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## CONTRACT IS LET TO FINISH SAFETY FIRST

According to a contract entered into between O. Wilson, of Breckenridge, Texas, and F. W. Hunter, of this city, drilling will be resumed in the Safety First oil well three miles West of Ballinger within thirty days. The contract was signed here Wednesday, and Mr. Wilson returned to Breckenridge to begin moving a string of tools to Ballinger.

Under the terms of the contract, drilling will begin within thirty days from date of contract, and the well will be drilled to a depth of 3150 feet. If no oil is found at the 3150 foot depth, and the log of the well justifies it the hole of the Safety First well is in such shape that it can be drilled to a depth of 4,000 feet.

Those behind the development of this well are in no wise connected with the Safety First Oil Company of Douglass, Arizona, which company spudded in the well and drilled to its present depth—2665 feet. The old company exhausted its funds, threw up the sponge and quit the field, and went into bankruptcy, or in other words went "busted" and the present promoters of the completion of the well are said to have perfected plans for completing the well.

Mr. Hunter was formerly connected with the Safety First, but when the company suspended drilling, he set about to organize plans for finishing the well, and today he is the party to the contract with Mr. Wilson, who will come on the field and complete the hole.

Mr. Wilson is a large and successful

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## TRAINMEN KILLED BY FALL ON ICE

FORT WORTH, Jan. 25.—R. J. Henry, a brakeman, who fell under a freight train at Handley last night, died here today. Henry fell from a moving freight car when his hands slipped on the ice covered hand-holds on the car.

WACO, Jan. 25.—J. F. Jenkins, age 40 years, a brakeman on the Cotton Belt railroad, slipped from the top of an ice coated water tank on a flat car, near Edison, in Hamilton county, last night, and died here this morning from injuries sustained in the fall to the car.

## NORTH TEXAS THAWING UP

The weather forecast for the next twenty-four hours offers cloudy and unsettled weather, with warmer temperature.

DALLAS, Jan. 25.—Rain, freezing as it fell, has been general over the agricultural belt of Texas during the past thirty-six hours and will be of great benefit to the farmers. The territory covered by the heaviest rain and hardest freeze extends from Abilene to the Eastern border of the state, according to Dr. Cline, of the Dallas weather bureau.

The temperature is generally rising today, with a prediction that the present spell has broken.

## DINNER TURNS TO DEMO. CONVENT.

DAYTON, Ohio, Jan. 25.—The annual Jackson Day dinner which is scheduled for tonight at Dayton, the home town of James M. Cox, the Democratic party's presidential candidate in the 1920 campaign, practically resolved itself into a miniature Democratic convention today with leading Democrats from the state and nation arriving here to attend the dinner.

One train arriving early in the day brought Senators Pomerene and Pat Harrison, and Joseph Tumulty, former secretary to President Wilson. E. H. Moore, of Youngstown, Cox's pre-convention manager, and George White, former Democratic national chairman, are expected to arrive later in the day.

The dinner tonight will make the first public appearance of former Governor Cox since the campaign days of 1920. Senator Pomerene is expected to discuss the Newberry election fraud case.

Gasoline, all you want, at 19 cents. Nance-Stroble's. dtf

## POPE'S FUNERAL SET FOR THURS.

ROME, Jan. 25.—The funeral of Pope Benedict will be held at three o'clock tomorrow afternoon, according to announcement at the Vatican today.

Pilgrims today continued to arrive from all parts of Italy and are camping in the open air before St. Peter's, in hope of getting a glimpse of the body. More than a half million persons filed past the Catafalque during the two days the body lay in state for the public to visit it.

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W. O. Shultz, of Millersview, and Harvey Ratchford, of Paint Rock, were here Tuesday to attend the stockholders' meeting of the Citizens Ice Company.

# ONE DEAD AND SEVERAL MADE SERIOUSLY ILL BY ARSENIC POISON

Deaf, Dumb and Blind



## RUSSELL WELL BLOWS 500 FEET PIPE IN AIR

Ballinger and surrounding towns were all put astir over the oil situation here Tuesday afternoon when the report came in from the Russell oil field stating that Russell No. 1, now owned by the Russell Production Co., had "sprung a leak" and was flowing fifteen barrels of oil per hour.

The report was later confirmed and considerable activity stimulated over the continued "cutting up" of this well.

A report direct to The Ledger over the phone from the well Wednesday noon stated that 500 feet of two inch pipe was blown from the hole and entangled in the derrick, the blow out taking place just a few minutes before noon.

A Ledger man called E. A. Giesecke, who is at the well, over the phone at noon and asked him to "give us the latest and the straightest dope." Mr. Giesecke stated that the well had become clogged up and the drilling crew were attempting to locate the trouble Tuesday afternoon when the well began to flow and about thirty barrels of high grade oil flowed out within a couple of hours.

The Russell Production Company, which succeeded the Gulf Production Company in the Russell field, is drilling a new well near No. 1, and had been using gas from No. 1 for fuel and lighting, and a few days ago the two inch tubing which was furnishing the outlet for the gas from Russell No. 1 became stopped up, and the workmen were busy Tuesday afternoon trying to clean out the tubing when the oil began to flow.

The work of cleaning out No. 1 was continued Wednesday morning, and while the drillers were trying to reach the packing the two inch tubing slipped and five hundred feet of the pipe shot up into the derrick, and the well sent out a terrific blast of gas, oil, rock and water, flowing for five minutes and sending the slush fifty feet above the top of the derrick.

Seventeen joints of the two-inch tubing were blown from the well, and the well settled down to a heavy rumbling, and at two o'clock a report from the field said that it was rumbling heavy, while the drillers were busy attempting to reach the packing and open it up.

The new well is down about 750 feet, and it is reported that Driller Sole has had his eye on No. 1 and has been anxious to get into it ever since he entered

the field, and when the gas trouble set up a few days ago he promptly opened up No. 1 with the above results.

This well has been somewhat of an enigma ever since the drill reached the 2400 foot depth. The first showing came with a gush which shot oil twenty feet above the derrick, and since that time it has continued to furnish a strong gas supply with oil flowing by leads from time to time.

It is the opinion of geologists and drillers that the well is near a big paying field and will eventually blow itself in, and that further drilling in the proper direction from No. 1 will open a good field.

Considerable activity in lease trading and buying of stock in the new company is in progress here.

## NOTED AUTHOR DEAD IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—A. Barton Hepburn, noted financier, author and economist, died here this morning as a result of complications following a compound fracture received when he was struck by a bus last Friday.

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Charley Borders, a young married man and for many years a good citizen of the Maverick country, is dead, and four other members of the Borders family are recovering from poisoning used by mistake for baking powder in making bread.

Charley Borders died Tuesday afternoon, and was buried at Center Valley Wednesday afternoon. He was poisoned Saturday morning, and physicians called from Ballinger to assist the Norton physician in an attempt to save the man's life, but the arsenic poison had done its work, and death resulted after four days of suffering. The other members of the family, who also were seriously ill, and had a narrow escape, are believed to be out of danger.

Deceased and his family were visiting at the home of the father of deceased in the Maverick country, where they spent the night Friday night, Saturday morning, Mrs. Borders, wife of deceased, prepared breakfast and made bread for the family. Through error she got hold of a baking powder can containing arsenic and used it for baking powder in the bread. Shortly after the bread had been eaten and those partaking of it became ill the ghastly error was discovered.

It seems that the baking powder can containing arsenic, and a similar can containing the baking powder, were near each other, and Mrs. Borders did not

know that one of the cans contained poison. The elder Borders had been using the arsenic in putting out poison on the farm.

Charley Borders was about 30 years old. He is survived by his wife and four orphan children, children of Mrs. Borders' sister, whom they had adopted to raise after the death of their mother.

Deceased was numbered among the best citizens of the Maverick country, and the tragedy cast a gloom over that section of the county and brings sorrow to the many friends of the family.

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- L—Nineteen Gauge Steel Shank.
- M—Calfskin Heel Pad.
- N—6 oz. Duck Lining.
- O—Four Rows Tip Stitching.
- P—Calfskin Eyelet Stay.
- Q—Best Quality Braid Lock Stitch Sole Thread.
- R—Silk Blucher Bar.
- S—Calfskin Top Facing.
- T—Felt Bottom Filler.
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This is the wettest country on earth, considering that it won't rain.

It is a discontented old world. The fat want to be lean and the lean want to be fat, while the betwixt and between are not satisfied either.

Those who have been temporarily let out of employment, or until business conditions improve, find it a bad time to take a vacation. This would be a nice old time to spend a lifetime, if we could have things made to fit our wishes.

We have often heard that it is darkest just before dawn. We do not insinuate that we are passing through the darkest part of the night, but for the benefit of the discouraged, why not look at the threatened oil boom and the big irrigation project which is gaining favor every day?

When Senator Penrose was laid to rest recently, the family employed guards to keep people out of the cemetery in order that the funeral might be a private affair. The rule is the reverse of the average death. Often there are not a sufficient number of men present to act as pall bearers. It is not pleasant to attend funerals, but the man who attends the most funerals is serving well for humanity.

According to statistics compiled by federal prohibition enforcement agents there are 2,500,000 drinkers in the United States, 17,500,000 having gone on the water wagon, or drunk themselves to death since the stuff was outlawed. With many wine bibbers hiding behind the garage door, in the coal bins and closets, and drinking all kinds of extracts, we fear that the statistics are not correct. But at any rate it cannot be denied that alcohol is rapidly becoming a national disaster.

No side-line of the farm will work as successfully as the poultry industry, if it is properly looked after. A woman near Palestine, Texas, bought nineteen turkey eggs for \$4.75 last year. She raised eighteen turkeys, sold thirteen for \$54, and after having her turkey dinners, kept the others for "nest eggs" this year. There are farmers in Runnels county now who are realizing ready cash from the poultry yard, when no other revenue is coming in. Plant poultry.

All records for long distance talking were broken recently when President Harding's address to the nations of the world was picked up at New Zealand from radio waves. The message was sent from the Rocky Point, Long Island radio station, and New Zealand is only 10,000 miles from Rocky Point. The time will come when a woman can call her missionary friend in China for a little chat, and a message from Mars will be stale news.

The North and South line established during the days of civil war in America seems to have been obliterated by all people and all agencies, except certain religious denominations. The religious agencies should have been the first to forget the prejudices created during the revolution. But we have often heard that religious prejudice was the real basis of all sin, and time has proven it. Perhaps one more generation and what is blocking the progress of many churches will be removed.

Preparedness applies to the human body as well as to nations. A bottle of Prickly Ash Bitters on the shelf at home is the best and cheapest form of preparedness for indigestion, constipation and kidney troubles. It is the dose taken in time that wards off sickness and saves money. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks, special agent.

**SAYS LYNCHINGS DESTROYS LAWS**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Declaring that it is high time for the federal government to attempt to check mob violence, Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, Republican leader, declared today in a debate in favor of the Dyer anti-lynching bill, that if lynching was permitted to go unchecked that it would break down and destroy law and order and undermine civilization.

NOTICE—All parties who owe me for the upkeep of their cemetery lot will please make settlement as I need my money. This means you, if you have not paid. I. F. Watson, Ballinger, Texas, Box No. 363. 25-24-1w.\*

**SIXTY-SIX PORKERS MAKE UP SHIPMENT**

Nine farmers contributed hogs to the carload shipped from here by the Farm Bureau Tuesday, sixty-six big porkers filling the car. The hogs were all fat and averaged considerably over 200 pounds. M. B. Wardlaw went with the shipment, and prospects are good for the shippers to get in on a good market, as Tuesday's quotations were higher than they have been for some time, hogs being quoted above eight cents.

**Worth Considering**

The question is not so much how you contract a cold, but how to get rid of it with the least loss of time and inconvenience. If you will consider the experience of others under similar circumstances, who have been most successful in checking their colds, in their beginning, you will secure a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy without delay, and use it faithfully. There are many families who have used this preparation successfully for years and hold it in high esteem. It is excellent.

**FARMERS ASK RATE CONTROL**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Recommendations for the repeal of what is commonly known as the guaranty clause in the transportation act, and a return to the state railroad commissions central over state rates, was filed today by the subcommittee on railway transportation at the National Agricultural Conference.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The farmers attending the National Agricultural Conference here today went on record as endorsing Henry Ford's Muscle Shoals offer. The offer made for the proposition by Ford was also endorsed by a group of editors of agricultural papers who are here attending the farmers' conference.

Scott H. Maek is in Dallas attending the hardware men's convention, and will visit his folks who are in school at F. C. U.

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**A CORRECTION**

Your cemetery article was read with decided interest but beg to correct one statement which might be misleading. You state that the payment of this tax laws read:

"See 12. The purchaser or owner of a lot obligates himself or herself to pay such assessment levied as the board of directors may direct and failing to do so, the unoccupied part of the lot will revert back to the cemetery association without process of law. The only notice required is for the association to mail a notice by registered mail, to the lot owner of said lot."

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Notice by Publication of Final Account No. 448.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County, Greeting:

Frank Bloek Jr., administrator of the Estate of Frank Bloek Sr., deceased, having filed in our County Court his final account of the condition of the estate of said Frank Bloek Sr., deceased, together with an application to be discharged from said administration, you will hereby command, that by publication of this writ for twenty days in a newspaper regularly published in the County of Runnels, you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the February term, A. D., 1922, of said County Court, commencing and to be holden, at the Court House of said county, in the City of Ballinger, on the 6th day of February, A. D., 1922, when said Account and Application will be considered by said Court.

Witness, W. A. Forgey, Clerk of the County Court of Runnels County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at my office in the City of Ballinger, this 11th day of January, A. D., 1922.

Seal W. A. FORGEY, Clerk, County Court, Runnels County, Texas. A True Copy, I certify. J. P. FLYNT, County Clerk, County, Texas. 11-18-25-d

**THREATENS LIFE OF NEW MAYOR**

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Jan. 25.—An armed body-guard surrounds the home of Mayor Geo. Oles today and will remain on duty day and night as the result of threatening letters received by the mayor. Reports are current that threats were made recently by the lawless element to "bump off" Mayor Oles because of his activity in cleaning up the city of undesirables.

When installed in office recently Mayor Oles made a statement in which he said that vagrants and lawless characters would have to pack up and move out, and he called the police force together and told them that if they did not enforce the law they would be "canned."

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**SOLDIER BONUS IN PROSPECT**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Assurance that a permanent tariff bill would be reported to the Senate early in February and passed before the close of the present session of congress was given to the Republican leaders in the house today by the Senate Republican leaders at a conference held by the two during the early part of the day.

An agreement has been reached by the conference that the proposed soldier relief compensation bill should originate in the House, and the bill will be introduced in that branch first. House leaders said today that the measure would be drafted immediately by the ways and means committee and probably reported to the House within the next two weeks.

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Liberty Bonds and W. S. Stamps	23,700.00
Real Estate and B. H. Fixtures	30,001.00
Depositors' Guaranty Fund	9,059.20
Bills of Exchange	36,318.67
Cash and Exchange	104,214.10
Total	\$528,927.63

Liabilities:

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Profits	51,344.33
Bills Payable	NONE
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**CURIOUS, QUAIN AND QUEER HAPPENINGS BY WIRE AND CABLE**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Oddities in the weeks' news included the case of William Gombert, fined in New York for failure to appear for jury duty. "I am at present a guest at Sing Sing," he wrote, "which is why I can't be a juror in your court, much as I would like to be!"

C. W. Amhurst, of Albany, claims to have perfected a device which extracts the water from human breath, so that shipwrecked sailors or those on vessels which run out of drinking water can "run on their own fluid." His apparatus, he claims, will extend life for months, as it gathers up all the water lost in breathing except a small percentage.

Abbe Le Mire, a member of the French government, has presented a bill to the Chamber of Deputies which, if passed, will make marriages in France a matter entirely between the contracting parties. At present a marriage cannot be legally made without the consent of parents. The result is a small birth rate and many illegal unions.

G. B. Selden, maker of the first

practical automobile (now in the National Museum in Washington), is dead. At one time ninety per cent of the automotive industry paid tribute to the original Selden patent. Henry Ford wouldn't and didn't and finally won out in the courts.

A buried Roman city near Vaison, in France, is now being unearthed. Neglected for over two thousand years, archeologists say that this find, judging from present progress, will tell more of early Roman ideas and customs than has been learned from all other such excavations all over Europe.

For sick headache, backache, heartburn, nervous weakness and constipation, Prickly Ash Bitters is the remedy that men use. It purifies the bowels, tones the stomach, clears the brain, sweetens the breath, restores energy and cheerfulness. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks, special agent.

**WILLIAMS GUEST AT DIRECTORS' BANQUET**

On the eve of his departure for Pasadena, California, where he will become a benedict, Stuart L. Williams, Secretary of the Young Men's Business League, was honor guest at an informal dinner given by the directors of the league at the Central Hotel Tuesday night.

Covers were laid for about twenty, and the spread came as somewhat of a surprise to Sec. Williams, as he was not apprised of the occasion until a short time before the hour set for the directors to gather at the hotel.

Not only was the occasion one of surprise to begin with, but other surprises were sprung as the hour passed around the banquet board, and the prominent commercial secretary was initiated into some of the mysteries of married life which will make it easier for him to undergo the program laid out for him the next week.

The banquet was only a mild appreciation expressed by the directors of the Y. M. B. L. for the splendid services of Secretary Williams, and quite a number of impromptu speeches were made in which he was warned and advised of the responsibilities he is about to assume.

Mr. Williams left Wednesday afternoon for Pasadena, where he is to wed on February first, Miss Elice Cole, a prominent

young woman of Greenwich, Conn., the wedding to take place at the Cole winter home in Pasadena. After a two weeks honeymoon the happy couple will return to Ballinger and be at home at the Mrs. Tom Ward house on Eighth Street.

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**ANGELO TEAM WANTS GAME**

The San Angelo baseball team and fans are eager for Ballinger to remain in the West Texas League, and are watching the developments here interestedly.

A meeting of the San Angelo stockholders was held at San Angelo Tuesday night, according to a phone message to The Ledger from John Brewer, of the San Angelo Standard, and plans for a successful season worked out.

It was pointed out that the towns with franchises in the league, with their teams already organized, players under contract, and necessary equipment on hand, could keep the ball rolling at a great deal less expense this year than last season, and the Angelo fans are going in with the expectation of making their club pay a dividend.

At the San Angelo meeting directors were elected as follows: Shaw Rives, president; Sam Brewer, secretary; Sam Crowther, C. C. McBurnett, H. F. Brandt, Frank Miller and Percy Amacker. Four applications for managers were before the directors, and a manager will be selected within a few days.

The latest development in the local club circles seems to be a movement to get a sufficient number of men to become stockholders and assume responsibility for the club, and when this is done Ballinger will be ready to play ball.

The question confronting the local club is one of disposing of the team at a big loss and being deprived of the sport through the coming season, or getting behind the club and making it go. The league is considering taking in two new towns by giving them franchises without cost, and this makes it practically impossible to dispose of the local franchise, and only a few of the players could probably be sold.

"I believe that we can not only make the club pay its way this year," said one enthusiastic fan who is ready to back the game with his means, "but I believe that with the start and interest we have we can make it pay a dividend, or create a cash surplus for keeping the team in the league again next year."

Read the ads and profit

**CUT IN WAGES FOR SHIPPING BOARD MEN**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—A reduction in the wage scale of officers and men of the United States Shipping Board vessels, amounting to more than fifteen per cent, effective Feb. 6th, was announced today.

**CATHOLIC CHURCH HERE MOURNING**

Father Gollbach announces that St. Mary's Church of this city will be in mourning until the funeral of Pope Benedict has been held and the body laid away. The requiem will not be held until further notice.

**WRIGLEY'S P-K**  
AFTER EVERY MEAL  
This new sugar-coated gum delights young and old.  
It "melts in your mouth" and the gum in the center remains to aid digestion, brighten teeth and soothe mouth and throat.

There are the other WRIGLEY friends to choose from, too:



**But Tomorrow You May—**

You may not want to buy anything today—but tomorrow you may.

And you will want to know where to go to get the most for your money, and approximately the price you will have to pay.

Read the Advertisements in this paper.

Read them to know what's in the shopping district.

Read them to save steps—to save money—to save disappointment.

Read them because they set before your eyes the current history of business progress.

Read them to keep informed.

Read them regularly.

RUB RHEUMATISM OR SORE, ACHING JOINTS

Rub Pain right out with small trial bottle of old "St. Jacobs Oil"

Rheumatism is "pain only." Not one case in fifty requires internal treatment. Stop drug-ging. Rub soothing, penetrating "St. Jacobs Oil" right into your sore, stiff, aching joints and muscles, and relief comes instantly.

Limber up—Quit complaining! Get a small trial bottle of old, honest "St. Jacobs Oil" at any drug store, and in just a moment you'll be free from rheumatic pain, soreness, stiffness and swelling. Don't suffer! Relief awaits you.

Bilious Headache

When you have a severe headache, a disordered stomach and constipation, take three of Chamberlain's Tablets. They will correct the disorders of the liver and bowels, effectually curing the headache.

Contract Let to Finish Safety First

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Successful contractor and driller, having at present five wells going down for the Texas Company in different fields. He owns and operates tools in practically every proven field in the country, and is doing considerable wild cat work.

The showing of the log of the Safety First or Los Arroyo well, is encouraging and further development will be watched with interest.

GERMAN SHIPYARDS ARE BELOW PRE-WAR TIMES

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The shipyards of Germany are regarded as being reduced to more than pre-war condition, according to Lloyd's, the underwriters. The German shipyards exceeded during 1921 their best previous year in ship construction, the report shows.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cline and baby returned home Tuesday from San Angelo, where they had been for several days visiting Mr. Cline's sister, Mrs. Joe Hadden.

County Superintendent Ruff will be living at home during the first of February, his new home on Fourth Street being nearly completed. N. K. Freeman will move to the home vacated by Mr. Bugz, which he recently purchased.

Mrs. Monroe Vogelsang and baby left for their home at San Antonio, Tuesday afternoon, after a month's visit to Mrs. Vogelsang's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Mathis, and other relatives.

Advertise in The Ledger regularly and see your profits grow

Daily Ledger Want Ads

WANTED—to hear from owner having farm for sale; give particulars and lowest price. John J. Black, Texas Street, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. d-28—Feb 4-11

FOR SALE—or trade. 1918 model Ford touring car, fine shape. Would take livestock. C. W. Evans, Phone 7611. 25-1td-1tw

LOST—A gold Cuff Button, with diamond in center. J. W. Powell. 24-3td

WANTED—To rent a small farm on the halves. J. M. Avery. Phone 630. 24-7td-3w

FOR SALE—5 room house, two lots, barn, etc. Small cash payment, balance monthly installments. See Trimmer, McCarver & Lynn. 23-3td

FOR SALE—or trade, Chevrolet Car in good condition. Cash or terms. J. H. Baugh. 21-1fd

SHED LIGHT ON WORLD'S AGE

Discovery by Mumble Englishman Proved a Most Valuable Contribution to Scientific Knowledge.

A village grocer in Kent, England, some years ago came upon some peculiar stones around his house. He studied them intently and as a result succeeded in establishing the age of mankind!

As most people know, our primitive ancestors used tools and weapons which are known under the names of eoliths, neoliths and palaeoliths instruments.

The grocer who made the discovery, Benjamin Harrison, came to the conclusion that these stones would perhaps throw some light on the subject.

For 50 years he made collections of samples, and by devoting himself to their study managed to prove that man existed at least 200,000 years ago. The stones he had collected were relics of ancient implements.

Mr. Harrison was content to spend his life in his native place, seldom traveling more than twenty miles away. When only twelve years of age he started his researches among the chalk hills of the Downs and on the site of the old Roman camp at Oldbury.

In 1919 his name was included in the civil list for "devotion to scientific work." It was stated that few men whose scientific discoveries are of real importance were so little known to the community outside the select circle of specialists.

At the time of his death he had collected 5,000 specimens of ancient stones.

HIS LIFE NOT A "FAILURE"

Mere Worldly Success Not the Only Thing That Has, or Should Have, Value.

"He is a little mild-eyed, gray man who never has amounted to anything. He is just another of life's failures." Thus wrote one business man to another.

Let's see. What is a failure? A good many years ago the heart of a boy leaped with the surging impulses of ambition. All the golden dreams of youth, finer by far than any realities, were his.

But he never quite managed to make things turn out the way he had planned. Riding the high winds of great accomplishment was not for him. His was the colorless monotony of grocery bills, rent, half-soled shoes and a silver watch.

He wanted to be a diamond, but he only turned out to be a piece of coal.

One of life's unfulfillments, that's all.

But not a failure, because no man who is a good husband or a good father or a good citizen is ever a failure.

If he is, there's something wrong with the whole scheme of human destiny.—Thrill Magazine.

Meaning of the Carat Mark.

When you buy a watch or a ring or any other article of jewelry you generally find the mark, "14k," on it. It is made of gold of that proportion. But as to just how much gold there is in a 14k gold ring, few people know. Some gold is 18k and some 22k.

Just as the name "sterling" stamps silverware as being made of solid silver, so the carat marks on goldware indicate the amount of gold used in making it. Gold is divided into twenty-four carats, the "k" mark meaning "carat." Pure gold contains twenty-four carats. The mark "14k" on an object made of gold means that there are fourteen parts of gold and ten parts of alloy, generally copper, in its makeup. Articles made of pure gold would not retain their shape, so the alloy is added, 14-carat gold being most generally used in the manufacture of jewelry.

Delays That Were Fatal.

Former King Karl stopped for dinner at a time when he should have gone on; and all history suggests that such delays are nearly always fatal.

Hannibal lost Carthage, a possible triumph, when he stayed to eat many dinners in Capua, just as Prince Charlie lost his hope of the crown when he delayed on his march to London. Six weeks at Holywood ruined the Stuart cause. "Had he at once marched south he might well have reached London, and had he reached London the face of history in this island might have been changed." So, too, with James II when William III landed in England; had he thrown off hesitation and moved at once to meet the invader the chances are that there would have been no "Glorious Revolution."

Primitive Conditions of Life.

The natives of some unexplored regions of South America make little clearings, usually one or two, but sometimes as many as 20 or 30 acres. These gardens are disorderly affairs, with the half-burned stumps left sticking up. They plant them without apparent method. They generally have a great deal of cassava, our tapioca, which is their form of cereal. It also furnishes the native drink, in fermented form.

As to meat, they eat only what they can catch and kill, wild meat, exclusively, and they hunt largely with bow and arrow. It is no rare sight to see an Indian starting off with a great bow six feet long to shoot birds, for which he uses a blunt arrow, says Professor Glendon. They use barbed arrows to shoot fish.

CITIZENS ICE CO. HOLDS MEETING

The annual stockholders meeting of the Citizens Ice Co. was held Tuesday afternoon with about thirty men holding stock in the company present, and some of the stock represented by proxies.

The retiring president, C. S. Guin, made a report of the business and passed the report up to the stockholders for their inspection and discussion.

Plans for the coming season were discussed and directors for the ensuing year later elected, as follows: A. J. Thorp, O. L. Parish, R. L. Harwell, L. Cohen, C. R. Stephens, Leroy Nicholson and Noel Penn.

After the stockholders meeting had adjourned the board of directors met and elected A. J. Thorp president; R. L. Harwell, vice-president; and L. Cohen temporary secretary-treasurer and manager.

It was disclosed in the annual report of the board that altho the plant did not begin operating until the season was practically half over last year, the plant made a reasonable profit on the investment. It was claimed by the management of the new company that about ninety per cent of the consumers of Ballinger were served by the Citizens Co. after the plant began operating, and supplied nearby towns with carlot shipments.

The stockholders expressed themselves as being well pleased with the showing, especially when the plant started late, and was operated under disadvantages which will be out of the way during the coming season.

The competition in the ice trade last season caused a big cut in the price of ice put out by the old plant, and this served to a great advantage to the poor people of the town, ice being plentiful for families who heretofore were not able to buy it, or who could only buy in very limited quantities.

CREAM CLEARS A STUFFED-UP HEAD

Instantly Opens Every Air Passage—Clears Throat

If your nostrils are clogged and your head is stuffed because of nasty catarrh or a cold, apply a little pure, antiseptic cream into your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage, soothing and healing swollen, inflamed membranes and you get instant relief.

Try this. Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm at any drug store. Your clogged nostrils open right up; your head is clear; no more hawking or snuffing. Count fifty. All the stuffiness, dizziness, struggling for breath is gone. You feel fine.

F. Wesley Gray is here from Graham on business. Mr. Gray was formerly in the jewelry business at Winters, moving to Eastland and from Eastland to Graham, where he is doing a nice business. He says that he is watching the irrigation proposition here and when it is determined that the project is going over, he will come here at once.

Constipation

Constipation of the bowels is a stoppage of the sewerage system that removes waste matter from the body. It is as necessary that your bowels move regularly once each day, to carry off this waste, as it is that the waste pipes of your home be kept open and carry off the waste from the house. If you would enjoy good health, keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Tablets when needed.

DALLAS PASTOR IS SERIOUSLY ILL

DALLAS, Jan. 25.—Dr. John G. Slayter, pastor of the East Dallas Christian church, and widely known in Masonic circles, is critically ill at his home with little hope for his recovery.

Don't pay more than \$19.95 for a 6 volt Battery. 50 per cent profit is all we want. Nance-Stroble's. 23-dtf

LONG ILLNESS CLAIMS MRS. J. A. SHOFFIETT

Mrs. J. A. Shoffiett, age 32 years, died at the family home North of the city on the road to the upper dam, Wednesday morning, after an illness of more than two years from tuberculosis.

Mrs. Shoffiett had been confined to her bed for several months, and it had been known for some time that she could not live long. The husband and friends have been watching over her and assisted by the physicians had done all that they could do to relieve her suffering.

Deceased is survived by a husband and little daughter, twelve years old, and other relatives, a sister living at Valera, to which place the remains were shipped for burial.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

This a pleasant, safe and reliable medicine for coughs and colds. It has been in use for many years and is held in high esteem in those households where its good qualities are best known. It is a favorite with mothers of young children, as it contains no opium or other harmful drug. Try it when you have need of such a remedy.

Avoid irregularity in the bowel movements; it leads to chronic constipation; a condition that poisons the blood and breeds disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a man's remedy for putting the system in order. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks, special agent.

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By this unique descriptive name The First National Bank of Ballinger has become known among its host of patrons.

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TODAY MAEROY THEATRE TODAY William Fox presents William Russell in "Children of the Night" Also a Franey Comedy Admission 10c and 25c TOMORROW "The Little Fool" From the Jack London Story. Metro Screen Classics