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Communication from The School Board.

As President of the Brackett Independent School Board, wish to extend to the Mother's Club, on behalf of the Board, our thanks for their kind offer of assistance in the employment of an additional Teacher in our School. And in connection desire to say that on account of business matters that required immediate attention it was impossible for me to be present at the meeting called for the purpose of consulting with the Board.

We appreciate the congested condition which existed in the primary room, and in order to relieve this condition, we had to either employ an additional teacher, or adopt some other plan. On account of our financial condition the former was out of the question, and the Board then decided to divide the attendance, having part of the pupils come to school in the morning, and the other half in the evening. This plan seems to be working to the best interests of all concerned; we understand from the Superintendent, and also from the teacher, that the children are doing much better work since dividing the attendance, and are well pleased with the results.

We have heard that there has been several complaints made about the method adopted, and wish to say to any one who feels that he, she or they are not receiving the full advantages which they think that they might be entitled to since adopting this method, or for any other reason we would appreciate very much that complaints be made to the Board and not to any individual.

The Board feels that it is capable of handling all questions pertaining to the well fare of our school, especially in the management, and in the selection of teachers. We do not desire however, to have it understood that we are opposed to suggestions pertaining to the welfare of the school, and we most earnestly ask the co-operation of the entire faculty, and the patrons of the school, for without it, no school can be a success.

O. F. Seargeant,
Pres. Brackett
Ind. School Board.

A Three Act Comedy Entitled "MISS TOPSY TURVEY"

is in course of rehearsal and will be presented at the School House Auditorium about Thanksgiving, for the benefit of the Episcopal Church.

Those in the cast are, Miss Edith Dudley, Miss Posey Gates, Miss Glenn Veltmann, Miss Tena Carter, Miss Martha Petersen, O. F. Seargeant, Dewey Seargeant, Chas. E. Reamer and Gordon McIntosh. "Golly, where ebber dat skal-e-wag ob a gal is, ebber t'ing just don' get topsy turby sure's yo' born."

Delaine Merino Bucks For Sale.

We have three hundred 2 and 3 year old Delaine Merino Bucks for sale at \$10.00 per head delivered at the ranch. Anyone wishing fine bucks address or phone.

Ernest Hamilton,
Del Rio, Texas

JOHN J. FOSTER,

Lawyer

Stock Shipment Claims a

Specialty

Del Rio, Texas

Jury List.

The following is a list of the Grand and Petit jurors summoned by Sheriff Perry for the November term of the District Court, and who will have to be present on Thursday morning November 5th at 9 o'clock:

GRAND JURY	
R. L. Lacy	W. Fred West
Chas. Gaebler	T. L. Sprout
J. F. Ray	F. J. Reming
Dave Jackson	Henry Schwandner
W. D. Dooley	Sam Harwood
Wm Lawson	H. Zinsmeister
Jeff McFatter	W. W. Jamison
J. E. Clark	Chas. Indlekofer
PETIT JURY	
G. T. McIntosh	T. W. Hansleman
T. J. DeRossett	Nath Cox
E. J. Smyth	A. L. York
D. Ohlmbush	M. Keplinger
J. A. Peebles	Dee Harwood
John Sheedy	J T Power
Frank Maddux	CH Neeley
Robt Whipkey	Chas Kieffer
Ben Jones	Herman Lehman
J F McCormick	Heury Schmidt
Fritz Poehler	R V Sauer
J H Elliott	Sibe Brooks
J H Gilder	W H Yancey
J F Hering	L P Brown
W R Jackson	Fred Weaver
W O Vincent	J C Castro
D T Lacey	A Lalley
J H Wallace	W G Miller.

FRANK LANE

ATTORNEY AT LAW

Stock Shipment Claims a Specialty
Office in Court House.

Resolutions Of Respect.

Whereas, the Angel of Death has entered the home of our Brother and Sister, Fred and Maud Ray, and God in His merciful providence has been pleased to call from its earthly dwelling, the spirit of their beloved father, James Ray, to a new and glorious home in Heaven, and Whereas, we feel the keen suffering visited upon them in this hour of trial, we do truly sympathize with them and their families in their great loss and sorrow.

Therefore, Be it Resolved; That Brackettville Chapter No. 60, O. E. S., extend to our Brother and Sister and their families our heartfelt sympathy and commed them to the care and protection of Him, to whom death for our sakes was a great and glorious heritage. May they remember that somewhere, sometime, we shall meet our loved ones again.

Be it further Resolved: That the Secretary hand to our bereaved Brother and Sister a copy of these Resolutions, and further that a copy be furnished the Brackett News-Mail for publication, and a copy be spread on the Minutes of the Chapter.

Offered this 19th day of October, 1914.

Daisy Stadler
Maud Hodges
W. W. Price

In the shade,
Some say that a pretty girl attracts less attention at a ball game than anywhere else.

Why The Youth's Companion Should Be In Every Family.

"If I could take only one paper," said the late Mr. Justice Brewer of the Supreme Court, "it would be The Youth's Companion—a little of everything in a nutshell, and unbiased." The Companion is a family paper in the completest sense. It provides reading that, without failing to interest the young, still interests the mature. It unites young and old through their common enjoyment of delightful fiction, agreeable miscellany, and the clear exposition of public questions.

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THE YOUTH'S COMPANION,
144 Berkeley Street, Boston Mass.

Our Soldier Boys

The Machine Gun platoon left last week for Ft. Clark, Troop E 14th Cavalry leaves on the 25th after about 15 months stay with us and Troop C leaves on the 12th

Edwin Hawley==

once messenger boy, later millionaire, said:

"When I made \$4.00 a week I saved 50c; when I got \$8.00 a week I put aside \$2.00. The time came when I had a tidy little sum in the bank. I have been saving ever since."

WHO SAYS THE LITTLE THINGS DON'T COUNT?

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prox, after about 8 months in our midst. They both go to Fort Clark. We regret to see these two troops leave us and it goes without saying that they will carry with them the best wishes of the people of Del Rio, particularly Troop E which has been here longest and whose admirable good conduct and gentlemanly deportment have won for the boys the esteem and respect of the entire citizenship. They have indeed dignified the uniform they wear.—West Texas News.

The finest and freshest fruit always on hand at the Henze Cafe,

A Home Builder.

W. O. Vincent was in town the past week from Spofford, where he is now located with his family and sending his children to school. He recently bought 84 acres of land down near the stock yard and is having Mr. A. L. York drill a well, which is now about 80 some feet deep with good prospects for water. Mr. Vincent says that if he gets a good supply of water he will begin building a home. If this well turns out bad he will drill on some other portion of his tract until he does strike it right. Mr. Vincent is truly a home builder for he has built homes in nearly every section of Kinney county.



Time to be buying a fall or winter suit. Our stock is complete and we have up-to-date styles to show you. We can also fit you with the latest styles in tailored made suits. A nice stock of Boys suits always on hand

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BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS

**GREAT DEEP WATER
JUBILEE AT HOUSTON**

MIDWAY, WHICH WILL BE CALLED "JUBILEE GROUNDS," THIS YEAR GREATLY ENLARGED.

GREAT ARRAY OF SHOWS

A Hippodrome Circus, Beautiful Girls on Trapeze, High School Horses That Tango, Elephants That Play Ball—Other Attractions.

The C. A. Wortham Shows which will furnish the amusements for the Deep Water Jubilee at Houston from November 7 to 15, inclusive, on the Midway, which is to be called the "Jubilee Grounds" this year, are very much enlarged over former seasons and are now conceded to be the largest and best organization of its kind in the entire world. The motto of the Wortham Shows has ever been cleanliness and morality and we are assured that the same policy will prevail this year as before. The management has never tolerated any of the rough or rowdy methods that one so often meets with at the carnival or street fair. Everything presented is either of an amusing, entertaining or educational nature. The group of shows and attractions that are presented this year are the pick of the carnival field. Mr. Wortham has made arrangements with the feature attractions with nearly every large reputable carnival organization to join him on his southern tour and will give to Houston the greatest array of shows that has ever been gathered together. Following are some of the feature shows that will be found on the "Jubilee Grounds": The principal attraction is perhaps the Hippodrome or Circus and it carries one back to the early days of Sells Bros. and John Robinson, when all of the attractions were staged in one ring arrangement, where everyone could see and hear, a welcome relief from the distractions of the big three-ring monster where one risks twisting the neck from his shoulders in an effort to miss nothing. The good old sawdust smell is there as well as the peanut and circus lemonade vendors in Mr. Wortham's circus, and the funny clowns, beautiful girls on the trapeze and roman rings, manage high schooled horses that tango, two-step and do a jig to the tune of "Turkey in the Hay." Elephants that play a game of baseball, and various other stunts that not only tickle the kids but the grown-ups as well, performing ponies and dogs that are clever enough to give a whole evening's entertainment by themselves will also be found in this big feature attraction. Wild Animal Show, where the lions and tigers perform, is an attraction that is always well patronized. Animal life holds a strong appeal to the fancy of the American public. Stories of the jungle are read with avidity, and there is a fascination associated with the adventures of the intrepid hunters who invade the domain of ferocious beasts and capture them for exhibition purposes that makes this form of entertainment ever popular. There isn't a question about Americans clamoring for something sensational at all times and one never can tell when the wild beasts are going to forget that they are supposed to play teeter-totter and build pyramids and do various other stunts and try and gain their liberty by pouncing on their trainer and perhaps kill a few of the assistants that rush to the trainer's assistance. It happens nearly every day, still the public clamors for it, and it is Mr. Wortham's desire to please his patrons. Every now and then some showman claims he has the best trained horse in the world; Mr. Wortham also does, and he backs up his statement with the intelligent equine called "Arabia." Miss Essie Fay, who owns this wonderful horse, has just terminated an engagement with the Universal Film company, where Miss Fay and "Arabia" performed before the camera in some of the most thrilling pictures ever filmed. If you have seen the "Perils of Pauline" you have witnessed "Arabia" perform some of his feats. "Arabia" at each and every performance given in his pavilion rescues a child from a burning building, goes to the postoffice, receives the mail and properly distributes it alphabetically, answers the telephone, selects colors as they are called for by the audience; in fact, does anything that any other so-called educated horse has done and then some. "Arabia" has no equal in equine intelligence and might easily be called the horse with the human brain. There is generally one show that appeals strongly to the feminine sex, and in this instance it is going to be a show called "Aurora," the performance consisting of fire, serpentine, calla lily and spectacular dances. Besides this, very pretty electrical entertainment, a series of art poses is introduced that are not only clever but original, and have never been seen with any carnival organization before.

The above is only a fair sample of the attractions that will be shown for the first time in Houston during the Deep Water Jubilee, and when one considers that there are 27 varied attractions that will be offered, it can be readily understood why Houston is claiming to have a bigger celebration than ever this year.

**TEN-YEAR-OLD
GIRL KNOWS
EIGHT TONGUES**

By ROBERT A. MOULTON



She is a clever dancer.

AMAZING have been the intellectual achievements of Winifred Sackville Stoner, Jr., a ten-year-old Pittsburgh girl, that investigators persuaded her mother and chief teacher, Mrs. Winifred Sackville Stoner, to write the whole story of the child's education in a book.

This unusual little girl is already prepared for college, in addition to studying astronomy and some other branches. She speaks eight languages; she can recite a thousand poems and she has written nearly five hundred poems and jingles herself. Winifred plays the piano well. With no lessons, except the game of "making up stories on the piano," she can read over a page of Schubert's "Serenade," close the book and play it accurately and with much expression. She can also hear a difficult selection played and so keen is her concentration she can immediately sit down at the piano and play it. Winifred draws well and paints admirably. Like Browning, one would imagine she will hardly know which to choose for her life work, music, art or writing, but she is very decided as to what she expects to do. Winifred is going to earn and buy and be the editor of a great children's magazine.

In tracing Winifred's development chronologically it may be said that she: Used polysyllables in conversation at the age of one year; read at the age of sixteen months; wrote her own name on hotel registers and began keeping a diary at the age of two; learned the musical notes and played simple airs on the piano and amazed adepts at spelling at three; learned the Latin declensions and conjugations as singing exercises and received a diploma in Esperanto at four; wrote stories and jingles for the newspapers, spoke eight languages, translated Mother Goose rhymes into Esperanto, learned the waltz, two-step and three-step at five; learned the outlines of Greek, Roman and Scandinavian mythologies at seven; composed a poem naming and locating all the bones in the human body at eight; and was elected president of the Junior Peace League of America at ten.

How can readers account for the fact that Winifred is a perfectly normal, happy child, romping, singing, loving and lovable, gay as the canary she is giving the freedom of the entire house and teaching to whistle and to keep perfect time to all the music that she whistles? Winifred has a hundred dolls. As fast as she learns anything she imparts it to her dolls and pets. She is ardently devoted to sports. She swims, races, plays ball, dances and physically she is as well as she is mentally. Her little muscles are strong as armor bolts. She is as large as an ordinary twelve-year-old girl and can walk five miles without the least fatigue.

Winifred's father is a colonel and a surgeon in the Marine hospital service of the United States. Now he is stationed at Pittsburgh. From him Winifred undoubtedly gets her splendid physical care, and she is a perfectly well child. She is practical, like her father, and possesses all her mother's love of art and music and the gift of writing. No less remarkable is the little girl's mother, Mrs. Stoner in her book, "Natural Education," seems to find nothing in little Winifred's development that might not be attained in any healthy, naturally bright child. If this is conceded for the sake of argument, it would have to be admitted that very, very few children would have the advantages of the extraordinary cleverness of a born teacher, such as Winifred's. In fact, Mrs. Stoner has employed methods peculiarly her own. It might be said that Mrs. Stoner has given ten years of constant labor to the education of her daughter, labor that was not merely constant, but that was intelligent and imaginative as well. For the whole secret of Winifred's learning has been the old spirit. Whatever she was taught,

WINIFRED AND SOME OF HER PETS



Riding her burro.



Mrs. Stoner and Winifred.

it came to her not as toil but as play. She lived in a land of fairies and giants and gnomes. In explaining her system, Mrs. Stoner starts out with the assumption that every child is born with a distinctive tendency or talent and that this will always bear fruit, if discovered and cultivated in babyhood. It is the mother's part to discover this in infancy and to try to develop it just as much as to keep its body clean and see that it has the proper food. The mother's obligation begins before birth and imposes upon her the duty of keeping herself so healthy and serene, both mentally and physically, that the baby will not have to start out with handicaps on its very first day.

Not being able to sing, Mrs. Stoner chanted the lines from Virgil's Aeneid to put the baby to sleep and taught the child's negro nurse to do the same. She declares that the meter is very soothing and that she has seen many another child yield to the soporific influence of "Arma virumque cano, Troiae qui primus ab oris." When Winifred was six weeks old her mother began reciting selections from the English poets. The baby's favorites seemed to be Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar" and Macaulay's "Horatius at the Bridge." By the time Winifred was a year old she could repeat "Crossing the Bar" and scan the first ten lines of the Aeneid. The mother invented a game in which she would roll a ball to the baby and say "Arma." Winifred would roll it back and say "Virumque," and in this way the Latin words and meter were fixed in the baby's memory.

From the very beginning the mother would carry her baby about the house, point out chairs, tables, etc., and pronounce their names carefully. She found it was just as easy to teach the baby to say "train" as to say "choo-choo car," and just as easy to teach her to say "dog" as to say "doggie." She surrounded the baby with colored pictures. To teach her colors Mrs. Stoner would take a box of variously tinted yarns. She would play she was "Mother Red," and baby would be "Mother Green," and they would look into the yarn for their children, those of green tints, of course, being the babies of "Mother Green."

Winifred's first toy was a red balloon, which was tied to her wrist where she could admire it. Each day thereafter for several weeks there would be a balloon of different color and shape, until the child speedily came to know whether a balloon was light, round, red, green and would go up and come down. She was never permitted to hear anything but the best English, although the mother was not flincky about vigorous, expressive slang. As soon as the child had learned to speak English reasonably well her mother began teaching her Spanish. By the time she was five she had learned to express herself in eight languages. Mrs. Stoner declares, however, if she had it to do over again she would teach Esperanto first.

Throughout all this preliminary instruction, Winifred was encouraged to take all the outdoor exercise possible, and soon was the peer of the boys of her age in the neighborhood at wrestling, or throwing or catching a ball.

From that time, Winifred's life became a prolonged play of the game of "Let's Pretend." Sometimes she and her mother would "be somebody" and often each would be herself and an alter ego. That is, Mrs. Stoner would play one minute that she was herself and the next minute that she was her dear friend Nellie and Winifred would alternate between being herself and her dear friend Lucy. In this way they often could get up rather a sizeable party when about to make some new exploration into the realm of knowledge.

Perhaps nothing is more illuminative in Mrs. Stoner's book than her account of how she taught the child mathematics. Winifred had failed to get any sort of grasp on the subject, she says, until the mother was in despair, fearing the child's mind might be lopsided. At a chautauqua meeting in New York, however, the mother met Prof. A. R. Hornbrook, a woman mathematics teacher, who soon put her on the right track.

Professor Hornbrook explained that Mrs. Stoner had been successful in teaching music, art, poetry, history and languages because she herself loved those studies and had failed to teach mathematics because she had not brought the "fairly interest" into it. She volunteered to send weekly outlines of work, which Mrs. Stoner was to employ according to her own ideas. Mother and child then began playing games with small objects, such as beans and buttons. These objects would be placed in a box and they would take turns drawing them out, to see which could get the most at a single grab. When helping the maid shell peas they would try to see how many peas there were in two or more pods. In this way rudimentary lessons in addition were taught.

To make greater progress they played parchesi with small dice and got practice from adding up the spots. First they used two dice, but finally they used five and Winifred was soon able to add all the spots without conscious effort. They played all sorts of games which would require simple addition and multiplication. In learning subtraction, they would have battles with tin soldiers and marbles, and whenever a "cannon shot" would topple over a given number of soldiers, Winifred was able to decide how many were left standing without stopping to count.

Cancellation became a battle, one of them playing the numbers on one side of the dividing line and the other playing the other. There never were any quizzes, because Winifred was taught to get results and was not taught rules. She learned the values of money by the actual use of coins and the values of market products by going to market herself. To learn pharmacists' weights and measures, Winifred played at keeping drug store and sold things to her mother. And so it went through the whole subject, until at last the girl became fascinated with the funny doings of Mr. X and got interested in algebra.

Winifred never suffered the humiliation of physical punishment. When she did well, the good Fairy Titania would hide goodies under her pillow and when she was bad the fairy failed to appear. If she was ten minutes tardy about some task, that meant ten minutes lost which had to be taken out of her next recreation time. She soon learned that offenses could bring about their own unpleasant consequences, while good behavior meant tangible reward. She was never permitted to stay at a single task when the point of fatigue had arrived.

A striking instance of Mrs. Stoner's methods, as well as an illustration of the child's intellectual bias, is the story of Winifred and the bumblebee. In her zeal to study the insect at first hand, she picked one up. The natural consequences followed. While she was yet suffering, Winifred described her experience in these lines:

One day I saw a bumblebee, bustling on a rose. And as I stood admiring him he stung me on the nose. My nose in pain it swelled so large it looked like a potato. So daddy said; but mother thought 'twas more like a tomato. And now, dear children, this advice I hope you'll take from me, And when you see a bumblebee just let that bumble be.

Like her mother, Winifred believes in woman suffrage. She has written several poems in behalf of equal franchise rights, which have been published in various newspapers and magazines. Her "Valentines for Suffragettes" are decidedly clever and have helped the cause.

**MRS. THOMSON
TELLS WOMEN**

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A Modern Disease. Old Jake woke up and rubbed his eyes as he gazed on the unfamiliar room. Then he remembered, and hopped out of bed. Fifteen years had he saved out of the meager wages given him by a grateful farmer, in order to visit London.

"Uncle," came his young nephew's voice at the keyhole, "mother says'll you come and set these marrer seeds, and see what you can do with the old black 'en what's got a bad leg?" Uncle and nephew soon entered the little back garden, when the old boy stopped short with amazement, and adjusted his glasses to gaze at the small figure on the grass plot, who was performing gymnastic feats.

"Does thy sister have fits, lad?" he asked, with concern. "No, uncle," replied the nipper with a grin, "them's gymnastic feats." "I'm sorry 'bout that," quoth the old chap. "As she 'ad 'em long?"—Answers.

An Emotionalist. "So you're hanging around broke again?" said the policeman. "Yes," answered Bill the Burglar. "I haven't a cent. I broke into a house night before last and the poor mark of a taxpayer told me such a hard luck story that he had me sheddin' tears an' lendin' him my last cent."

Pessimistic Opinion. "The good die young." "Perhaps it is just as well. They'd starve to death later."

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Austin Callan of the Del Rio Herald tried to borrow some money from one of the banks of that city evidently for he takes out on the cashier thushly:

There are still some other banking regulations which we would like to make. Inasmuch as our great government issues all the money, we want it fixed so a bank cashier can't be so blamed independent about making us a loan.

We are contemplating publishing a special Christmas edition beautifully illustrated in colors and will shortly call on our merchants to help fill up the advertising space. We must have the aid of every merchant in town to be enabled to get this edition out and hope that a liberal patronage will be accorded us.

What with the great war going on, the Mexican revolution still waging, Billy Bryan speaking making, cotton a drug on the market and the Grand Jury going into session next week, we are having busy times in Kinney County.

The hunting season will be on in full force Sunday and the fool killer is going to prompt you to drag your gun after you when you go through a barb-wire fence. Don't do it. Many hunters are killed that way, also by carrying loaded guns in buggies.

When the election is over with for the love of Mike let's get busy for the good of the community. There's roads to be built, streets to be repaired, the town to be cleaned up and a thousand and one things to be done that will help Brackett and Kinney County, and help you.

Next Tuesday you will cast your vote and in doing so remember that the welfare of Kinney County is to be entrusted to the officers elected for the next two years.

Question of the hour—were you ever too busy to collect your thoughts?—Hondo Anvil Herald. You bet. Once when we tried to propose to a peach of a girl.

"And he (Moses) removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not one."—Exodus 8, 31.

Carranza and Villa are still scrapping over who will get the largest slice of pie, and the poor people be damned.

The Marathon Hustler says: "Ain't this a good old world?" You bet it is and you just ought to see Kinney County.

Tomorrow is Halloween and we expect to see the goblins, fairies and other wierd kinds of things out in full force.

What with the election, District Court and Commissioners' Court on hand next week, we expect some real lively times in Brackett.

If the Germans would only allow themselves to be whipped we would have peace in Europe soon. Limburger.

If an eight months old calf is worth \$14 what will a yearling steak cost?

In the early days they swatted the fly. Do it now.

Local News

Who's game warden in Kinney County anyway?

Henry Smidt of the Pinto was in town Monday on business.

A little infant of Gabino Talamantez died Monday morning.

Fred Bitter was in from the ranch Saturday after a load of grub.

J. H. Elliott and Selan Breiten were in from the Cow Creek section Tuesday after supplies.

The weather has been cool and pleasant this week and everybody feels better, thank you.

A big bunch of hunters are preparing to shell the woods Sunday. Hide out you big bucks.

Vivas have rent the atmosphere this week and tore a big hole in it. Tuesday settles it thank, goodness.

Major J. M. Slator came in Monday from his ranch riding a dandy horse. He came in for a shave.

The oyster season is here and when you want some nice oysters fried, stewed or fresh, go to the Henze Cafe.

Albert Schwandner and son Henry were among the ranchmen in from the Nueces the early part of the week.

Judge A. L. Cashell of Live Oak was in town the early part of the week after supplies. Reports big rains out his way.

All liquors bottled in bond formerly \$1.50 per quart—now \$1.25 at the California Exchange.

The jurors summoned to attend Federal Court at Del Rio returned Monday evening the business before the Court having been transacted promptly, like Judge Maxey always does.

Our old friend Mr. Mark Riley, Superintendent of the San Marcos Fish Hatchery, expects to come out here shortly after November 1st, with fish for Billy Hudson and Wm. Lausen, which will be placed in lakes on Mud Creek and the Pinto. Mr. Riley will more than likely spend a few days hunting over his old stamping grounds.

It is with the deepest regret that we chronicle the serious illness of Mrs. Nathan McGovern. She has been ill since she and her husband and family returned from Hayden, Arizona, and her condition became so serious that it was deemed advisable to take her to San Antonio Saturday to undergo an operation. Her husband and Mrs. W. F. Holmes accompanied her but on examination by the physicians in that city an operation at this time was deemed hazardous and the party returned home Monday evening. At this writing Mrs. McGovern is resting easy and a host of friends are praying for her recovery.

R. W. Lane was here Monday from the Live Oak country after supplies for his rancho.

An infant of Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Gonzales died Saturday and was buried Sunday.

The recent rains have come just right for the farmers as the ground will be fine for winter plowing.

The "Star" guides you to the home of the best pictures in town. Come and see our excellent program.

Quite a number of Kinney County citizens went to Del Rio the first of the week as jurors at Federal Court.

One and one-tenth inches of rain fell Friday evening. A norther accompanied the rain but did not get very cold.

W. O. Vincent completed the erection of a 5000 gallon galvanized tank for Adolph Bitter Saturday at the latter's home on the Hill.

The famous "Royal Pilsner," one of the finest beers brewed, at the California Exchange.

"F" troop of the 14th left Clark Saturday morning for Camp Eagle Pass to relieve "H" troop which will come back to Fort Clark.

Harry Longcor says it rained so hard down in the Tequesquite country that he saw a brace of ducks bogged up, in a mudhole.

J. W. Nolan and Uncle Jerry Scherer were in from the Nolan hacienda the early part of the week, just scouting around a bit.

The Henze Cafe strives to please its customers in every way and its cleanliness is one of its attractions. Everything served is fresh and clean.

Our comedies are of the unusual, quiet humor kind; they are of the class that make you enjoy an evening, make you feel merry, yet never bore you.

Quite a lot excitement was created on Main Street Monday evening when a bum fell off of a bench where it had been asleep. It was not a German bum either.

It is and always has been our aim to give our customers the best there is in our line. Our popular program, increased attendance and attractions mark our shows as superior.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rose Jr. have a big man boarding with them now. He is a big, lusty looking chap and arrived Tuesday night. Frank says its funny to be called "Papa."

"Royal Pilsner" costs no more than other brands and is one of the finest and purest beers brewed. The California Exchange is the only saloon in town that handles it.

Capt. Gus Windus came in Saturday from the Big Bend country and staid over a day before going to Eagle Pass.

BAND CONCERT

Fort Clark, Texas 5:30 P. M. Sunday Nov. 1st, 1914, By The Fourteenth Cavalry Band.

March	T. P. G.	Henry
Overture	Mid-Summer Nights Dream	Mendelssohn
Selection	Lucia di Lammermoor	Donizetti
Idyl	The Forge in the Forest	Michaelis
Waltzes	Sounds from Erin	Bennet
Two Step	At the Devil's Ball	Berlin

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Fort Clark Notes

Troop G. has been waiting for some days to get away for Del Rio, exchanging with one of the Troops there.

Miss Bliss and Miss Jonas left last Thursday for Eagle Pass where they will pay a visit to Army friends.

Captain Smith and family will remove to Del Rio but will return in a few months when the troops shift again.

The monthly inspection and muster is scheduled for tomorrow Saturday morning and every body must be spick and span for this military formation.

The exchange of Troops at Del Rio has not as yet taken place owing to the recent heavy rains which have made the roads impassable in places.

The Post School for enlisted men will open next Monday and there are many who wish to avail themselves of the privilege afforded to correct their deficiencies.

Sergeant Roland took Chaplain Bateman and his son and son's wife out on a hunting trip recently in his new Ford car. All spent a delightful afternoon and got a small bag of ducks by the way.

Three days were consumed by F troop in reaching Eagle Pass so bad were the roads and weather. The trip is usually made easily in two days and the whole distance has been frequently covered by a march of one day.

The Post Exchange will soon move into the building now occupied as G Troop kitchen. This building faces the driveway leading into the Post from Brackettville and will be more convenient for all concerned.

Mr. Torry the genial representative of the G. A. Duerler Manufacturing Company of San Antonio was in the Post one day this week. He is a good advertisement for a candy factory. He looks as if he lived on candy but as a matter of fact says he does not eat candy at all himself.

The Chaplain is announced to speak at the High School this Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, beginning a course of informal lectures in Brackettville on great cities. He will tell the youngsters something about that dear New York as a starter.

Lieutenant Harold H. Bateman, Third Field Artillery, stationed at Fort Sam Houston, arrived in post last Tuesday, accompanied by his wife for a visit with his brother, Mr. Ralph H. Bateman and other members of his father's family. He will remain for a week or more.

It is reported that the detachment of the 14th Cavalry stationed at the bridge across Devil River had a narrow escape from drowning when a cloud burst put the stream out of its banks in a short time. The man at the pumping station also escaped by the skin of his teeth.

The Department Commander has issued an order about living up

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Spofford Locals

Dave Owen was in from the ranch Saturday.

Chas. Gaebler of the Las Moras was here Tuesday.

C. H. Neely attended Federal Court in Del Rio Monday.

Tom Perry of Brackett was here Friday on business.

J. K. Burr of the Burr ranch visited friends here Monday.

George Herzog of Brackett visited friends here Monday.

E. T. Long of the McDowell farm was here Monday on business.

Rev. W. H. Matthews of Del Rio preached here Thursday night.

S. C. Voigt and J. E. Clark of the McDowell farm were here Tuesday.

Judge W. C. Douglas of Eagle Pass was visiting friends here Saturday.

Jim Latham of Uvalde was the guest of Romus Salmon several days this week.

Arch Salmon left Monday for Uvalde and La Pryor where he will visit relatives.

E. M. Bell returned home Monday from a visit with friends in Houston and San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gay were in from the ranch Monday the guests of the Misses Curtis.

W. E. McDowell and Mas Liman of Lockhart spent several days on the McDowell farm this week.

Good rains fell over this section the past week insuring a good supply of stock water and winter grazing.

Mrs. T. J. Martin and daughter left Tuesday for Uvalde where they will be the guests of Mrs. H. G. Martin.

Mrs. M. C. Ott and daughter Miss Susie who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Martin at their home on the ranch, left Monday for their home in California.

Notice to Taxpayers.

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Kinney County that taxes for the year 1914 are now due and payable, and that taxes will be received until the 31st day of January 1915. If not paid by that time a penalty of 10 per cent will be added.

Tom Perry, Tax Collector,
Kinney County, Texas.

Hunters Attention.

The Silver Lake and Kruger pastures are posted according to law and all parties hunting, fishing, hauling wood or otherwise trespassing, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. All previous permits, either verbal or written, are hereby revoked.

11m J. T. Nolan.

"Trespass Notice."

My Survey No. 11, South of the Turkey Creek Mountain is posted and any one caught camping, hunting, cutting wood, hunting hogs or otherwise trespassing, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Miss V. Ross,
By J. E. Fritter.

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Commencing Wednesday Nov. 4 Lasting One Week.

WEDNESDAY

Drama—The Rajah's Vow
Drama—The Condoning Hand

THURSDAY

Comedy—Willie
Drama—Stopping the Limited

FRIDAY

Drama—The Downward Path.
Drama—Sweedy and The Lord.

SATURDAY

Comedy—The Mix up at Murphy's.

Comedy—Curing Mr. Goodheart.
Drama—The Horse Thief

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SUNDAY

Comedy—The Wheat and the Tares.

Comedy—Sherlock Bonehead.

MONDAY

Comedy—The Old Fire Horse.
Drama—When a Woman's 40.

Drama—Taken by Storm.

Felipe Castro.

The Angel of Death entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacinto Castro Sunday at 2:30 p. m. beckoned to little Felipe and his spirit took its flight to the home above. Felipe was 5 years old at the time of his death and he was a very bright child and beloved by all who knew him. He had only been sick a few days and his death came unexpectedly and as a shock to the family, for none had any idea that his condition was so grave.

His death is mourned keenly by his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Lindro Castro, who have had him under their care for a long time and almost raised him.

The funeral took place Monday

afternoon and the remains of the little one were laid to rest in the Catholic Cemetery. A large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends attended the funeral. The entire community joins the News-Mail in expressions of sympathy and condolence to the bereaved parents and relatives.

Played at Eagle Pass.

The Fort Clark-Brackett Base Ball team left for Eagle Pass on last Friday evening and returned Monday. They were to play one game Saturday and a doubleheader Sunday, but owing to the heavy rainfall the game Saturday was called off. The doubleheader was played Sunday, however, the 17th. Infy team winning both games, by the following scores:

First game 4 to 3. Batteries; Klien and Subalesky. 17th. Infantry, Lucas and Slater.

Second game 5 to 4. Batteries; Fort Clark-Brackett, Veltmann and Subalesky. 17th. Infantry, Lucas and Slater.

Lucas for the 17th. Infantry pitched two crackerjack games. All of the players speak in the highest terms of the many courtesies extended them and the good time they had while guests of the 17th. Infantry boys. Games had been arranged between the two teams to have been played on the Brackett diamond, but on account of the cold weather now prevailing they were postponed until some future date.

The Fort Clark-Brackett team has played 28 games this season, lost 7 and tied one. This is a splendid record, for the boys went up against picked teams all over this Western section.

Advertise in the News

to the game laws and every hunter who has a guilty conscience if there are such is wondering if some game warden has got next to his little game. The talk has had a good effect it is said to check those who find it hard to wait until the first day of November comes. The agony will soon be over for the hunters and will begin for the game itself.

The best catch of fish reported for a long time was caught by Sergeants Roland and French and Mrs. French in the Pinto Wednesday afternoon of this week. All the fish were bass and some of them were large not safe to say how large they were.

School Notes

Chaplin Bateman will speak at the school house this afternoon at 3:30 p. m. He will discuss "New York City." His next lecture will be "Washington." His plan is to discuss several of the larger cities of the United States and then some in other countries.

Mr. Lochte is organizing a company of Boy Scouts, which is a fine thing and should interest the boys.

This week we have "exams" again. We hope the students will do better this time.

We regret to announce that Florence and Robert Biegler have left us. They will attend school in Columbus, Ohio.

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With The Movie Makers.

Last Friday afternoon the people of our city and the Post had the opportunity of seeing real, genuine movie makers at their work, and a large crowd took advantage of the occasion. A large interested audience it was, curious, eager and interested.

About one thirty the first of the crowd began to take its way towards the Seminole reservation where pictures were to be made. The Vitagraph Company has secured a permit which was to be used in making a military drama, being finally burnt up.

The first pictures taken were those of troop of cavalry marching on the target practice grounds. Company "E" played the part of the rescuing soldiers in admirable style.

The real fun began when the director and camera man began to take pictures of the Mexicans which were pursuing an army officer. A large number of soldiers had been turned into imitation Mexicans and wore the loud and unmistakable insignias of old Mexico, a few of the genuine article being mixed in to give the picture a realistic taste.

A hot time was enjoyed by all who saw it and fun was the predominant feature. A few of the players were in a slightly confused state during the acting, but a good scene was taken.

Later pictures were taken of both Mexicans and soldiers advancing upon the hut wherein were other soldiers. Although it seemed to some of the spectators that the director was taking the scenes in a certainly confusing manner, at first the second sixth and so on, they did not trouble themselves much except to look.

The final feature of the evening and which had drawn the crowd was the burning of the hut. The roof having been well saturated with oil and gasoline, it easily took fire when one of the retreating pseudo-Mexicans hurled a blazing bunch of straw onto it. A flame instantly shot up and in a few seconds the whole of the flammable roof was in a blaze. Meanwhile the timely arrival of the soldiers and a messenger saved the besieged hero and his friend.

Many of our townspeople had never before seen how motion pictures were made, and they thoroughly enjoyed seeing a company at work. Darwin Carr, of famous mention, was the hero in the picture which was being taken and it was indeed a pleasure to see a good actor work.

We are glad to note the interest which the citizens of our city have taken in the Company and we certainly hope that they will assist said company in whatever manner they are able. Now many of those being taken can seat themselves in the show and watch the actors and actresses move on the screen no longer wondering how they can be reproduced, but enjoying that which they know something about.

A regrettable accident happened just after the pictures had been taken. Mrs. Meyers and Mrs. Brady, both of Fort Clark, were seated in a government wagon. A sudden start threw both of the ladies out, Mrs. Meyers sustaining an injury to her ankle.

Earlier in the day a soldier was thrown from a horse and received injuries on the arm.

For Biliousness and Constipation take Holmes Casca Compound Pills.

Chas. Kartes.

Chas. Kartes, of Brackettville, died on Friday of last week of a brief illness. Mr. Kartes was a well known newspaper man and lived all of his life in Texas. He was for two years of district and county clerk of Kinney county. He was a this man, and a good citizen, and his loss will be deplored in the community in which he lived. In the past two years he had been assistant editor of the Brackettville News-Mail. Our sincere sympathies go out to the bereaved ones.—Eagle Pass News-Guide

A New Game Law.

A new game law that should be passed by all states would contain the following: Book agents may be shot between October 1, and September 1; spring poets from March 1 to June 1; automobile speed demonstrators from January 1 to January 15; amateur hunters from September 1 to February; war talkers in closed season: any man who accepts a paper for two years and then, when the bill is presented, says he never ordered it, may be killed on sight and shall be buried face downward in quicklime so as to destroy the germs and prevent the spread of infection.—Ex.

Our own Cold Tablets will cure your cold.—Holmes Drug Store.

Fritter-Odem.

Last Wednesday morning Sam Fritter, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Fritter of this city, was married to Miss Carrie Odem, of Sinton, in the last named city.

The wedding took place in the Catholic Church at Sinton and was a quiet affair, only immediate relatives being present. Miss Susie and Hancock Fritter attended the wedding from here.

Sam, who is a jolly and friendly young man, is a handsome youth and is one of Brackettville's most promising young men. He has been employed for some time in the Sinton State Bank and has made good at his task.

The bride is the pretty and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Odem, of Sinton, and whose father is a prominent Banker and stockman in the city.

The News-Mail wishes Sam and his young bride the very best of luck and hopes they will live to enjoy a long, happy married life.

Fort Clark.

Some one in San Antonio entertained the thought that since the Mexican war has been settled (?) that it would be a wise idea to remove the troops from the border and also from Fort Clark.

Fort Clark is 18 miles from the border a little closer, we think, than Fort Sam Houston. It is

fine water supply, best of the State, healthy air, and a good location. The Mexican trouble over, and won't be so way even if it was, be the idea of taking away from Clark? What would ween now and the Mexican war ceases may have secured a excuse.

one of the tracing and location. Any that would the troops perhaps betime the d someone hatched-up

A Good Man Gone.

Charles Kartes, a Rio citizen, but for the ber of years a resident of Texas News.

And here's a tear in the memory of dear type, be- sincere, old Char- untimely come to personal as a re- the last

Charley was raised in and knew and was K almost everybody in Kin

He was a lifelong neev, Val unities. spaper time as county. s, and owners

He worked for foreman on the Del R News and was severa

These exercises will be Friday, February 19th, at Everyone is cordially

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YOUNG MEN

Perhaps you do not think it possible to start account with your small wages.

Perhaps you only receive eight dollars a week present and think you must use all that.

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Peace be with him!

WILL EASTERLING.

The Star Engine Room.

Last week we made a visit to the Star theater and took a look at the engine room attached to the Star and which furnishes electricity for the entire building.

It is a neat looking place and one which does credit to the building and the efficiency of its proprietors. Both of the engines and dynamos are placed on concrete bases, the distance between both engines and dynamos being sufficient to enable the caretaker to work in between without danger.

Electric lights are placed over each engine, before the indicator and near the tool shelf. Everything is handy and can be seen. It looks nice and real, good engine room fixed up in the latest up-to-date style.

Strayed.

Strayed—two heifer branded U.A. on the left liberal reward will be paid return of these heifers to J. G. Mangan, Fort Clark.



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LEGATES IN CONVENTION

Villa Wants Diplomatic Corps to Come into His Territory, While Carranza Desires Them to Hold Sessions at Vera Cruz.

Washington.—Efforts of General Venustiano Carranza to establish Vera Cruz as the capital of Mexico and compel the diplomatic corps in the City of Mexico to go there were discussed by officials and foreign diplomats at the gravest development of the Mexican situation.

Wilson conferred at the White House with Acting Secretary Lansing on the state department and its understanding of Carranza's disapproval of the inconvenience to the diplomatic corps in the City of Mexico.

Advices to the Villa agency Sunday said General Villa had arrived at Irapuato, 100 miles north of the City of Mexico, and from that point was directing an extensive campaign which has for its object the capture of Tampico and the domination of the northern half of Mexico.

That General Villa would invite the diplomatic corps to come into the territory controlled by him as a counter move to the invitation issued by Carranza for the diplomats to go to Vera Cruz was indicated in some of the advice reaching Washington.

The Carranza agency issued a statement giving the list of original delegates to the convention at Aguascalientes who are either dead, in hiding or missing and those who are supporting the various chiefs.

The Carranza list claims that eleven now support Villa, fifty-five are aligned with Carranza, sixteen are with Emilio Guzman, twenty-five with Zapata, twenty-seven are unaccounted for, the whereabouts of eight are unknown, and about of eight are unknown, and two are in prison and one is dead.

Jesus Davila Sanchez is reported to have been killed in the Carranza territory. Enrique Llamas, the Villa representative, Sunday explained the discrepancy.

DOELS IN FRANCE

Latest War News From the Front. With the German and Russian emperors as eyewitnesses, the armies of Russia and Germany are still contending for positions which protect the Polish capital of Warsaw from the invaders.

The Russian emperor, in his address to the Russian people, announced that the Russian army has actually joined the Polish troops in their fight.

Disclosed as to the battle, which, when the Russian received, was unabated fury.

According to Saturday's official statement, the Russian troops in their positions on the western bank of the Bzura river, which they had crossed near its mouth and captured another German vantage point. They also captured a long line of German trenches near Borjimow, which has been the center of most desperate fighting.

In East Prussia another big battle is developing, the Germans having sent reinforcements apparently from their Bzura front to that region. In their Carpathians, while their right is advancing, the Russians are only able to report that their left has checked the Austro-German offensive.

The fighting in the west is merely a repetition of that of the preceding days. There have been lively artillery duels and a few infantry attacks in which both sides claim to have gained some ground.

No further fighting in Egypt is reported. The Turkish account of that which has already occurred there refers to it as an encounter of vanguards and adds that the battles are still in progress. This probably is a delayed announcement.

The Italian report of the return of Iron Burian, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, from his visit to the German emperor, says that the Austrian cabinet found the results satisfactory.

to Roumania... Turkey has at last given Italy satisfaction for the Hodeida incident. The British consul has been released and the Italian flag saluted.

The Turks at last have made a definite attack on the Suez canal, but after a sharp fight they were driven off with heavy losses.

After a fruitless attempt made on Tuesday night to bridge the canal near Toussoum they returned to the attack early Wednesday morning with a force estimated at 12,000 strong and six batteries of artillery and essayed to get across the waterways on rafts.

The British force, however, was waiting, and the invaders were forced back, leaving about three hundred prisoners in the hands of the defenders. A considerable number of the Turks were killed and wounded. The British lost fifteen killed and fifty-eight wounded.

The attack also was renewed by the Turks at Elkantara, but this met with no greater success than the other attempt, the Turkish losses in killed, wounded and prisoners numbering upward of a hundred.

The New Zealand contingent, and presumably the Australians, took part in the battles, the New Zealanders having two casualties. Compared with the battles in Poland and the Carpathians, this is a mere flash, but as the New Zealanders are receiving their share of the five in Egypt, and as there is interest in the attempts of the British to move a big army across the desert, the operations in that part of the world are attracting a great deal of attention.

The arrival of the Russian advance of the Russian army against the Carpathians... Warsaw has culminated in a desperate fight. Recruits after regiment, has been flung against the Russian lines, and both sides claim to have inflicted heavy losses on their opponents, and each reports progress.

In the west the artillery continues to play the major part. According to official reports, are in the side makes occasional attacks, which are usually repulsed.

The surrender of Lieutenant Colonel Kemp and other rebels who have been receiving arms and support from the Germans in Southwest Africa, and with whom they have recently quarreled, and the expected surrender of Lieutenant Colonel Maritz, who has been able to remain in the field by the same means, probably will bring to an end the South African rebellion.

An Italian expeditionary corps, composed of 20,000 men, destined to occupy the Albanian coast of Durazzo and its vicinity, is being concentrated at Bari, an Italian city on the Adriatic, near Brindisi.

CONDENSED

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Gov. James E. Ferguson... announced his appointments... Among these are...

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The Decatur city council... asked the citizens to pass on a \$7,000 bond... issue for the purpose of liquidating...

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DELEGATES IN CONVENTION

Villa Wants Diplomatic Corps to Come into His Territory, While Carranza Desires Them to Hold Sessions at Vera Cruz.

Washington.—Efforts of General Venustiano Carranza to establish Vera Cruz as the capital of Mexico and to bring the diplomatic corps in the City of Mexico to go there were discussed by officials and foreign diplomats at the gravest development of the Mexican situation.

Wilson conferred at Laredo with Acting Secretary Lansing of the state department and it was understood that the American government would point out to Carranza its displeasure at the inconvenience to the diplomatic corps in the City of Mexico.

Advices to the Villa agency Sunday said General Villa had arrived at Irapuato, 100 miles north of the City of Mexico, and from that point was directing an extensive campaign which has for its object the capture of Tampico and the domination of the northern half of Mexico.

That General Villa would invite the diplomatic corps to come into the territory controlled by him as a counter move to the invitation issued by Carranza for the diplomats to go to Vera Cruz was indicated in some of the advices reaching Washington. At the state department no further news of the differences between General Carranza and the diplomatic corps was received.

The Carranza agency issued a statement giving the list of original delegates to the convention at Aguascalientes who are either dead, in hiding or missing and those who are supporting the various chiefs. The Carranza list claims that eleven now support Villa, fifty-five are aligned with Carranza, sixteen are with Eulalio Gutierrez, twenty-five with Zapata, twenty-seven are unaccounted for, whereabouts of eight are unknown, four were killed in battle, five assassinated, two are in prison and one—General Jesus Davila Sanchez—is neutral, although his whereabouts is not given.

Edrique Lorente, the Villa representative, Sunday explained that the Carranza agency had been the principal cause of the delay in the part of those countries.

Turkey has at last given Italy satisfaction for the Hodeida incident. The British consul has been released and the Italian flag saluted.

The Turks at last have made a definite attack on the Suez canal, but after a sharp fight they were driven off with heavy losses.

After a fruitless attempt made on Tuesday night to bridge the canal near Toussoum they returned to the attack early Wednesday morning with a force estimated at 12,000 strong and six batteries of artillery and essayed to get across the waterways on rafts.

The British force, however, was waiting, and the invaders were forced back, leaving about three hundred prisoners in the hands of the defenders. A considerable number of the Turks were killed and wounded. The British lost fifteen killed and fifty-eight wounded.

The attack also was renewed by the Turks at El Kantara, but this met with no greater success than the other attempt, the Turkish losses in killed, wounded and prisoners numbering up to a hundred.

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The surrender of Lieutenant Colonel Kemp and other rebels who have been receiving arms and support from the Germans in Southwest Africa, and with whom they have recently quarreled, and the expected surrender of Lieutenant Colonel Maritz, who has been able to remain in the field by the same means, probably will bring to an end the South African rebellion.

An Italian expeditionary corps, composed of 20,000 men, destined to occupy the Albanian coast of Durazzo and its vicinity, is being concentrated at Bari, an Italian city on the Adriatic near Brindisi.

PLATFORM DEMANDS TO BE CONSIDERED

TEXT BOOK BILL AND LAND MEASURE BEFORE SENATE AND HOUSE THIS WEEK

SOME NEW MEASURES UP

Branches of the Texas Legislature There Are Many Measures Awaiting Consideration, Etc.

Austin, Tex.—Platform demands will be considered in both houses of legislature this week. The Ferguson and tenant bill, with favorable committee reports in each branch, will be taken up on the floor of the house this week. The bill to require text books to be printed in Texas, a proposal that Governor Ferguson made one of the salient issues of his campaign, will be heard by the committee on education.

Mr. Blalock: Providing for the establishment of five junior agricultural colleges.

By Messrs. Furrh and Blalock (by request): Limiting the jurisdiction of the supreme court in order to relieve congested docket; increasing final jurisdiction of appellate courts.

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By Mr. Bee: Increasing salary of commissioner of labor statistics to \$3,000.

By Mr. Colwell: Increasing pay of county commissioners when acting as ex-officio road commissioners.

By Mr. Darwin: State department of charities and correction bills, similar to house bill previously offered.

By Mr. Hall: Matagorda county stock law.

By Mr. Bailey of De Witt: Taking from corporation courts in cities of less than three thousand the right to try cases in which justice courts have jurisdiction.

New house bills: By Mr. Hill et al: Suspending enforced collection of taxes until Oct. 1, 1915.

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To agitate the matter of school election for school improvements in C. business league has appointed a committee.

Contract has been awarded to the Corpus Christi cause the mouth of the Nueces by Corpus Christi and Port length of the bridge will be three-quarter miles, with 19 feet inside of the curb, total cost will be \$165,000.

Gov. James E. Ferguson announced his appointments to the state boards. Within a few days the others will be named. Among these are the state board, on which the Hon. Mrs. H. Baldwin of Houston and Mrs. Jonathan Houston will be two members.

Damages estimated at \$100,000 were caused by a fire that destroyed the Stewart Transfer and company at Fort Worth. Furniture, \$3,000 worth of new ten Princess automobiles used at \$500 each, were burned and was partially covered by insurance.

R. L. Ellis, former Dallas tax collector, submitted to the fiscal year ending November 30, 1914. The report shows that a total of \$762,703.14 was collected for the county.

The general belief in Austin is that the Lewelling amendment rule was adopted providing that no "approprations" shall be considered during the session.

Efforts of the representative western Texas to obtain adequate representation in legislature and in congress, when Senator John county introduced a joint resolution providing for the creation of four senatorial districts in panhandle and western Texas, now represented by Senators Brelsford and Johnson.

The murder of the old man, "Wilkinson," by the sheriff, was a shrewdly planned deed.

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Four alleged bank robbers came to grief in Houston after employees of the Guaranty State bank had been locked in the vault and that institution had been looted. Within an hour after a man had departed with about \$5,000 of the funds of the bank, four men were corralled by three police officers in a room two miles from the scene of the robbery and a desperate battle ensued within the room in which three of the men were badly wounded, and the fourth nearly unconscious, from a blow from a heavy pistol. Spread out on the bed was \$4,489 in currency which the men were evidently about to divide.

The Decatur city council has asked the citizens to pass on a \$7,000 bond issue for the purpose of liquidating some of the city's indebtedness and supply the street fund with a sufficient amount to properly care for the streets.

House appropriations committee acted favorably upon the Hill bill appropriating \$25,000 for expense of the railroad commission in preparing to oppose the railroads' application for increased freight rates.

The Barnhart Mercantile company is beginning to run its peanut butter at De Leon. There has been about 250,000 bushels of peanuts marketed and at a low estimate, there will be 50,000 more put on the market. A great many have been fed to hogs.

Waxahachie dealers announce that mules valued at \$65,000 have been shipped from Waxahachie during the last few months to Great Britain for use on the battlefields in the European war.

Temple contractors expect to start active paving operations in connection with the asphaltic concrete, recently awarded by the city on Feb. 1, if weather conditions will admit.

General William R. Hamby, civil war veteran, and prominent in finance, politics and society, died at his home in Austin after a short illness of pneumonia. He had been a resident of Austin for 40 years, and was born in Tennessee 70 years ago.

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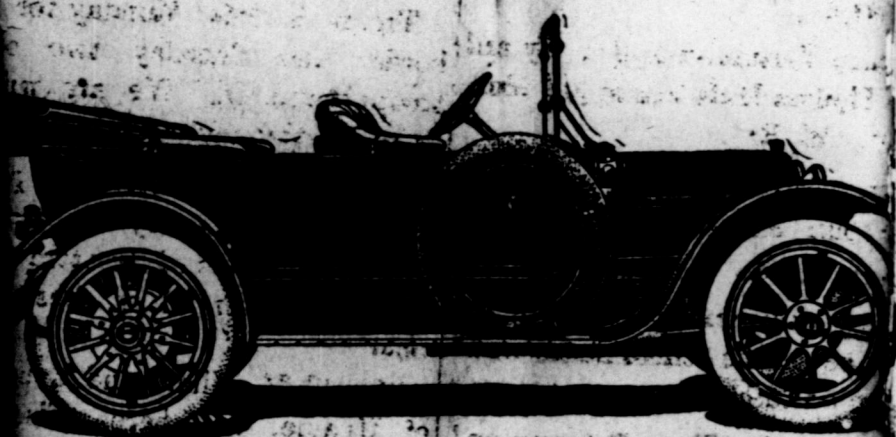
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A New Garage.

Henry Veltmann, proprietor of Veltmann Stables, will begin building a new garage on the site of his present stables. O. Vincent has secured the contract for the building and will commence operations at once. The building will be a large one, designed to accommodate the large business Mr. Veltmann does. It will be of a size of 60x80 feet, including both office and shop. The garage is 20x20 and the shop will be 30x40. The building will be built with rugged iron thus making it practically fireproof. This new garage will be built on the site of the present sheds which will be moved to the back of the stables. The garage will supply a long wanted not only to the town people but to the many travellers and automobilists who come through here. Brackett takes one more step forwards. Who is next?

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Spofford Locals

E. M. Bell visited friends in Brackett Tuesday.

T. Cargyle of Fehlis was here on business Monday.

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J. M. Slator and son Coleman of the Slator ranch visited friends here Sunday.

F. O. Long and daughter visited friends in Brackett Monday.

F. O. Long attended Commencement Court in Brackett several days this week.

E. S. Salmon and J. T. Green were transacting business in Brackett Monday.

Mrs. T. J. DeRossett and Miss Eula Deal of the Las Moras visited friends here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Dial and children of the West ranch visited friends here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clamp and son visited relatives in Brackett several days this week.

Miss Bessie Zuehl spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Zuehl returning to the Las Moras School Sunday evening.

Notice.

The public is hereby notified that hunting will be strictly prohibited upon my tract of 760 acres of land, known as a part of the old Furnish Ranch, except by special permission in writing, either from myself, or from parties residing upon the premises 915 W. E. McDowell.

occasion. These exercises will be held Friday, February 19th, at 2 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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The school will celebrate Arbor Day. Some trees will be planted. A program will be arranged for the day.

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CHAPTER I In Search of Gold.

STRANGE things breed in the deserts of southern California—some of them beautiful, some of them symbolic of audacious and terrible thirst. There are three thirsts in this world: That for wealth; the one for life; greatest of all, the thirst for love.

The first and the last expression of our civilization is the locked door, and from the time the primal carpenter laid down his tools and went within his rude house the door has stood for all time a defense and an opportunity. In the long vista of life we find many locked doors and gates—doors to happiness, to life and to love.

Fancy to yourselves thirsty men knocking with seared knuckles on these doors. Then realize that sooner or later experience tells them that they cannot enter without a key. "Who holds the 'master key' to all these locked doors?" we cry.

This was the silent question in the hearts of two men, wearily struggling through the sage brush toward the sharp ridges of the San Jacinto mountains in southern California.

"I wonder," said Thomas Gallon, referring his prospector's guide, "whether we will find that gold—the gold the Indians told us about. Yes, I must find that gold."

"You don't seem to realize that you have a partner," snarled Wilkerson. "You are always talking about I—I—I. Haven't I got a share in this? Haven't I dug up money? And yet you don't seem to think that I've any concern in this matter."

"Excuse me, partner," said the other man, fixing his dim gaze on the mountain. "I'm always thinking of that girl of mine. You know she's in school, and she's got to have a good education, and I've got to work to pay for it. Excuse me, partner; you know I did not mean it that way, but when I remember her mother—" He broke off abruptly, and both men stopped.

"Her mother?" asked Wilkerson.

"Yes, her mother," choked Gallon. "The girl deserves the best there is in this world. I'm all she's got, and, by heavens," he shook his fist toward the distant blue hills, "she shall have it if I have to tear that mountain apart with my finger nails."

"Well," said Wilkerson impatiently, "let's camp. I'm thirsty."

They stopped in the shade of the fallside of the Yucca and made their camp for coffee, but before the water well started Wilkerson took the water bag and took a drink. His companion suddenly stopped.

"What's the matter?" he asked sternly. "That water is clear to the moon."

"I guess this is a draft," Wilkerson said, shaking his head back and forth. "I'm not worried. Don't you see, on San Jacinto peak? It rains down every ravine."

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He heard that light whisper and dropped his gaze to the ground. A moment later he was furiously hammering at the outcropping of rock that threw its sharp shadow down the hill. Wilkerson turned slyly in his sleep.

"I wonder where the old man is," he muttered to himself. "He's always prowling round o' nights."

What was that figure slinking across the hill? Something in his partner's attitude as he stopped directly in the full moon of the moonlight made a pause.

"He's got something," he thought. "Why does he not come down?"

He pulled out his revolver and fired at the man.

A few moments later Gallon came camp, heavy footed, as if he had dropped his hammer and kicked fire to a blaze.

"If I had a proper partner," he said, "I would be coffee for me," he said in a loud enough to reach the sleepers.

"What's the matter, old pal?" asked Wilkerson, apparently drowsy.

"Nothing," said Gallon. "I thought you might have left some gold."

"Did you find anything, did you?" asked Wilkerson.

"Nope; nothing doing. Guess the Indians did not give me the right hunch."

Wilkerson turned over as if he was going to sleep, but his eyes were open, and he saw Gallon mark down some notes on a piece of paper.

"Did you say the Indians did give you the right hunch?" Wilkerson asked suddenly. "How often have you got to tell you're partners. I believe if you got a strike you would tell me. Are we partners or not?"

"Yes; we're partners all right. I haven't found anything."

"What was that stuff you had your hand?" asked Wilkerson drowsily. "You're always bringing me a lot of dirt and looking it over, but notice you kind of keep that dirt your hand."

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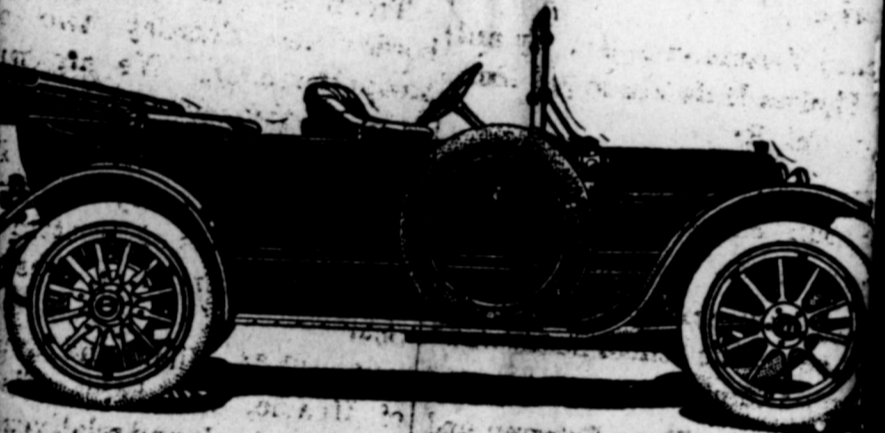
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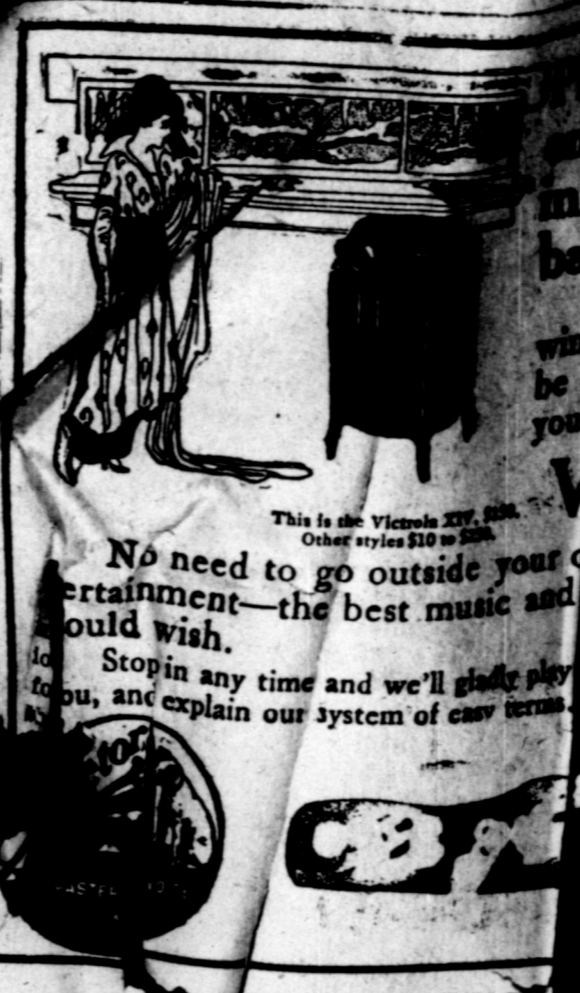
The books which were to be secured with the funds received from the lecture have been sent for. This will add good reading material to the lower grades.

The school will celebrate Harbor day. Some trees will be planted. A program will be arranged for the day.

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...me guy told us that if the
...ermans would put hamburger on
...the end of their bayonets when
...they charged that the Allies would
...all fall dead. Another fellow said
...if the British would offer the
...Dutch tea, the Irish throw
...and the French make
...la mode that the D... had
...scared stiff... Yep,
...to do in... on that
...but perhaps there would be less
...ushed.

The Brackett News-Mail of last week contained an obituary to the memory of Charles Kartes, who, in 1900 in company with Mr. DeWitt, at present P. M. in Brackett, assumed control of the Del Rio Farm and Stock Record and later was connected with W. C. Easterling in the newspaper business here. Deceased is kindly remembered by the older citizens of Del Rio.—Del Rio News.

Chas. Kartes, for many years in the newspaper game in West Texas, and for the past two years with the Brackett News-Mail, died in Brackett last week. His loss is not mourned by his relatives but by the entire newspaper fraternity in West Texas. Mr. Kartes was an able writer and a successful newspaper man. May he rest in peace.—Kendall County Leader.

It makes us laugh to hear Fort...
...Houston state her claims for...

Local News

Last Trey-O-Hours tonight.
A mexican wedding will occur Sunday.
Dont forget that Lent begins next week.
Stationery—Complete line at Holmes Drug Store.
Dont forget the Master Key begins next week. Read the story.
John Sheedy was in town the first part of the week on business.
Post Cards—10000 new ones just received at Holmes Drug Store.
J. C. Hybarger, of San Antonio, was in our city Wednesday evening visiting friends.
For men and women silk hose go to John Steffin, of the Farmers Dry Goods Company.
... Schwandner was in our...

THE BRACKET NEWS-MAIL BRACKETVILLE.

The City Blouse, and Others



THE blouse for general wear is made of several materials besides those reliable cotton or linen wash fabrics which always have been and always will be good. Just now crepe de chine, which washes beautifully, and cotton or wool crepes are put into requisition and have proved themselves useful and afforded a means of variety as well.

The pretty blouses of crepe de chine are made in white and light colors, cut rather plain, and are usually decorated with sprays of embroidery in self color, very sparingly used. Collars of fine batiste, and sometimes cuffs of the same, make the prettiest finish for them. Sleeves are long and necks high, although it remains to be seen whether the high collar will hold its own or give place to the high necked gumpie. A detachable high collar is far more practical than the blouse and collar in one. The latter has to be washed as soon as the collar becomes soiled, which is much too soon for the good of the blouse.

A pretty blouse is shown in wool crepe showing shades of yellow, brown, gray and fine lines of black. It has a yoke and has long sleeves of collar of batiste finish. Such a waist will wear without needing to be washed.

Printed chiffons are stier waists and are laces into the lovely brodered volles are lasting than chiffons. sheer, fine, lacy-looking will last long enough and decoration, fine all fabrics the best.

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...your favorite music for

Agent.

J. T. Green, of Spofford,
...ounty seat visitor Monday.
Holmes White Pine and
...ough Syrup and stop that

Sheedy was in town the
...part of the week on a business
...trip.

Veltmann and family and
...Thelma McIntosh spent Sun-
...Del Rio.

Perry returned Saturday
...San Antonio where he had
...on a trip.

young mexican folks enjoyed
...at the school house audi-
...on Monday.

Mrs. Hans Peterson and
...as, Reamer visited friends
...Rio Sunday.

The Mexican sheepshears are
...leaving town this week for
...their work.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Long were
...in our city Sunday in their car
...visiting friends

Jewelry—Complete stock at
...Holmes Drug Store and every
...article guaranteed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Barksdale,
...of Standart, were county seat
...visitors last Tuesday.

For something warm to drink
...these cold nights try the Henze
...Cafe. Hot coffee or chocolate
...served any time.

The famous "Royal Pil-
...sner," one of the finest beers
...brewed, at the California Ex-
...change.

Mr. E. M. Bell, of Spofford,
...dropped into town Tuesday and,
...as usual, made the News-Mail his
...headquarters.

There will be no full moon in
...February, the first event of its
...kind to happen in many a year.
...Look it up.

Mrs. F. Nelson and daughter
...were visiting Mrs. Nelson's daugh-
...ter, Mrs. Jim Boone, and will
...remain here all summer.

Troop E left Monday for
...border and Tuesday two of
...troops came in. We are will-
...ing to let anything go at that rate.

The Henze Cafe strives to please
...its customers in every way and
...cleanliness is one of its attractive
...features. Everything served is fresh
...and clean.

Mrs. T. M. Milam and daughter
...of Uvalde, are here this week
...visiting friends and relatives.
...Milam is a sister of Mrs. Camp.

Wm. Lawson and family
...were here this week. Mr. Law-
...son is to attend the County
...Commissioners Court which
...opens Monday.

A good play is worth
...gold and a bad one
...costs money.

"How far," he thought, "pre-
...finitely to himself, "has the old man
...gulf is this? What place is this? He
...have it?" He still watched the pencil
...and saw him trace in red letters:
..."This will make you happy."
...That moment Gallon saw Wilkerson
...smiling at him.

Smiles and tears, sorrow and laugh-
...ter have made this world what it is,
...of Wilkerson stirred Gallon to his
...depths. Did Wilkerson know? Had
...gold that he had found after all these
...years? Wilkerson had peered over his
...shoulder. Wilkerson! Wilkerson! Wil-
...kerson! There must be no Wilkerson!
...He pulled out his revolver and fired
...at the man smiling at him from the
...shadow.

Wilkerson emptied his revolver at
...the old man. But Gallon's trained eye,
...backed up by his overmastering pas-
...sion, had directed his weapon too sure-
...ly. Wilkerson realized that his ene-
...my's bullet had gone home.

Still with the blood last in his heart,
...Gallon pulled out the picture of a little
...girl and passionately kissed it.

"You look like your mother, Ruth,"
...he whispered.

But while he was yielding to this
...queer tenderness his former partner
...was struggling to his feet—dizzy with
...pain, absolutely covered by the shock of
...finding himself physically helpless, yet
...driven by instinct to find other human
...beings. Where were they? There was
...no sound on the desert except the
...rustling of the dry leaves of the
...yuccas and the murmur of the cactus
...two minds. One desire was to find the
...location of the gold. The other was to
...save his own life and avenge the bit-
...ter fast which he knew meant death.

At last he stumbled to his feet and
...peered across the vast, yel-
...low valley.

Far away he saw a light. Gathering
...all his strength, he started toward it,
...for it had out to him the prospect of
...help for his physical injury, and as he
...tingered his revolver he feverishly
...dreamed of finding Gallon and so
...avenge himself.

Under the stars he tripped on. As
...men see their rest world in miniature
...and their ideal world in miniature
...all do the moon, heading its light
...down upon his path, did not appear
...within his range of vision. It was
...only the little pin points of stars in
...the purple black sky that he discerned
...and in the midst of the moment, as
...if horizons had been lifted, he
...saw a solitary twinkling light, which
...meant a human habitable place.

"I'll get him yet," he
...uttered thick-
...ly. The mere act of
...died in his throat. He
...had no water, and
...thirst burned in his
...throat.

"I can't make it," he
...thought to him-
...self.

"Get your horses, be-
...cause it clear across the mesa, or
...thirst, symbol of his und-
...For the moment he did not
...to answer. Then he recov-
...and said quietly, "I was going
...and said quietly, "I was going
...into the eyes of the man op-
..."I was going to save all I had
...get much, and he is consid-
...ly smart fellow," was the
...response. "Here comes the sh-
...In the west their ordinary
...deeds, not words. Appeared
...and then the bulky figure of
...off. This man wasted no t-
...liminaries, but quickly roan-



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