5. McLennan.....	51,000
6. Grayson.....	51,000
7. El Paso.....	48,000
8. Galveston.....	48,000
9. Fannin.....	48,000
10. Fannin.....	48,000

Total.....\$1,235,468

## ROAD MAP

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ways other than bond issues during the year, and the figures last shown give the amount of bonds issued during the year. The Public Highways within the city limits is not shown on the map, and the figures refer only to country roads. It being the custom for cities to look after the roads within the city limits, and especially in the case in the larger cities.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION.

The information shown on the map has been secured from county judges and road officials. The related reports of the government and other published statistics on Public Highways have been reviewed, and where discrepancies exist between any current report and that furnished by our correspondents, the report was returned for correction or verification, and where the reports developed abnormal or unusual conditions, they were returned for explanation, and the information shown on the map may be said to be as nearly correct as information of this character can be secured by correspondence.

### MILEAGE OF PUBLIC ROADS.

The total mileage of the State 140,101 miles. There is no statute regulating the width of a Public Highway, but the average width is about 30 feet, and on this basis we have approximately one million acres of land in Public Highways, which equals in area the total area of the State of Delaware. We have the largest mileage of Public Highways of any State in the Union; our Public Highways are sufficient to encircle the globe nearly six times; we have 53 miles of Public Highways per square mile of area. We have one mile of Public Highways per 23 inhabitants in the State; the average in the United States is 1.14.

We have 4,652 miles of Public Highways surfaced with stone, gravel or similar material, and now in good condition; there is also a large per cent of our roads well surfaced with clay or dirt and well drained. The average per cent of improved Public Highways in the State is 33 per cent, and the average in the United States is 7.14.

TABLE NO. 7

List of counties that have issued bonds for improvement of public highways during the past year:

County	Amount
1. Ellis.....	\$95,000
2. Galveston.....	50,000
3. Harris.....	50,000
4. Grayson.....	250,000
5. Bowie.....	250,000
6. El Paso.....	250,000
7. Ft. Bend.....	150,000
8. Taylor.....	150,000
9. Brown.....	100,000
10. Cooke.....	100,000
11. Dallas.....	100,000
12. Hidalgo.....	100,000
13. Howard.....	100,000
14. Jefferson.....	100,000
15. Chambers.....	80,000
16. Dawson.....	80,000
17. Freestone.....	50,000

Total.....\$4,015,500

TABLE NO. 6

List of ten counties showing highest annual expenditure per road mile, bond issues excluded.

County	Amount Per Mile
1. El Paso.....	\$450.00
2. Galveston.....	257.88
3. Calhoun.....	159.55
4. Tarrant.....	154.00
5. Dallas.....	128.00
6. Bexar.....	89.74
7. McLennan.....	85.00
8. McCulloch.....	81.82
9. Jefferson.....	81.82
10. Matagorda.....	78.00

Average Annual Expenditure per Mile.....\$23.09

### KEY TO MAP FIGURES.

Figures first shown in each county represent total road mileage in county.  
Figures second shown, miles Improved Public Highways.  
Figures third shown, money expended on roads, exclusive of bond issues, during the past year.  
Figures last shown represent bond issues during the past year.

### EXPLANATION OF TABLES.

The tables on the margin of the map bring out distinctive features of the Public Highway situation in the various counties.  
Table No. 1 gives a list of ten counties that have the greatest mileage of Public Highways in the State. Hill County takes the lead with 3,500 miles.

Table No. 2 gives a list of ten counties having the greatest mileage of Public Highways per square mile of territory, and Collin County leads the list. The citizens of that county being accomplished with more miles of road per acre than any other county in the State. Collin County has 3.8 miles of road per square mile of area. The average throughout the State is .53.

Table No. 3 gives a list of ten counties having the greatest mileage of Public Highways surfaced with stone, gravel or similar material, and now in good condition. Tarrant County heads the list with 280 miles, and is the banner good roads county of Texas. We have a total of 4,652 miles of surfaced Highways in the State.

Table No. 4 gives a list of ten counties having the greatest mileage of improved Public Highways per square mile of area. The term "improved" as used in this article, refers to roads surfaced with stone or gravel. Tarrant County again takes the lead with .29 miles per square mile of area.

Table No. 5 gives a list of ten counties that have the highest annual expenditures on Public Highways, bond issues excluded, during the past year. Harris County takes the lead with an annual expenditure of \$250,000. The total for the State is \$1,235,468.

Table No. 6 gives a list of ten counties showing the highest annual expenditure per road mile, bond issues excluded, during the year. El Paso takes the lead with an expenditure of \$450 per mile, and Galveston occupies second place. The average annual expenditure is \$23.09 throughout the State.

Table No. 7 gives a list of counties that have issued bonds for the improvement of Public Highways during the past year. El Paso County takes the lead with \$95,000, and is the banner county in Texas in road improvements. The total amount of bonds issued in the State this year amounts to \$4,015,500.

A large quantity of these maps have been printed for free distribution, and copies can be secured on application to the Texas Commercial Secretaries' Association, Fort Worth, Texas.

**The Good Roads Movement Continues With Unabated Force in Texas and Gathers Momentum as it Rolls Along. Farmers, Merchants, Railroad Men, all are Joining Hands in The Movement, and the Results are Bound to be Good Roads for All Texas!**

**A GOOD DOCTOR.**  
"Boone The Healer"

is now permanently located at 1008 Olive St., in Texarkana, Texas. Seemingly miraculous cures of consumption, cancer, paralysis, epilepsy, diabetes, cancer, paralysis, and other diseases have been made. The chronic diseases follow treatments with best of results follow treatments with best of medicines. And some strange poisons he possesses never fails to produce immediate results. This strange power is not faith, electricity, or magnetism, but an actual force, and so far as known, "Boone" is the only one that possesses it. No fees are exacted and correspondence is invited.

**One Way to Look at It.**  
"Jinks—Do you know, I was refused three times before I found a girl who would have me?"  
"Blinks—I see. Just like a patent medicine: 'Well shaken before taken.'"  
—Judge.

Dr. Pierre's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. Sugar-coated, tiny granules. Easy to take as candy.

The greatest glory of a free-born people is to transmit that freedom to their children.—Harvard.

Cattle drink pure water at less cost to you. If you have a bottomless tank. Booklet free. Alamo Iron Works, San Antonio, Texas.

The worst foe you have is the man who would kill all your enemies.

**ONLY ONE "BROMO QUININE."**  
This is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the World over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c.

We find the worst in all by trying to get the best of any one.

**Your Appetite Easily Restored**

and regulated if you will only begin your meals with a dose of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Loss of appetite is a sure sign of some disturbance of the stomach and bowels, which the Bitters will quickly correct. Therefore, try it this very day. For over 57 years it has been assisting those who suffered from Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Costiveness, Colds, Grippe and Malaria, and it will do you good, too. Insist on having Hostetter's.

**Make the Liver Do its Duty**

Nine times in ten when the liver is right the stomach and bowels are right.

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**SYNOPSIS.**

Lawrence Blakeley, lawyer, goes to Pittsburg with the forged notes in the Brown case to get the disposition of John Gilmore, millionaire. In the latter's home he is attracted by a picture of a young girl, whom the millionaire explains is his granddaughter. A lady requests Blakeley to buy her a Pullman ticket. He gives her lower eleven and retains lower ten. He finds a drunken man in lower ten and retreats in lower nine. He awakens in lower seven and finds his clothes and bag missing. The man in lower ten is found murdered. Circumstantial evidence points to both Blakeley and the unknown man who had exchanged clothes with him. Blakeley becomes interested in a girl in blue. The train is wrecked. Blakeley is rescued from the burning car by the girl in blue. His alarm is broken. They go to the Carter place for breakfast. The girl proves to be Alison West, his partner's sweetheart. Her peculiar actions mystify the lawyer. She drops her gold bag and Blakeley puts it in his pocket. Blakeley returns home. He finds that in his under surveillance. Moving pictures of the train taken just before the wreck reveal to Blakeley a man leaping from the train. Blakeley learns that a man named Sullivan leaped from the train near M— and sprained his ankle. He stayed some time at the Carter place. While making inquiries at Carter's, Blakeley finds Alison and kisses her. Mrs. Conway, the woman for whom Blakeley bought the Pullman ticket, tries to make a bargain with him for the forged notes, not knowing that they are missing. An amateur detective thinks he has found Sullivan. Blakeley and the amateur detective go to the home of Sullivan's sister to investigate.

**CHAPTER XXIII.—Continued.**

"Couldn't see you," I maintained; "I can't see you now. And your sense of continuity didn't tell you about that flower crock?"

In the end, of course, he consented to go with me. He was very lame, and I helped him around to the open window. He was full of moral courage, the little man; it was only the physical in him that quailed. And as we groped along, he insisted on going through the window first.

"If it is a trap," he whispered, "I have two arms to your one, and, besides, as I said before, life holds much for you. As for me, the government would merely lose an indifferent employee."

When he found I was going first he was rather hurt, but I did not wait for his protests. I swung my feet over the sill and dropped. I made a clutch at the window frame with my good hand when I found no foot under my feet, but I was top-heavy. I dropped probably ten feet and landed with a crash that seemed to split my eardrums. I was thoroughly shaken, but in some miraculous way the bandaged arm had escaped injury.

"For heaven's sake," Hotchkiss was calling from above, "have you broken your back?"

"No," I returned, as steadily as I could, "merely driven it up through my skull. This is a straggle, I'm coming up to open another window."

It was eerie work, but I accomplished it finally, discovering, not without mishap, a room filled with more tables than I had ever dreamed of, tables that seemed to sway and surge as if in a storm. I had gone down open, Hotchkiss crawled through, and we were at last under shelter.

Our first thought was for a light. The sage laborious investigation that had landed us where we were, revealed that the house was lighted by electricity, and that the plan was not in operation. By accident I stumbled across a tabouret with smoking materials, and found a half dozen matches

and there was an odor of scorched leather through the room, from Hotchkiss' shoes. The little detective was sound asleep, his dead pipe in his fingers. The cat sat back on its haunches and wailed.

The curtain at the door into the hallway, belled slowly out into the room and fell again. The cat looked toward it and opened its mouth for another howl. I thrust at it with my foot, but it refused to move. Hotchkiss stirred uneasily, and his pipe clattered to the floor.

The cat was standing at my feet, staring behind me. Apparently it was following with its eyes an object unseen to me, that moved behind me. The tip of its tail waved threateningly, but when I wheeled I saw nothing.

I took the candle and made a circuit of the room. Behind the curtain that had moved the door was securely closed. The windows were shut and locked, and everywhere the silence was absolute. The cat followed me majestically. I stooped and groped its head, but it persisted in its gummy watching of the corners of the room.

When I went back to my divan, after putting a fresh log on the fire, I was reassured. I took the precaution, and smiled at myself for doing it, to put the fire tongs within reach of my hand. But the cat would not let me sleep. After a time I decided that it wanted water, and I started out in search of some, carrying the candle without the stand. I wandered through several rooms, all closed and dimly lit, before I found a small lavatory opening off a billiard room. The cat lapped steadily, and I filled a glass to take back with me. The candle flickered in a sickly fashion that threatened to leave me there lost in the wanderings of the many hallways, and from somewhere there came an occasional violent puff of wind. The cat stuck by my feet, with the hair on its back raised menacingly. I don't like cats; there is something psychic about them.

Hotchkiss was still asleep when I got back to the big room. I moved his boots back from the fire and trimmed the candle. Then, with sleep gone from me, I lay back on my divan and reflected on many things; on my idleness in coming; on Alison West, and the fact that only a week before she had been a guest in this very house; on Richey and the constraint that had come between us. From that I drifted back to Alison, and to the barrier my comparative poverty would be.

The emptiness, the stillness were oppressive. Once, I heard footsteps coming, rhythmic steps that neither hurried nor dragged, and seemed to mount endless staircases without coming any closer. I realized finally that I had not quite turned off the tap, and that the lavatory, which I had circled to reach, must be quite close.

The cat lay by the fire, its nose on its folded paws, content in the warmth and companionship. I watched it idly. Now and then the green wood hissed in the fire, but the cat never batted an eye. Through an unshuttered window the lightning flashed. Suddenly the cat looked up. It lifted its head and stared directly at the gallery above. Then it blinked, and stared again. I was amused. Not until it had got up on its feet, eyes still riveted on the balcony, tail waving at the tip, the lady on its back a bristling brush, did I glance casually over my head.

From among the shadows a face gazed down at me, a face that seemed a fitting tenant of the ghostly room below. I saw it, as plainly as I might see my own face in a mirror. While I stared at it with horrified eyes, the apparition faded. The rail was there, the Bokhara rug still swung from it, but the gallery was empty.

The cat threw back its head and wailed.

**CHAPTER XXIV.**

**His Wife's Father.**

I jumped up and seized the fire tongs. The cat's wail had roused Hotchkiss, who was wide-awake at once. He took in my offensive attitude, the tongs, the direction of my gaze, and needed nothing more. As he picked up the candle and darted out into the hall, I followed him. He made directly for the staircase, and part way up he turned off to the right through a small door. We were on the gallery itself, below us the fire steamed cheerfully, the cat was not in sight. There was no sign of my ghostly variant, but as we stood there the Bokhara rug, without warning, slid over the railing and fell to the floor below.

"Man or woman?" Hotchkiss inquired in his most professional tone. "Neither—that is, I don't know. I didn't notice anything but the eyes." I muttered. "They were looking a hole in me. If you'd seen that cat, you would realize my state of mind. That was a traditional graveyard yell!"

"I don't think you saw anything at all," he lied cheerfully. "You dozed off, and the rest is the natural result of a meal on a buffet car."

Nevertheless, he examined the Bokhara carefully when we went down, and when I finally went to sleep he was reading the only book in sight—*"Swallow on Bridge."* The first rays of daylight were coming faintly into the room when he roused me. He had his finger on his lips, and he whispered absently, "I've been looking around some, and I can tell you this much: just before we came in through the window last night, another man came. Only—he did not drop, as you did. He came over to the stair railing, and then down. The rail is scratched

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Commercial clubs have been formed in almost every community in Texas during the past few years for the purpose of furnishing accurate information free of charge to prospective settlers and investors. A commercial club in a town is a sure sign that that town is on the progressive list.

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The dissemination of information has largely to do with the prosperity of a country and in no country on the globe does nature possess such astonishing possibilities and reveal them in such rapid and cumulative order as in Texas, making an imperative necessity for newspapers in the home of every farmer who desires to profit by the gifts of nature and the experience of his neighbors.

The Texas farmer is already farming more land than he can properly cultivate. The average Texas farm contains 357 acres, while the average farm in the United States contains 146 acres. One farmer cannot successfully cultivate more than 50 acres of land unless he employs help, which would, of course mean another farmer. On this basis Texas needs 3,000,000 more farmers which would mean an increase in our population of 12,000,000.

Every good citizen should pay their poll tax and qualify for citizenship during 1911. There are important issues coming up for disposition during the year and among them will be bond issues for road improvements in a great many counties. Texas has just begun to realize the necessity of improving public highways and the importance of building for the future. Permanent improvements of public highways are money makers, time savers and they add to the happiness and prosperity of the country. Build roads.

Figures recently compiled by the Manufacturers' Record show that cotton is still King in the South, and that his reign will continue throughout the ages. To fully appreciate the vast realm over which his dominion extends, one has but to consider that the entire output of gold and silver in all the world would not purchase by over a billion dollars the products of the cotton field of the South alone. During the decade beginning with 1900 and ending with 1911, the total output of gold and silver in the world was \$4,625,262,200, while the cotton products of the South brought \$8,387,000,000.00.

The Texas Commercial Secretaries' Association has given out the following information concerning Texas newspapers: There are 950 newspapers in Texas, of which 89 are dailies, 763 weeklies and the remainder are issued at regular intervals. The total listed circulation of all newspapers in Texas is 3,170,515 copies, an average of four papers for each family in the state. One issue of all papers in Texas approximates one copy per capita, and making the comparison from a population basis we lead all states in the Union in the number of periodicals issued and number of copies printed.

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We can better understand the principle of dry farming, if we consider that the soil is a huge sponge. It takes in water in proportion to its porosity and water is evaporated from it in the same way. A well-plowed field takes up a great deal of water than a pasture, if the plowing is of short duration. But the roots will hold water longer than the plowed field, unless the field has been treated properly. A sponge, saturated in water and hung in the open air, will dry out very quickly. But if a newspaper is tied round the sponge the water in the sponge will remain there a long time.

The underlying principle of dry farming is to put something over the head which will act as the newspaper does around the sponge, and still not interfere with the growing crops. It has been found that a shallow coat of finely pulverized, dry soil will do the same work as the newspaper does. That is why one of the cardinal principles of dry farming is "cultivate constantly." Another principle is "plow deep before the rains come." The reason is easy to see. Deep plowing loosens the tight soil and allows it to soak up more water.

The past two years in Texas have been well adapted to testing dry farming methods. Last winter, for instance, we had good rains and they continued in many sections well up into the spring. But the summer was dry and hot. On land that had been prepared by deep plowing for the winter rains, the moisture soaked in deep, and when that land was further protected by constant cultivation and the keeping of a dry blanket of dirt over it, crops sent their roots down into the moist soil underneath and produced yields in spite of the lack of rain.

No hard and fast rules can be laid down for dry farming, any more than rules can be laid down which will apply to any other kind of farming for all localities.

Writing to the Dry Farming Bulletin, Anders L. Morf of Guyton, Okla., illustrates this as follows:

There is a Norwegian colony in Bradford county, Texas, brought in from the best settlements of the north and northwest. These men have adopted the dry farming methods as the only way to farm in this country, and they intend to keep this up regardless of rainy or droughty years. As a result, if they have a rainy year, they can store away enough moisture to raise a crop that year and leave enough to supply a second year when they add the ordinary rainfall to the supply that they have stored away.

The greatest trouble seems to be due to the fact that the wind blows in the spring. The farmers have learned that they cannot afford to work the dust blanket too fine as the wind in the spring season will carry inches of dirt over from one field over on another. If they leave the field too lumpy there will be too many cracks and the evaporation will be too large. We must find a middle way. There is also a doubt as to whether or not deep plowing is a good thing. Some state that six inches is all anyone must plow at any time, while others claim that eight, ten and twelve inch plowing is not too much. We are as yet in the experimental stage, and it will take some time before we can do very much in laying down rules for farming.

Each locality must, to a large extent, solve its own dry farming problems, but when we know that dry farming produces crops alongside fields that are barren when cultivated by other methods, we ought to be willing to make the necessary experiments in order to find out the best principles for our respective localities. The man who can help himself by dry farming and who will cling to other plans is standing in his own light.

**Pears Covering the Season.**

I started fruit growing on a rather extensive scale about 45 years ago. At that time nurserymen propagated a longer list of pears than at present. So far as my experience goes the list might be reduced to Clapp's Favorite, for earliest, succeeded by Bartlett, Seckel, Beurre d'Anjou and Beurre Clairgeau. After trying many varieties I have found this list to cover the season fairly well. They are all I would recommend for home use or market, says a writer in an exchange. Clapp's Favorite is a pear of bright quality, and sells well, but must be picked before it gets too ripe, as it is prone to soften at the core.

**Migrating Sheep.**

Spain has at present about 10,000,000 migratory sheep, called transhumantes. They travel about 200 miles every year from the plains to the mountains, where they feed until snow descends. On all enclosed property a road 20 feet wide must be left for them, and at certain times no one else is allowed on this right.

**To Kill a Turkey.**

The proper way to kill a turkey is to tie its feet together, hang on a pole, then cut the throat and allow to bleed freely. Dry pick, leaving head and wings on. After picking dip in hot water and then in cold.

**PROBLEMS IN DRY FARMING**

**Knowledge of Nitrogen and Humus Content Necessary Before System Established.**

A knowledge of the effect of dry land farming upon the nitrogen and humus content of the soil is necessary before a permanent system of dry land farming can be established, said Dr. Robert Stewart in an address before the recent Dry Farming congress. Almost coincident with the development of scientific dry land farming, the detrimental effect of such a system on the nitrogen and humus content of the cultivated soil suggested itself to the careful student of the subject. The history of scientific agriculture taught that the cropping of land to the same crop caused a decrease in the nitrogen and humus content of the cultivated soil. It also taught that summer-fallowing was even more destructive to these important constituents than was continuous cropping itself.

The importance of nitrogen in crop production and the preponderance of evidence regarding the destruction of organic matter and the resulting loss of nitrogen by practicing a system of crop production involving the use of the summer-fallow, have caused thoughtful students of the subject to suggest means of returning the organic matter and the nitrogen to the soil. For this purpose the growing of legumes during the season when the land is not occupied by the wheat has been suggested, but this practice defeats the purpose of the summer-fallow, inasmuch as the limited supply of moisture is called upon to grow the legume.

In view of the known action of continuous cropping and summer-fallowing upon the nitrogen and humus of humid soils, a knowledge of the effect of dry farming upon the nitrogen and humus of dry-land soils became of exceedingly great importance. With this idea in view the author, in the summer of 1907, had a survey made of the dry-farming area in Cache valley, the oldest dry-farming district in the state of Utah, and the conclusions reached were as follows:

1. The cropping of dry-farming land in Cache valley to wheat, either by the summer-fallowing method or by continuous cropping, does not decrease the nitrogen or humus of the surface foot of soil.
2. The second foot of grain-cropped land contains less nitrogen and humus than does the second foot of the adjacent virgin soil.
3. The observed phenomena in case of the grain-cropped land is probably due to the addition of nitrogen to the surface foot from lower depth and the addition of the humus from the added straw.
4. The work indicated that in a study of the nitrogen and humus problem in dry-land farming attention must be paid to greater depth of soil than the traditional plowed surface.

**An English Sheep Fair.**

At the recent Wilton sheep fair 37,000 head were offered and all sold. The top price was 78 shillings (\$18.70) per head for 25 of the first prize lot of 100 wether lambs, while the second prize pen averaged 54 shillings. The general run of prices was: Best twentieth ewes, 46s. to 52s.; secondary ditto, 34s. to 40s.; fourteenth ewes, 33s. to 42s.; grazing ewes, 22s. to 30s.; best fat wether lambs up to 60s.; other drafts, 48s. to 52s.; best ewe lambs, 35s. to 43s.; secondary, 26s. to 33s.; best working lambs, 24s. to 40s.; other lots, 22s. to 28s.

**POULTRY NOTES.**

In feeding either sweet or sour milk be sure the troughs are clean. Nests should be kept comparatively dark and as clean as possible. Turkeys should not be allowed to roost in the poultry house with chickens. Bright red combs and wattles usually indicate a thrifty and healthy flock. Make the laying hens feel comfortable and contented, and they will do better. Plenty of sunlight is essential in poultry quarters. Darkness is conducive to disease. Do you keep an egg record? Begin now if you have never done it before. Set down the number you get every day. All chickens that contract stubborn or contagious disease should be killed if they do not yield to treatment with reasonable ease. Sloppy meshes are not good for feeding chickens continually, and if used excessively will lead to weakened constitutions and disease among the flock. Train your fowls to run towards you instead of running from you with fright every time you come around. It is more pleasurable, and also pays in dollars and cents. Beginners should not start by trying to raise several different kinds of poultry. Better confine the efforts to one variety, and then have those strictly first-class. Nearly all the successful poultry raisers make a specialty of only one or two varieties. They find that course is more profitable than to experiment with a half dozen or more breeds. Many who embark in poultry raising think it is only a pleasant pastime. Those who are experienced, however, know that, like any other profitable industry, it requires skill and experience. With these qualifications there is money in it most surely.

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<p><b>640 Acres</b> 18 miles northeast from Big Springs and 10 miles north from Coahoma, 150 acres in cultivation, 3 room house, barn, lots and well, mill and also 2 room house, sheds, lots, all fenced in convent pastures, more than 75 per cent as fine sandy catclaw and mesquite valley land, balance good grass, lots of big mesquite for wood and pasture. Price \$5500.</p>	<p><b>6080 Acres</b> The G. C. Cauble ranch, adjoins the town, more than 1200 acres in fine state of cultivation, \$20,000 worth of improvements, 90 per cent smooth, first class firm red and black sandy soil, abundance of fine water, mesquite wood, school on the ranch, land is worth \$30 per acre but it can be bought at the present time for \$18 per acre, for terms apply to G. C. Cauble or R. B. Canon &amp; Co.</p>	<p><b>We have several residences in Big Springs for sale or trade.</b></p> <p>See or write us for anything in real estate.</p>	<p><b>160 Acres</b> 4 miles northwest from Big Springs, all smooth tillable land, no improvements. Price, \$12.50 per acre; good terms.</p> <p>If you want money to build homes, or buy. See R. B. Canon &amp; Co.</p>	<p>We have a 20,000 acre ranch, well improved, well watered, we can trade at \$4 per acre, and we have on the Concho River 1600 acres, 800 in farm, 800 acres irrigated, 150 in alfalfa, extra well improved, a bargain at \$50 per acre and will trade. See R. B. Canon &amp; Co.</p>
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Price \$65.00 per acre. 111 acres 3 miles east of Blum 80 acres in cultivation, 15 acres in orchard, all tillable land and well improved. Price \$50.00 per acre. 60 acres 3 miles southeast of Blum, 40 acres in cultivation, balance tillable, well improved. Price \$25.00 18 acre orchard 4 miles east of Whitney, composed of Peach.</p>	<p>Plum, Pears, Apples and Berries, all productive. Price \$1200.00 208 acres 10 miles northwest of Whitney, 180 acres in cultivation, balance tillable, 3 sets of good improvements. Price \$40.00 per acre. One 6 room house and 2 lots rented and located in Whitney, \$15.00 One 4 room house and two lots located in same place. Price \$1200.00. One 5 room house and two lots, same place. Price \$1500.00 One 9 room house and two lots located in the city of Waco on Columbus street. Price \$5000.00 One new ivory stable and two lots located in Whitney \$3000.00. All of the above to trade for Western land or merchandise. No. 13. 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W. 600 acres, 225 tillable, 125 cultivated, balance pasture, nice 5 room house with hall, gallery and brick flues, coiled papered and in a finished condition, plenty of water in pasture and at house in well. This is a desirable place to live, only one and half miles from Morgan, at the junction of two good railroads, fine school churches. Price \$25.00 per acre, will trade for good western land, with little or no incumbrance. 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