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## Board Will Send Representative to Investigate Irrigation Project

### More Promises Made to Citizens Is All New York Company Offers

About two dozen citizens heard Stephen R. Jones, of New York, and M. F. Treadwell, of San Angelo, representatives of the company which supplies light, power and ice to this city, make promises and more promises to do all any people could wish for, and then some, in a "mass meeting" held at the court house Wednesday afternoon.

Judge J. W. Powell called the meeting to order and introduced the two representatives of the corporation. In stating the object of the meeting Judge Powell said he realized that the service which the company the men represented had been giving the public was not satisfactory, but said the gentlemen present were entitled to be heard, and asked those present to hear their side of the case.

Mr. Jones stated that he had been sent down here by his company to make a thorough investigation. He said that he had been informed of some conditions which he did not know anything about prior to coming here, and claimed that his company did not know of all the trouble which had existed here.

"You people have been patient," said Mr. Jones, "and you have put up with a whole lot, but our company is not altogether to blame." The visitor from New York enumerated a number of conditions which he said were responsible for the unsatisfactory service here, including what he said was a shortage of labor, shortage of material, high prices of material and labor, money shortage, etc. He pleaded guilty to the poor service, but said that the company should have credit "for what they did" under the circumstances.

"Our plant has been entirely overhauled," said Mr. Jones, "and our expert says that it is as good as new. Sixty-five per cent of the plant has been rebuilt from top to bottom, and the work is not yet complete. Our intentions are to render the best service possible and the best this city has had in many years. We realize that promises have been made you before and not fulfilled, but different men are now in charge of the business, and we assure you that we are going to do better."

Mr. Jones stated that Mr. Treadwell was present, and that the people "knew Mr. Treadwell, he having lived here before and that they could rely on him to remedy the troubles of the past."

Mr. Jones stated that he was

sorry that the former managers had made mistakes, but admitted that sorrow does not remedy the situation, but said that necessary steps had been taken to remedy the trouble, which the public had been contending with.

"Ballinger is not large enough for two ice plants," said Mr. Jones "and while both will get some business it will be a question of which can operate the longest at a loss." Mr. Jones stated that Mr. Treadwell would give the best service the town had ever had, and he asked that his corporation be "given a whole chance, instead of part of it."

Judge Powell introduced Mr. Treadwell, who reviewed the mistakes of his corporation, and charged them all to his employees and to the former management.

"After analyzing the situation here," said Mr. Treadwell, "I find the greatest complaint has been about service.

"As soon as our company realized the situation," said the San Angelo man, "they got busy to remedy the situation. I have been in business long enough to learn that where you have a monopoly you must give service, and it will be my policy to give you the best service possible. It will be my policy to give the smallest complaint careful consideration and to adjust all differences brought to my attention."

Mr. Treadwell stated his attention had been called to the rule of not selling ice for cash from the wagon, and he stated that this rule and all others to which the people objected would be abolished. He said that his attention had also been called to the complaints about the hours during which ice was sold. He stated that a twenty-four hour service would be maintained and that the people could buy ice day or night. "I will not enforce any rule which my company tries to promulgate which is not right," said Mr. Treadwell.

"In regard to past promises, I realize that promises made in the past were not kept as they should have been. We plead guilty to this, but the blame is largely on others."

Mr. Treadwell stated that he never saw such rules promulgated before as were used in the ice bus-

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### Bill Introduced Asking for West Texas A. & M. College

## HORNSBY CASE GOES TO BELTON

BROWNWOOD, Tex., Jan. 20.—Judge Woodward granted a motion for a change of venue in the Hornsby murder case at ten o'clock this morning, transferring the case to Belton.

About sixty-five witnesses were examined, and about ninety per cent of the number stated that it was their opinion that Hornsby (alias Scott) was guilty and should be hung, and the court ruled that with such sentiment prevailing it would be hard to get a jury, and in case a jury was secured the evidence introduced would give grounds for a reversal of the case by the higher courts.

Court is in session at Belton now, and it is expected that the case will be called for trial in about three weeks.

The attorneys appointed to defend George Hornsby, charged with the murder of J. N. Weatherby, a prominent auto dealer at Brownwood, are putting up a strong fight for their client, notwithstanding that it is a charity case.

When the case was called Wednesday morning counsel for defendant asked that the venire list be quashed, alleging that certain of the veniremen had not been legally summoned. The court overruled this motion.

As a second step in behalf of their client the attorneys made a motion for a continuance, alleging that it was necessary to get important witnesses from Alabama, where the defendant was arrested. The court also overruled this motion.

The third step to stay the trial of Hornsby was made in a motion for a change of venue, and the remainder of the court's time Wednesday was devoted to hearing testimony introduced by the defense to show cause why the case should not be tried in Brownwood, but should be transferred to some other point. Practically all the witnesses examined testified that it was their opinion that the general sentiment of the county was against the defendant, and that the citizens believed that the man was guilty and should hang for the crime.

### UNSETTLED WEATHER

Tonight and Friday, unsettled; somewhat colder Friday.

## BALLOONIST ILL; HALTS HEARING

FAR ROCKAWAY, Long Island, Jan. 20.—The illness of Lieut. Stephen Farrell, one of the three naval balloonists whose recent flight into Northern Canadian wilds is being investigated by a Naval board of inquiry, today halted the board's hearings of the balloonists' personal adventures.

Lieut. Farrell's physicians said that the patient was suffering from tonsillitis, but would probably be able to testify by tomorrow.

A bill providing for the establishment of a branch of the A. & M. College, to be known as the "West Texas A. & M." was introduced in the lower house Tuesday by Representative Chitwood of Sweetwater; Hill of Wheeler; and Rowland of Anson. The bill does not carry any appropriation with it, further than a provision of \$50,000.00 for the purchase of a site, which must be at least 2,000 acres in extent. The building and maintenance of the school will be left to subsequent legislatures.

To avoid a repetition of the trouble occasioned in locating the school under the former bill, it has been practically decided by the Senators and Representatives from the Western part of the state that they will sit and hear briefs from the various towns interested, and then vote "preferential" ballots for the location, the town receiving the lowest number of votes being dropped on each ballot. When a location has been finally decided upon it will be written in the bill, the proponents of the measure believing that it will have a better chance for success if presented with the location written in.

Mayor Guin and Secretary Williams were present at several of the conferences held by the Representatives and others interested in the measure, and returned to Ballinger determined to enter this city in the contest for the location, if the people of this section want the school created and located here.

The fight for the passage of the measure is now in the hands of the Legislative Bureau of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, which organization is on the job at Austin day and night looking out after West Texas interests.

## SHIP AGROUND AT GALVESTON

GALVESTON, Jan. 20.—The British steamer Rosefield is aground on Galveston Island about thirteen miles South of the city on the Gulf side, according to advices from the Saint Louis Pass coast guard station at the South end of the island.

The steamer, however, is described as being in no immediate danger. It is said that the vessel is resting in sand in ten feet of water. Tugs have been dispatched to the relief of the vessel.

AUSTIN, Jan. 20.—The State Board of Water Engineers agreed today to send engineers to investigate the feasibility of the Colorado River irrigation project for the irrigation of 5,000 acres of land in West Texas and if the project is found practicable, to make a complete survey. This action was taken by the board following representation by a committee from the interested district.

## MAY OBJECT TO APPOINTMENT

AUSTIN, Jan. 20.—The confirmation of Governor Neff's appointments, will be the most important action to come before the Texas senate today, according to members. It is rumored that objection to one of the appointments will be made, but this rumor cannot be confirmed.

AUSTIN, Jan. 20.—Edward Hall, new commissioner of insurance and banking, and Major T. B. Barton, new adjutant general, will not qualify to take up their new duties until the Senate has confirmed their appointment by Gov. Neff, it was announced today.

AUSTIN, Jan. 20.—The creation of a court of industrial relations, similar to the one in Kansas, was proposed in a bill introduced in the Senate today by Senator Edgar Witt, of McLennan county.

Under the provisions of the proposed bill the court would be composed of three commissioners, constituting the railroad commission, which would have authority to investigate and pass on all industrial disputes between employer and employee. The court would also be given authority and jurisdiction to supervise and direct the control and operation of public utilities and common carriers.

## FALLS FROM HAY WAGON BREAKS LEG

P. P. Holton is at home three miles South of Ballinger, suffering with a broken limb. Mr. Holton had the misfortune to fall from a hay wagon Tuesday, and sustained a broken lower limb. The bone was broken just above the ankle, and Mr. Holton has been suffering considerably, but is said to be getting along as well as could be expected.

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### NOTICE

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## BILL TO INCREASE LAWMAKERS PAY

AUSTIN, Jan. 20.—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of Texas to increase the per diem of members of the Legislature from \$5 to \$10 per day for the first eighty days of legislative session was introduced in the Senate today by Senator H. L. Darwin.

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Stuart Williams, Secretary of the Colorado River Irrigation Association; W. R. Knierim, Mayor of Bronte; Sam Saylor of Tennyson; E. J. Stockton of Robert Lee, County Judge of Coke county; W. A. Hewitt, of Navasota; and Dean J. C. Nagle of the engineering department of A. & M. College; appeared before the Water Engineers Board to present the request for an investigation and find out what the State intended to do to aid this project.

Engineers and legislators, attorneys at law and irrigators, met in Austin, Monday, January 17th, in what was doubtless the most important irrigation conference ever held in Texas. The meeting was called at the instance of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. J. A. Kemp, of Wichita Falls, chairman of the irrigation committee for that organization, presided. Porter Whaley, Manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, acted as secretary.

Representatives were present from all of the irrigation projects in Texas, including the San Saba, Balmorhea, Uvalde, Bay City, Wichita Falls, Bronte-Ballinger, El Paso, Del Rio, Brownsville and other districts. Other irrigation authorities present were Leonard Tillotson, author of the irrigation bill; Judge J. E. Starley of Pecos and Judge J. W. Gaines, of Bay City, legal experts on irrigation; Judge Dent of the U. S. Reclamation Service; Dean T. U. Taylor of the University of Texas; and Dean J. C. Nagle of the A. & M. College.

The keynote address of the meeting was delivered by Judge Starley of Pecos, who stated that the Texas irrigation laws were based on the Wright bill of California, after which were also patterned the irrigation laws of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, and other western states, and which laws had been tested by thousands of court decisions, finally receiving the stamp of approval of the United States Supreme Court. Judge Starley reviewed the history of irrigation legislation in Texas, and stated that the present act, the intricate in some respects, was workable and sufficiently broad in its scope to cover all phases of the work. Such red tape as was present was needed to weed out illegitimate enterprises. "We seek

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## Candy Sale Continued For One More Week NUNNALLY'S CANDY

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| 70c Assorted Chocolates 45c          | \$8.00 Assorted Chocolates . . . \$5.50 |
| 90c Nut Chocolates . . . 65c         | \$5.25 Mary Garden . . . \$3.50         |
| \$1.60 Cordial Cherries \$1.15       | \$2.50 Hope Chest . . . \$1.75          |
| \$3.00 Round Box . . . \$2.25        | \$3.50 Heap o' Livin' . . . \$2.20      |
| \$1.40 Assorted Chocolates . . . 90c | \$4.00 Maxfield . . . \$2.90            |
| \$1.75 Nut Chocolates . . . \$1.25   | \$4.75 Egypt . . . \$3.25               |
| \$1.50 Box Bountiful . . . \$1.05    | \$7.00 All Chocolates . . . \$4.65      |
| \$3.75 Chocolate Nuts . . . \$2.45   | \$8.75 Canary Cottage . . . \$5.50      |
| \$1.75 Mary Garden . . . \$1.10      |   |

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PIE CRUST PROMISES

In English law no promise is binding unless it is made for a consideration, but in Scotch law a promise is always binding whether a consideration is given or not. Promises made by the Interstate Electric Corporation, the company which operates the local ice plant, and which supplies this city with electric current (sometimes), are not Scotch promises. They are more on the pie crust order, if we are to judge from past experience.

Any sensible man who can see a thimble's length from his nose, should know that the meeting held here Wednesday afternoon, and the deluge of promises thrust upon the public, could only be for the sole purpose of forestalling competition in the light and ice business.

Only a few days delay now will make it impractical to build another ice plant here with any hope of getting an even run with the coming ice season. If competition is kept out there will be the same old story to tell when the hot summer days of 1921 arrive.

Why didn't the New York corporation send their representatives here last summer, when the people were almost worked up to a revolution heat? Why did they wait until this late hour to show so much courtesy and consideration, and on the eve of the building of an independent ice plant and a municipal light plant, rush here and offer the adoption of rules for conducting their business, which for their liberality were never heard of before.

For almost a half dozen years citizens of this city have suffered at the hands of this foreign corporation, and steps to build an ice plant and a light plant come only as a matter of self defense.

Promises made to citizens here Wednesday by representatives of the ice company were unreasonable. Had the company lived half way up to past promises the citizens could not reasonably expect the fulfillment of the promises made just yesterday. But with past promises shattered into smithereens, no confidence will be placed in pledges just made.

We would like to be liberal and give the corporation the benefit of the doubt, if a doubt existed, but there is no doubt. The ice and light company pleads guilty to every charge made against them in the past, and now have the audacity and effrontery to come forward and plead with the people to near their promises and continue to fill their coffers.

Facts are facts and when admitted cannot be denied. The citizens of this city are on the inside. They are familiar more or less with the conditions of the company supplying this city with electric current, and as they see it the only solution to the situation is to provide for the emergency which is sure to come sooner or later.

The company's promises made when the transmission line was stretched from San Angelo into this city have never been kept. Representatives of the company came here at that time and told the people in mass meeting assembled, that an emergency power plant would be maintained in this city, and in case of high-line trouble, would be put in operation on short notice.

Instead of keeping that promise, the plant which was here was dismantled and the equipment shipped out. There is hardly a day in the week that the current is not off at some time, and cut outs from five minutes to an entire day are frequent.

As for the light plant, the same old promises were repeated here Wednesday.

While the promises were being made, the city was without current for a time, and the local office could not tell where the trouble was, nor how long the current would be off. The city was without current one entire day last

week, and every business house depending on electricity to operate was down and out.

It is to remedy this, as well as to give the light and power consumers a cheaper service, that this city is now going ahead with plans for building a municipal light and power plant, which will be operated in connection with the city's successful water plant at a big saving to the tax payers and the light, power and water consumers.

This city has assets which will justify the improvements contemplated, and we cannot believe that pie crust promises made by a corporation which has lost faith with the people, will forestall the work for even one day.

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Ledger classifieds bring results

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FOR SALE—Practically new double row Stalk Cutter. Geo. Englert, Rowena, Texas. 19-2d 2w-\*

WANTED—To trade, a good 5 passenger Auto practically new, for small 3 or 4 room house in Ballinger. Must be in good condition. Phone 161. 18-d&w-1f

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Custom Common Among the Igorots Is Declared to Be Undesirable for Many Reasons.

Those who remember the article in this magazine a short time ago telling of the cruelties connected with the killing of dogs for food among the Igorots, says Our Dumb Animals, will be glad to know that it has aroused sufficient interest to cause the Manila Daily Bulletin to say, according to a clipping we have just received:

"The office of the Department of the Interior is constantly receiving from persons in the United States, mostly women, letters protesting against dog-eating in the mountain province among the Igorots, it was declared by Secretary Kalaw of the department. All of them, he said, urge that in the interests of civilization and better and higher mode of living, a law should be passed by the Philippine legislature prohibiting the sale and the use of dogs as food material.

"Aside from the fact that the act of eating dogs is highly undesirable, the letters state, it is very inhumane. The Igorots, they state, like to eat lean dogs and that the more bony they are, the more palatable they taste to the Igorots. Consequently, when a dog is bought in the dog market at Haguio or at any other place, it is left to starve for many days before it is eaten, the communications declare.

"When asked if the passage of a law prohibiting the sale and the eating of dogs by the Igorots was in order, Secretary Kalaw declared that it might be done in an indirect manner."

SWORD WORTHY OF OWNER

Blade Worn by Miles Standish Has Been Traced to the Time of the Crusades.

Among the relics of the Pilgrims that may be seen when visitors through the old town of Plymouth for the tercentenary observances few are more interesting than the sword of Miles Standish. It may be seen in Pilgrim hall.

It is a Damascus blade and presumably came into the possession of the Pilgrim captain from someone whose ancestors had brought it from the Crusades.

It bears several curious inscriptions, which waited until June, 1881, to be translated. Then Prof. James Rosedale of Jerusalem went with a band of Arabs to America's most important shrine and found that the carved characters belonged to different dates—some in Coptic and very old.

He was only able to translate one of a later period, in Arabic. The words given here show that its spirit was quite appropriate to the spirit of the Pilgrims:

"With peace God ruled his Slaves, And with the judgments of His arms He troubled the Mighty of the wicked."

Rock Many Religious Associations.

A report on the Dome of the Rock of Jerusalem is shortly to be published and will be of great interest to the Mohammedan world. It may not be generally known that this place is the third in sanctity of all the sanctuaries of Islam, and indeed for a short period it actually formed the Kibla toward which all Moslems prostrated themselves in prayer. Among the more important religious associations of this rock we may mention that it was here that David and Solomon were called to repentance, and on account of a vision David chose this site for his temple. From this same spot Mohammed ascended to the Seventh Heaven after his night journey from Mecca, and lastly it is to be the scene of the Great Judgment. The historical associations are not less striking, and such famous names as Omar, Abd-el-Malek, Saladin and Suleiman are all connected with the rock.—From the Zanzibar Gazette.

Private Stocking.

A North Shore citizen took Junior up on his knee and asked him: "Well, my little son, what would you like Santa Claus to bring you for Christmas?" "Oh, I want him to bring me a humping-er." "A humping-er, eh? And may I ask you to describe one?" "I don't know how they look, but when you and Mr. Jones came up from the basement the other evening you said to him: 'Wasn't that a humping-er?' and he said: 'It sure was! I would like to have one just like that for Christmas.' So I thought if it was something nice for Christmas I would like to have one, too."—Publisher's Auxiliary.

Hounds in Funeral Tribute.

Twenty-one pairs of hounds filed solemnly past the grave at the funeral of William Selby-Lowndes, a well-known English country squire of the old school, who had been master of the Whaddon hounds for 25 years. The village churchyard overlooks the famous Whaddon Chase. After the burial service, the members of the hunt led the famous Whaddon Chase pack past the flower-lined grave.

Missed Her.

"How is your afternoon bridge club getting on?" "Oh, rather poorly. You know, dear, Mrs. Gaussip has left us." "But I thought she was an atrocious player." "She was; but then, she always had so many delicious stories to tell about her neighbors."—Boston Transcript.

More Promises Made to Citizens is all New York Company Offers

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ness here last summer, and he stated that no such rules would be enforced during the coming season. He plead with the public to be patient and give them a chance to "deliver the goods."

He asked the people not to precipitate another ice plant on the city. Said that his company had resumed the delivery of ice, selling for cash off the wagon, and he claims the company knew nothing about the drastic rules enforced here, "and did not know anything about the complaints."

At this point R. W. Bruce asked Mr. Treadwell why his company didn't know about the complaints, and asked Mr. Treadwell if he didn't know. Mr. Treadwell admitted that he knew about the trouble—but said he was working under a "superior" and that it was not his business to report the trouble.

Both Mr. Treadwell and Mr. Jones made all the promises for better service and placed themselves at the mercy of the public in making demands for what the public wanted.

Victor Miller stated that his experience with the ice company showed that the "company was not to blame," and that when complaints were made to the proper authorities they received attention. He said that the "trouble was with the people" in not going to the "manager" with their complaints.

Mr. Treadwell discussed the many objections which had been called to his attention and stated that he proposes to "clean up all objections and get back to the old Texas way of doing business."

After listening to the promises for an hour, the meeting adjourned. Some of those who attended the meeting and heard the flattering promises are still skeptical, taking the whole matter as so much camouflage presented on the eve of the erection of another ice plant to forestall competition.

The light plant situation was discussed and about the same line of promise, made, and in the mean

time the people will watch with interest the building of a municipal light plant.

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RUSSIAN OFFICER TOLD TO LEAVE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The deportation of Gregory Weinstein, chancellor of the Russian soviet bureau in the United States, was ordered today by Secretary Wilson of the Department of Labor.

A bad wound, burn or cut should be cleansed of dirt or impurities and dressed with Liquid Borozone. It heals the flesh with marvelous speed. Price, 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Sold by all druggists.

One of the strangest religious sects in the world is known as the Yezidi, a race of mixed Kurdish and Arabian blood. They worship the devil, and believe he will rule the earth for 10,000 years, 4,000 of this number having already passed. On the theory that Jesus is good, and will not harm them, they give most of their devotion and sacrifice to the devil who, they assert, will at the end of the next 6,000 years be put into hell, where he will weep so hard he will put out the fires, and then will be pardoned and given back his rightful place in heaven.

The Yezidi believe that there were 71 Adams and a similar number of Eves, and that the originals once had a great dispute as to who was the most important, the man or the woman. To prove the matter the women split in one great war and the men in another, and the jars were sealed for nine months. At the end of that period they were opened, and from the women's jar leaped a pile of snakes and worms which from the men's jar came a beautiful boy and girl. In spite of their strange beliefs they are very industrious, honest, hospitable and kindly, although steeped in dense ignorance, one phase of their religion forbidding them to learn letters.

CITIZENS' ICE CO. STOCK HOLDERS CALL MEETING

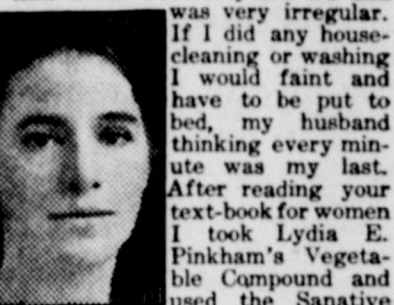
There will be a stockholders' meeting of the new Citizens Ice Company at the Court House in Ballinger, at 7:30 p. m. Purpose of electing Directors and other important business. C. S. GUIN.

One sport writer says Jack Dempsey takes better care of himself that any former champion. This care doesn't date just back to the Willard fight, either. It extended clear back thru the war.—Kansas City Star.

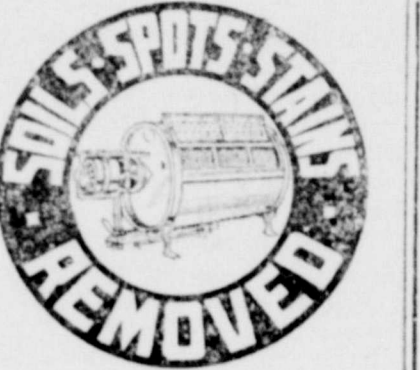
THIS WOMAN'S EXPERIENCE

Brings a Ray of Hope to Childless Women

Lowell, Mass.—"I had anemia from the time I was sixteen years old and was very irregular.



If I did any house-cleaning or washing I would faint and have to be put to bed, my husband thinking every minute was my last. After reading your text-book for women I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and used the Sanative Wash, and have never felt better than I have the last two years. I can work, eat, sleep, and feel as strong as can be. Doctors told me I could never have children—I was too weak—but after taking Vegetable Compound I strengthened me so I gave birth to an eight pound boy. I was well all the time, did all my work up to the last day, and had a natural birth. Everybody who knew me was surprised, and when they ask me what made me strong I tell them with great pleasure, 'I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and never felt better in my life.' Use this testimonial at any time."—Mrs. ELIZABETH SMART, 142 W. Sixth St., Lowell, Mass. This experience of Mrs. Smart is surely a strong recommendation for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It is only one of a great many similar cases.



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R. R. Reppert, of the entomologist department of A. & M. College, is here spending a few days in the county in the interest of the extermination of rats. Mr. Reppert visited the local high school Thursday morning and talked about rats to school children. He went to the country Thursday afternoon with County Superintendent Bugg, and will visit the rural schools.

Mr. Reppert is placing before the school children facts about rats and remedies which will prove helpful in ridding the country of this destructive pest. It seems that the older people are too busy to stop and consider the great economic loss caused by rats and those in charge of the work are trying to educate the coming generation to the importance of exterminating such pests.

Mr. Reppert furnished the alarming information that it required an army of 200,000 men working throughout the year to produce sufficient food to feed the rats in the United States. In other words it is estimated after calculation based on reports made from storage houses, and places where food is accumulated in large quantities that rats destroy as much food as 200,000 men can produce annually.

Figuring on a basis of population, and giving Texas her portion of the loss, it would require 8,000 men annually in this state to produce feed sufficient to feed Texas rats.

That statement is alarming, but can not be denied, and people are nothing short of negligent and lacking in matters for their own interest when they permit such destruction, to say nothing of the insanitary conditions caused by the rodents.

The nation has become alarmed over the destruction of food and other valuables by rats, and a nation wide drive is being made against the pests. Surely Ballinger and Runnels county will do their part.

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## Board will Send Representative to Investigate Irrigation Project

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now to make plain the rights of people to conserve water, to the end that water may be as certain as the rights in land," Starley said.

He asserted that the proposed abolition of the Board of Water Engineers would be a backward step. The importance of the Board to West Texas was emphasized by Starley in the following statement, "Suppose West Texas were a separate state. Not that I am proposing it, or would favor it, but just supposing. Would not the irrigation department be the most important branch of its work? Is it not true that all of the State west of a north and south line drawn thru Ft. Worth, and south of an east and west line thru Austin, are vitally interested in irrigation?"

Chairman Kempt stated that he was in favor of the state adopting the same plan as the Chamberlain bill and the Smith bill, both of which are now before the U. S. Congress, and which propose to place the credit of the nation behind bonds issued for irrigation purposes.

Judge Dent of the U. S. Reclamation Service offered the assistance of that department in any way possible for the furtherance of irrigation projects in Texas.

Leonard Tillotson spoke at the afternoon session, urging a standardization of all irrigation propositions, in order to make the sale of bonds more feasible. This could be effected he urged by having the approval of State engineers on every enterprise.

All of the speakers urged close and hearty co-operation over the state from those interested in reclamation in East and South Texas and those interested in irrigation in West Texas.

A resolution was unanimously adopted urging a broad and liberal state policy in conservation thru the reclamation and irrigation of land, flood control, and the development of hydro-electric power, to the end that production be increased, and the social phase of farm life be made more agreeable. The resolution also approved the work of the Board of Water Engineers.

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Federal enforcement officer says it is a "citizen's duty, whenever he scents liquor, to trail it." We are good citizens, but one has to work once in a while.—Richmond Times Dispatch.

## PROMISES GOOD FOR BALL TEAM

Twenty-five or thirty fans met at the offices of the Y. M. B. L. Wednesday night and took the initiatory steps looking to the fixing of a good baseball program for the coming season.

As a result of the meeting plans are already underway for opening the season here early with games between local teams, and which will bring the regulars out in practice and prepare them for meeting teams from other towns in shut-out games.

It seemed to be the sense of those present that the team be financed this year by strictly voluntary subscriptions, and no solicitors will be put out unless it becomes absolutely necessary to make a personal appeal for funds.

The proposed plan is to employ two pitchers and one catcher, and one prominent citizen has volunteered to pay the salary of one pitcher for the season. Other citizens have volunteered to contribute from \$25 to \$50, and with many smaller voluntary donations it is believed that ample money can be raised to finance a good amateur team.

A committee composed of Jack Roach, H. M. Josey and Clint Penn was appointed to confer with I. O. Wooden and see if the ground formerly used for a baseball park just South of Eighth Street could be secured. This will supply a diamond more convenient to the business district, and insure a larger attendance. The prospects are promising.

for arranging a season's series of interesting games, and all those who enjoy good clean baseball, are asked to contribute to the proposition their moral and financial support.

The Ledger will carry the names of the contributors from time to time, with the amount donated.

Another call meet of the fans will be held some time in the near future, when further details and a system of management will be worked out.

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"After the birth of my baby I had a back-set," writes Mrs. Mattie Crosswhite, of Glade Spring, Va. "I was very ill; thought I was going to die. I was so weak I couldn't raise my head to get a drink of water. I took . . . medicine, yet I didn't get any better. I was constipated and very weak, getting worse and worse. I sent for Cardui."

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## HERE'S WEDDING WITHOUT WOMAN

The Senior class of the local high school will stage a "womanless wedding" at the Carnegie Library Friday evening. The class has been working hard arranging the nuptials, and the bridal party is all ready for the big event.

We are told that no wedding was ever staged on a more elaborate order. Every detail for making the affair a real wedding has been worked out, even to the playing of the wedding march, the singing sweetly of the solo, and even the kissing of the bride, etc.

The Seniors are putting on the entertainment for the amusement of those who will attend as well as for the purpose of raising funds which the class must have in connection with issuing their annual and defraying other expenses necessary in winding up their last year in the high school.

It is expected that a large crowd will attend the entertainment. The admission fee will be 50 and 25 cents.

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Baron Goto refused a request that he become mayor of Tokio. He said—oh, you say it yourself. —Wilmington (Del.) Journal.

Five places in Scotland have voted themselves dry. They are Auchterarder, Kilsyth, Kirkintilloch, Rutherglen and Sanguanbar, some of whose inhabitants will now be able to pronounce them. —Tacoma Ledger.

The landlord who asks others to join him in putting rents down to a reasonable basis is not yet the center of a crowd. —Pittsburgh Gazette.

The charge has been made that a man is not a good citizen who permits the rats to live within without making a protest. Many homes and places of business are waging war on rats and they will take up headquarters with those who offer no resistance.

It is alright for every man to look out for himself, but there are certain interests which we must all throw in on if we succeed in looking out for No. 1. You can't stand alone.

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## HARDING OFF FOR FLORIDA

MARION, Ohio, Jan. 20.—President Elect Harding packed his trunk today for a long absence from his home town. The new president-to-be is leaving for a vacation trip to Florida, saying good bye to home folks tonight, and will return here for a visit of only one day before his inauguration.

### Catarrhal Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they can not reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system.

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## SHIPPERS HAVE BRITISH PACT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Charges that the International Merchant Marine Company and the American Shipping Company, now controlling the operation of approximately forty vessels leased from the United States Shipping Board, are bound by an agreement entered into with the British government in 1903, to pursue "no policy injurious to the interests of the British mercantile marine, or British trade," were made here today by Senator Jones, of Washington, author of the merchant marine act.

Parts of the text of the alleged agreement entered into for a period of twenty years was read by Senator Jones in an address before the annual convention of the National Merchant Marine Association, in which the senator made the sweeping charges of attempts of British interests, supported he said, by certain American interests, to destroy the American merchant marine.

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Mrs. Goss, of Abilene, is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Troy Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Stephenson are here from Waco visiting Mrs. Stephenson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. A. Snell.

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