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COUNTY PAYS FOR 10,000 RABBIT SCALPS

Business Conditions are Gradually Regaining in 11th Federal District

DALLAS, Mar. 1.—Forces and conditions which are making for recovery of business and industry apparently are slowly but perceptibly gaining headway against counter currents of adverse conditions in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District, according to the review of business and industrial conditions for January issued by the Federal Reserve Bank at Dallas, today. A survey of the changes in the month would seem to warrant the belief, the review declares.

The forces for betterment have been centered upon the task of bringing into play the recuperative powers of the natural resources—the farms, cattle ranches, oil fields, and mines.

The banking situation was reported as good, and the financial institutions to be in position to contribute their full quota of assistance. While some banks in agricultural districts are carrying over loans from 1921, as a whole the district's banking position was considered stronger than a year ago.

Advances by the War Finance Corporation apparently were improving the credit conditions in the livestock industry. Amounts loaned to the end of the period of the review, on Texas ranch and farm products totalled \$12,000,000. Reports from Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas indicated trading in cattle and sheep for ranch stocking purposes to be reviving on a larger scale than for many months.

Winter rains in January had not been sufficiently frequent or abundant to materially relieve the drought on the ranges. Considerable feeding has been necessary in New Mexico in particular, Arizona and West Texas. Cold weather did not kill much livestock.

Building activities in the larger cities underwent a remarkable expansion in January, the permits issued for construction totalling \$4,960,000, more than double January 1921, and the largest for the month of January, with one exception.

The general outlook for crops was reported encouraging as a whole. Farmers in the Texas Panhandle and other wheat raising districts, however, reported that winter wheat, which had been making poor growth, had benefited by rains, but the moisture came too late to bring the expected yield to normal. Conditions were worst in the Panhandle.

Cold raining weather early in February caused a halt in preparation of the soil for the cotton crop. Fear of the boll weevil again this year, continues to be

expressed. There was no substantial changes recorded in the general labor situation, aside from the termination of the packing house strike at Fort Worth. Unemployment decreased in the building trades, but continued noticeable in such enterprises as cottonseed products plants, railroad shops, mining, lumber, metal trades, clerical and unskilled workers.

Drilling activities in the oil fields was stimulated by active demands for crude. January production in the Eleventh District amounted to 1,916,130 barrels, breaking all previous records and registering an increase of 1,496,380 barrels over December. The rapid development of the Mexico field resulted in an increase of the daily average yield of that field from 104,530 barrels in December to 148,571 barrels during January, and was responsible for the total gain in Texas. Stephens county showed a decrease. The total increase of the Midcontinent field was due to the Texas fields increase. Of 299 new wells in the eleventh district, 212 were producers.

Irregularity characterized distribution in the wholesale and retail trade in the district. There was increases by wholesalers of apparel, dry goods and farm implements.

SCHOOL CHILDREN DOUBLE DEPOSITS

NEW YORK, Mar. 1.—The school children of America deposited more than four million dollars in the banks of the country during the last school year, according to an announcement made by the American Bankers' Association officials today. This is nearly double the amount deposited by the children during the preceding year.

DAN CUPID ON STRIKE IN RUNNELS COUNTY

County Clerk Forgy issued only ten marriage licenses during the month of February, and a dozen in January, making twenty-two for the year up to date. This is the lowest record for weddings in this county in many months, dropping far below any months during the war, and considering the county's population it is a poor showing for Dan Cupid.

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COLDEST WEATHER FOR MARCH EVER KNOWN

DALLAS, Mar. 1.—Temperatures in Texas varied today from two degrees below zero at Amarillo to forty degrees above at Galveston, according to reports received at the United States Weather Bureau in this city.

A "killing frost" was reported as far South as San Antonio, but no reports are available as to the effect of the cold weather on early vegetable crops further South.

Abilene reported the temperature at twelve degrees, the coldest in March since the weather bureau was established here thirty-seven years ago in 1885. Abilene also reports snow falling.

Dallas temperature stood at twenty degrees at seven o'clock this morning. Much suffering was reported in this city and charity workers were receiving many calls for food and clothing and fuel.

The temperature at Houston was 29.5, and is declared the coldest weather for March in thirty years.

Reports from different points in West Texas and the Panhandle state that heavy loss is threatened unless the weather moderates rapidly and immediately. Grazing lands are covered with snow and ice, water tanks are frozen and cattle are suffering for nourishment as well as being badly chilled.

The forecast today was for from twelve to thirteen degrees in the Northern part of the state and from eighteen to thirty further South with a probable twenty-four to thirty on some parts of the coast and possibly a slight freeze in the lower Rio Grande valley. Thursday is expected to be fair and not so cold.

Government Forecast

Tonight cold and fair; temperature twelve to eighteen. Thursday, fair and warmer.

The lowest March temperature recorded here in the history of the weather record sent the mercury down to ten degrees above zero Tuesday night, following a low temperature all day Tuesday.

The temperature ranged from twenty to twenty-four Tuesday, and light snow fell almost throughout the day, after a mist of rain had formed an ice coating over the ground.

Low temperature prevailed all

the forenoon Wednesday with continued sprinkling of fine snow. At noon a change for the warmer was noticeable with little thawing.

Aside from damage to water pipes, livestock suffering and demoralized traffic, it is not expected that any serious damage will result. The precipitation during the blizzard has not been sufficient to be of any benefit to the country.

And March came in like a lion!

Quite a number of casualties from skidding on the ice covered pavement, or ground, have been reported during the last two days. N. J. Wardlaw is wearing a bruised countenance as a result of slipping on the ice and letting his face come in contact with the frozen ground too suddenly.

Mayor Guin is wearing bandages from scalds sustained when he slipped and fell with a pot of boiling water while he was trying to thaw out frozen water pipes.

By cautious treading others who have skidded on the ice got off with minor bumps, but many have been the falls.

FREEZE-UP SUSPENDS HIGH SCHOOL TODAY

On account of water pipes being frozen, and causing heating trouble at the high school building, it was necessary to suspend school Wednesday. The high school building is heated by steam and the cold building made it uncomfortable, unhealthy and unwise to keep the pupils on duty and they were released for the day. Central ward school and other ward schools are heated by a different system, and no trouble was reported from those buildings and the children did not get a holiday.

BLIZZARD CANCELS BAPTIST REVIVAL

Evangelist Sid Williams arrived here Tuesday at noon from San Antonio en route to Mazeland, where he was scheduled to begin a revival. It was pretty weather when he left San Antonio, but he found the severest blizzard of the season raging at Ballinger, and returned home on the next train.

ROYAL WEDDING FIRST BEST NEWS

LONDON, Mar. 1.—President Harding's proposal for the American merchant marine ship subsidy was crowded out of several London papers today by accounts of the Princess Mary's wedding. Every newspaper in London devoted several pages of today's issue to the royal marriage.

A small want ad in The Daily Ledger often saves you money.

Some men provide the finances for their families and depend on the wife to provide everything else. Remember finances will not provide character.

Mexican Editor Makes Appeal for Recognition

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 1.—An appeal to President Obregon to take the Mexican people into his confidence in matters concerning the recognition by the United States, coupled with an urgent demand that something be done to restore diplomatic relations between the two nations, was made in a signed editorial in the newspaper El Universal today by the publisher, Senor Felix Palafox.

The editor asked President Obregon to explain through the press what demands the United States are making on Mexico, and asked the president to take counsel with the nation's wisest men in discussing how the demands of the United States can best be met in a manner commensurate with the national pride and dignity of the Mexican government.

NO MONEY TO MAKE SHIPS GO

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The American navy was virtually brought to anchor today by the action of the House appropriations committee cutting the requested appropriation for navy fuel from twelve million dollars to \$6,282,685. Plans were made immediately by the navy department to stop all steaming warships.

CAN'T BLOCK YAP TREATY LEADERS

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Futile efforts to attach amendments or reservations to the Yap treaty were renewed today in the Senate, while the administration leaders are presenting a solid front against every proposed change or qualification of the original treaty, and showing little disposition to reply at length to the continued assaults of the "irreconcilables." More than enough votes to ratify the treaty is declared to have been assured by the leaders.

CHILD LEFT ALONE BURNS TO DEATH

RANGER, Tex., Mar. 1.—Leona Holbert, age three, was fatally burned late yesterday in an oil camp near Caddo. The child was left alone in a room with an open gas stove burning, and is presumed to have fallen in the fire while playing around the stove.

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County Clerk Forgy received 3,714 rabbit scalps last Saturday, and issued warrants in payment of bounty on the scalps at the rate of three cents per scalp.

The county commissioners passed an order more than a month ago authorizing the payment of the three cent bounty on rabbit scalps, and during the month of February numerous drives were put over in the county with signal success.

While not near all the rabbits slaughtered were scalped, Mr. Forgy stated that he had received about ten thousand scalps to date, and the fun has just really started. The last two Saturdays have been the heaviest days at the clerk's office for counting scalps. Saturday a week ago more than 2500 were received and last Saturday was the record breaking day for scalping.

During the week many smaller lots were brought in by individuals, and up to date the county has paid out about \$300 as encouragement money in getting the farmers to destroy the pests which play havoc with the crops during the spring and summer.

It will not take a mathematician to count the saving which the farmers will realize by removing ten thousand crop destroyers. A big mule eared rabbit will eat almost as much as a sheep—a lamb, to say the least of it, and the rabbit destruction should be continued through the month of March, and as long as the farmers find time to organize and sweep the county.

IMPORTANT R.R. CHANGES NOTED

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Two important changes in the government's policy towards the nation's railroads which become effective today is the section of the transportation act fixing six per cent as return on properties for which the railroads are entitled to earn under the Interstate Commerce Commission regulations which expired today. Also today expires the period under which the railroads controlled by the government during the war are entitled to ask the government for loans to aid them in continuing operations after their return to private management.

JUDGE NAMED TO SUCCEED LANDIS

CHICAGO, March 1.—Federal Judge Mack of New York, was today selected by the senior Federal Judge Carpenter, for the Northern District of Illinois, to serve out the unexpired term of Judge K. M. Landis.

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Neighbor counties should do likewise.

King George spent \$175,000 on the wedding of his daughter, Princess Mary. Almost enough to pay the interest on England's war debt, and we need the money. Another reason why royal heads should be cracked and made common heads.

The Dallas traffic department has issued a jay walking order, and hereafter all jay walkers will be treated rough. The jay walking law has been on the books so long we thought all country folks would have been made wise long before now. Don't cut the corners when you go to Dallas.

Paint in your mind a picture of a flock of ten thousand jack rabbits hopping around in a cotton patch of growing plants about half knee high, and you will get a vision of the damage. Then paint in your mind another picture of a pile of dead rabbits numbering ten thousand, and you will get a vision of what the February rabbit drives did in this county.

WANTED TIME

When business conditions improve, and the normal demand for labor returns, and everybody gets busy, street building might be easier to finance, but now is the logical time to do the work.

It is a foregone fact that this city will have to do some street paving if we continue to do business at the same old stand. Then why not do it while the unemployed are struggling to make ends meet, and begging for work to help them make the meeting?

Leaders in municipal affairs are hesitating because they are afraid the citizens will not follow in supporting some street building program, so it is said. Why not?

A dollar spent in street improvement now will do more good than two dollars spent when times are prosperous. A two-fold purpose could be served now, and we would be getting the benefit of good streets instead of lumping out an existence over almost impassable driveways. We are wasting time.

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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 yawning or sniffling. Count fifty. All the stuffiness, dryness, struggling breath is gone. You feel fine.

New United States Hospitals.
Before the year ended the Federal States public health service had opened three more hospitals to the four-year-old program since January 1 last. It is also preparing nine other hospitals four of which will probably be opened by May 1 and the others a little later. All of these hospitals have either been leased from private owners or taken over from the army or the navy, the new construction authorized by congress at the extra session not yet being well under way.

Hospitals planned to be opened for 1922 include the tuberculosis hospitals at beautiful Dawson Springs, Ky.; Excelsior Springs, Mo., and Rutland, Mass., with a total of 920 beds; the general hospitals at Fort Walla Walla, Wash., and at Norfolk, Va., with a total of 1,240 beds, and the neuropsychiatric hospital in the Bronx, New York city, with 1,000 beds.

LUCKY ARTIST WON FORTUNE

Comfortable Sum Bequeathed Painter Who Had Reproduced Features of Beloved Daughter.

A fortune of \$46,000, (\$220,000), which was bequeathed by the late Robert B. Hawley, president of the Cuban-American Sugar company, to Mr. Learned and his family was the romantic sequel to Mr. Learned having painted a portrait of the sugar magnate's dead daughter. Mr. Hawley made a fortune in the export business, and in 1896 he was elected to congress. Just after he left congress his daughter Sue died, and he was heartbroken. The only likeness that he possessed of his loved one was a small photograph, and this lacked much of the fine animation that had characterized her face.

Taking the photo Mr. Hawley went to Arthur G. Learned, a rising young artist, and asked him to make a portrait that would recall something of the inspiration the girl had been in her father's life. The picture was made and it exceeded the hopes of the grief-stricken father. The latter was so grateful that he became on the closest terms of friendship with the painter and his family. Mr. Hawley died in November and left to Mr. Learned and his wife \$20,000, (\$100,000), and to their little son \$2,000, (\$10,000), and a trust fund of \$24,000, (\$120,000).—Manchester Guardian Weekly.

OPEN FIREPLACE A NUISANCE

Women of Past Generations Considered the Huge Affairs of Those Days as Unnecessary.

Nowadays one of the most convincing proofs that you can give to the fact that your city apartment is of the highest class and unlike the ordinary is to say that it has "open fireplace." Even a single "open fireplace" in an apartment is enough to raise it from the shoddy majority. And, of course, when we dream of owning a house in the country most of us, nine out of ten of us, think of an open fireplace as a sine qua non of such an abode.

But our grandmothers had no such opinions of open fireplaces.

Open fireplaces were a real humiliation to the woman who had them in her house 50 years or more ago. At least that feeling prevailed in this country. A small grate fire, that held a few shovels of coal, was another matter, but the sort of fireplace where logs burned across firelogs was—well, it was one of the cruelties that most persons did not like to possess. Yes, there was a time when a Franklin burner or a drum stove was considered more of an ornament to the well-furnished drawing room than the sort of wide-hearted fireplace that we covet nowadays.

Section Men Watch Step.

Section men are known for their deliberate movements. They never get in a hurry unless there is some urgent work to be done. As long as they are on the go they are supposed to be working fast enough.

Track workers on the subway lines are even more deliberate in their movements than men employed on regular railroads. Where the old-time section workers had to look out for their and occasional freight trains, the subway track men have to be on the watch for express and local trains passing every few minutes. In addition, they've got to have a care for the tilted rail. In crossing the tracks every movement is taken with the deathly current always in mind. A hurried, reckless step might end fatally. Probably in no other line of work is efficiency so measured by slow work.

Royal Parish Church.

Although St. Martin-in-the-Fields (London, England) once the Royal Parish church—has just celebrated its 300th anniversary under the Royal coat of arms, the church stands on a site consecrated centuries before. The first organ used in the present building was purchased by George I, who had the royal arms worked in relief on the portico. Soon after its erection the church was thus referred to in a periodical of the time:

"The inhabitants are now supplied with a decent tabernacle, which can produce as handsome a show of white hands, diamond rings, pretty snuff boxes, and gilt prayer books as any cathedral," says the Daily Chronicle. If in ghostly form he could return some wet and wintry midnight and see the outcast refugees in those once favored pews.

Wormwood.

The Kaiser's pet racing yacht was the Germania. He kept it at the Kiel Yacht club and dreamed of world power as it carried him on cruises.

The war changed a lot of things. It changed the name Germania to Ha! Moon. It also changed the yacht's ownership. Gordon Woodbury of New York owns it now. He starts on the Ha! Moon for a cruise in the South seas.

When Bill Hohemollern heard about this at his famous woodpile in Holland, it's a safe bet he broke his jaw.

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"IDOLS OF CLAY" AT THE MAEROY FRIDAY

The languorous South Sea islands mingle with London's lime-house slums in George Fitzmaurice's latest production for Paramount, "Idols of Clay," which will be the attraction at the Maeroy Theatre Friday (family day; in which a family of two or more will be admitted for only fifty cents.) Mae Murray and David Powell are the featured players. The story was written by Ouida Bergere.

The central characters are Faith Merrill, a pretty, innocent creature living with her father, Jim Merrill, a dentist, and his dissolute partner, Blinky, on an obscure South Sea island. Merrill and Blinky sell illicit rum to the natives in return for smuggled pearls. To the island come Dion Helme, a young sculptor who is drifting around the world in the effort to forget an unfortunate affair with a lady, Gray, in London. Faith picks him up half-conscious on the beach, and under her care not only his health but his considerable talent for working in clay returns. Later Jim Merrill is killed in a drunken brawl and Dion, completely restored, returns to London to take up his career again.

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- For District Clerk: GEORGIA SINGLETARY
- For County Judge: PAUL TRIMMER
- For Sheriff: J. P. FLYNT

WOMEN IN POLITICS

Now, since the women of the nation have been given a full hand in matters political, we are looking for the fellow who declared that politics would pull the women down instead of the women pulling politics up. He can't be found.

Woman's influence in the political field has proven to be elevating, and will continue to improve it as the women of the country realize the responsibility which now rests upon them.

Women, the good mothers and wives of this country, exert none of that debasing influence which has debauched our political system for so many years, in the past. They are not grafters, or tricksters, or hangers-on, and the average women is becoming more and better posted on the economic problems which heretofore her husband has had to deal with alone.

As a general rule women are eminently fair minded and just. These are excellent reasons for encouraging the political activity of American womanhood.

It would be well if the women of every community would form an organization for the study of political questions, especially those having a bearing on local conditions of affairs.

Truth and candor compels the admission that the political rule of man has exerted too much of a degrading influence upon the body politic. That scrupulous honor and devotion to duty which we have a right to expect from our public servants in this country is often—entirely too often—conspicuous for its absence.

Political womanhood of today has the power to compel its restoration, if political womanhood so desires. If the good men will encourage the good women the elevating influence in politics is doubled at one step, and men seeking high office in the future will have to prove their worthiness of the trust of the women in politics before they can claim the support of the women in politics.

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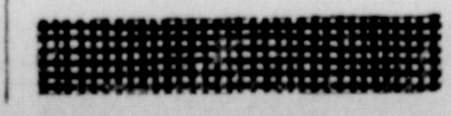
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The Pneumonia Month

March is a typical pneumonia month and usually gives a high rate of mortality for the disease. After a long and hard winter, the system loses much of its resistance and people grow careless. When every cold, no matter how slight, is given prompt and intelligent attention, there is much less danger of pneumonia. It should be borne in mind that pneumonia is a germ disease and breeds in the throat. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is an expectorant and cleans out the germ laden mucus and not only cures a cold but prevents its resulting in pneumonia. It is pleasant to take. Children take it willingly.

COULDN'T MOVE R. R. SO MOVED VILLAGE

BOWLING GREEN, Ky., Mar. 1—Unable to move a railroad crossing which has resulted in several deaths, the little hamlet of Roachton near here, has moved its eighty inhabitants. The

town is now located about three miles South of Perryburg on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

Roachton moved after efforts to have the railway move its crossing failed. The main instigator was George Schwind, on whose land the hamlet is now situated.

Schwind owned the only general store in Roachton. When he moved half a mile from the original townsite, Roachton followed. Townsmen assisted each other in the moving, which took one week.

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Expect New Voting Machine to Save Time

AUSTIN, Mar. 1.—When the Texas legislature next convenes at the capitol here, the votes in the house of representatives will be counted so quickly that a considerable saving in time and expense will result, in the belief of the legislative committee which recently tested the new automatic voting machine in the house.

Economy, thru the saving of time, was the principal reason for installing the machine, according to Representative C. E. Dinkle, of Hunt county, chairman of the committee. Heretofore, it has taken about 20 minutes to take and count the votes in a roll call. The saving of time will amount to from five to ten minutes or more on each day of the legislative session. Each day of the legislative session costs the state of Texas about \$2,195, it has been estimated. During the last regular session of the legislature, 60 hours time could have been saved with the machine, it was estimated, being the equivalent of 10 days. The monetary saving would have been about \$21,950 for the session at this rate.

The voting machine was ordered installed in resolution passed at the second called session of the thirty-seventh legislature last summer. Installation has been progressing for several months, ending with the final test of the machine last week.

Votes are cast by the members turning a key on their desks. One turn of the key to the left registers a "yes" vote, two turns a "no" and three turns, "present, not voting." Each turn of the key flashes a light on a large board above the speaker's stand. On this board is the name of each member. If a "yes" vote is cast by a member, a red light flashes opposite his name on the board; if a "no" vote, a blue light, and a white light for the "present, not voting" signal. At the same time the letter "Y" or "N," whichever the vote is, appears opposite the name of the legislator casting the vote. The rear of the board is an

exact duplicate of the front. When the vote has been closed a photostat machine makes a photograph of the board, which is sent thru a tube to the speaker's stand to become the record of the vote. The whole process from the beginning of the voting to the delivery of the photograph is completed in slightly more than five minutes, whereas the usual time for a roll call is 15 minutes or more.

Immediately after the vote is closed the affirmative and negative votes are indicated on dials on the speaker's desk and the desk of the clerk.

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DISCOURAGES DOG EATING IN PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

MANILA, P. I., March 1.—In order to further discourage the Igorots who inhabit the Mountain province, from the use of dog meat as a part of their diet, Governor General Wood has ordered discontinued the practice of feeding puppies to the reptiles confined in the aquarium. The governor general learned from the director of the bureau of science that the dogs were condemned at the city pound and in order to dispose of them, they were utilized as food for reptiles in the aquarium.

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"Everyone who has used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy speaks well of it," writes Edward P. Miller, Abbottstown, Pa. People who once use this preparation are seldom satisfied with any other. It is excellent to allay a cough or break up a cold.

Weight Changes Every Hour.
We are lightest when we rise in the morning. Breakfast puts on a pound or so, but we lose some of this by lunch time, when we again add to our weight. After lunch back we go once more, though, as between breakfast and lunch, we retain part of the increase. Then comes dinner, which brings us up to our maximum. We have then gained, on the average, seven pounds during the day. Generally, therefore, the greatest variation during the 24 hours is seven pounds, the weight lost between dinner and breakfast.

Birthday Cake Candles.
The custom of placing candles on a birthday cake—one for each year—comes from Germany. The Germans placed a thick one in the center, called Lebenslicht, the light of life. Only he or she who declares his or her birthday may put out the light of life; it is unucky if done by any other member of the family. The lights are symbols of life and its perils of the years. For persons advanced in years one candle must do duty, as otherwise too many would be required.

Ostrich Eggs as Food.
Mr. Gallien, diet expert, who has been experimenting with ostrich eggs supplied by the New York zoological gardens, declares that the food value of the ostrich egg is about the same as that of the domestic hen's egg. The flavor is identical and, although the ostrich eggs contain less protein than meat, they have more fat and a fair amount of phosphorus and iron. One egg will make an omelet sufficient for 30 persons.—The Argonaut.

Pipeclay for Mats.
Pipeclay acts as a preservative of rubber and makes one of the best mediums for treating the rubber mats used in automobiles. Oil and grease are rubber solvents and ruin the floor mats if they are allowed to remain on them. The mats should be wiped quite dry and then be pipeclayed. The pipeclay dries and sucks the oil out of the rubber.

For Sister.
At the Madison Avenue branch library a little boy was looking for an interesting book and seemed to be having a hard time finding one that appealed to him. At last he brought to the desk "Wanted: A Husband," saying, "I guess I'll take this home to my sister. That's what she's looking for."—Indianapolis News.

English "Boxing Day."
Boxing day is the 26th of December, and is one of the four legal bank holidays in England. It was on this day that in olden times the gentry made presents, especially of money, to their servants and dependents. These presents came to be known as Christmas boxes.

When a foreigner comes to this country to show off, somebody finds time to show him up.

FROM NEIGHBORING CITIES

The West Texas Baseball League has been called for a meeting in Sweetwater at nine o'clock Saturday morning. The transfer of the Ballinger franchise from Ballinger to Lubbock will be one of the items of business brought before the meeting.

W. D. Young and Haskell French, salesmen for the Waples-Platter Grocery Company, were injured and had a narrow escape from death, when their auto skidded on the ice and turned over on the road between Miles and San Angelo, Tuesday. The car turned completely over twice and while both men were riding in the front seat when the smash came, Mr. French was dragged from the rear seat.

The horse races scheduled for Tuesday at San Angelo, were called off on account of the track being covered with ice. "Barney," owned by P. L. Fuller of Snyder, was to make a dash against "Red Bird," owned by Fred Taylor, of Coleman, for a \$1,000 purse.

Dr. O. B. Manes sold his stock farm, near Coleman, one of the best improved farms in Coleman county, consisting of 340 acres, to S. F. Brown last week for total consideration of \$29,000.

Temple officers are seeking for Miss Emma Hoelscher, age 38, who disappeared mysteriously from a Temple hotel almost a week ago. In her room was found a note saying, "No one is to blame for this but me." The note was signed "K." The woman had about \$1,000 in a Temple bank and \$600 in currency was found in her trunk.

Charlie Blackwell and "Happy" Dunn, two Tom Green county prisoners, gave their guards the dodge while working on the road near San Angelo Monday, and are enjoying their liberty somewhere. Dunn was working out a \$50 fine and costs, and Blackwell was working out a \$300 fine with a year's term in the jail on a charge of theft.

A. C. Keeling, of Menard, is the owner of two freak dogs. The pups are of a litter of six Fox Terriers. On one of the pups where the tail should be there is

Children Cry for Fletcher's



The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over over 30 years, has borne the signature of and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

What is CASTORIA
Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic and Diarrhoea; allaying Feverishness arising therefrom, and by regulating the Stomach and Bowels, aids the assimilation of Food; giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

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a well developed fifth leg with perfectly formed foot, toes, etc., and on the other dog two legs, but no feet, wag where the tail should be. The pups are perfectly formed every other way, except for tails, and they have a surplus of legs and feet in place of tails. Mr. Keeling has refused an offer of \$500 for the two dogs.

Money doesn't go far these days. Too many stopping places.

Accept
No Substitutes
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Theford's

BLACK-DRAUGHT

Purely
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Liver Medicine

One Born Every Fourth Minute

A lady who had a family of three children didn't want any more because she had heard that every fourth child born in the world was a Chinaman.

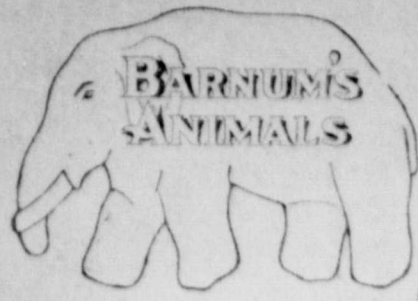
As ludicrous, perhaps, as an old misconception some skeptical folks used to have about advertising.

There was a time, when some advertisements had to be taken with a grain of salt. A few misguided advertisers thought they could sell their goods better by misrepresenting them. These advertisers have long since gone out of business or mended their ways. Hard experience taught that untruthful advertising didn't pay.

Other advertisers proved that the only way to advertise successfully, make regular customers, and build up good will was to tell the absolute truth about their goods in their advertisements.

You can depend on the merchant or manufacturer who advertises. The concern that tells you frankly what it is doing is a good concern with which to do business. The store that advertises is a progressive store that has something really worth while to say to you. And companies that advertise their products or their service have confidence in them.

Read the advertisements!



**Full Line of
National Biscuit Co's
Cakes and
Crackers**

Try a Jar of Our
**Tea Garden
Preserves**

Currie Mercantile Co.
Phones 66 and 67

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
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the
Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

ACCEPTS CALL TO
EASTLAND CHURCH

Rev. W. C. Kunze returned Tuesday from Eastland, where he went with a view of accepting a call to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church of that city. He accepted the work offered him in Eastland and will move to that city by the first of April, closing his work here with the end of the present month.

Rev. Kunze has only been in Ballinger about one year, serving the two local Presbyterian churches as pastor under a plan of federation entered into for one year. He probably would have remained here had the plan been continued. He and Mrs. Kunze have made many friends here who will regret to see them leave.

Eastland only has one Presbyterian church, a nice one with a good membership for a city of that class, and the church will either build or buy a manse by the time Rev. Kunze makes the move.

Catarrr Cannot be Cured with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrr is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrr Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrr Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrr Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrral conditions. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. All druggists 75c

Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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**Daily Ledger
Want Ads**

WANTED—To hear from owner having farm or unimproved land for sale. John J. Black, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. 1-3td.*

WANTED—White girl to cook and keep house for family of three. Apply Ledger office. 1-2td.*

FOR SALE—or rent—Singer Sewing Machine. Phone 78 or 470. C. B. Armstrong. 20-tfd

FOR RENT—Light house-keeping rooms. 400 Broadway. Phone 490. 20-tfd

NO MONEY FOR SOLDIERS BONUS

WASHINGTON, March 1.—With the elimination of the cash feature of the soldier bonus bill virtually agreed upon today by the Republican members of the House ways and means committee, Chairman Fordney announced that a special sub-committee of six had been named to work out a plan that will not entail a large draft on the federal treasury during the next two years.

Such plan will make it unnecessary for any immediate bonus financing to remove the cause of the controversy in the House over the bill.

Baby Chick Fountain Free E. A. Jeames & Co.

TOO COLD TO DRIVE RABBITS

The rabbit drive scheduled for the country between Ballinger and Benoit, Thursday, has been indefinitely postponed on account of the bad weather. The drive will be advertised later.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones left for Dallas Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Jones came here as Mrs. Barnard, and was visiting her cousin, Mrs. J. R. Lusk, and Mr. Jones came out from Dallas Sunday and they were married Tuesday.

Eddie Knowl

Eddie is a high school freshe. He is enthusiastic over sports, and with his father, has witnessed practically all of the wrestling matches held recently in Indianapolis. His teacher had urged the pupils to attend at least one of the Shakespearean plays scheduled at a local theater, and finally asked whether any of the pupils had ever seen Robert Mantell.

"Yes," put in Eddie without a moment's hesitation, as he recalled the name of Al Mantell, a noted wrestler. "I saw him wrestle Jack Reynolds."

The sally was good for a big laugh at his expense.—Indianapolis News.

Stung But Rewarded.

Patrons of a Long Island telephone line complained of a buzzing on the wires and a trouble hunter was sent out to locate the difficulty. He located it and he did something else, for he found that a swarm of bees had made a hive in the connection box on a telephone pole. The trouble hunter worked for hours and finally routed the bees with a fire extinguisher. He was badly stung, but he was rewarded by ten pounds of honey stored in the connection box.

Takes City Directory's Place.

How the telephone book is displacing the directory is illustrated by complaints in Brooklyn, which has no city directory now, that it is hard to find the address of persons living there unless they have a telephone. Of course everybody of consequence ought to have telephone service now, but all of those who can't are of consequence to themselves, and many of them are of consequence to others. Moral: Live out in the country, where everybody knows you.—Boston Daily Globe.

Cause of Real Harm.

Josh Billings once said: "It ain't so much ignorance that does harm as their knowing so darned much that ain't true."

There's This Satisfaction About It

When you open one of our bundles and inspect the garments we have cleaned—you'll be pleased. Whether it's a man's snit, a lady's waist, or a child's dress, each piece receives expert care in every stage of the handling, so that there can be only one result—good work.

If you have garments laid aside in the closet, send them to us. We can clean them like new and save you money.

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Only complete cleaning plant in Rannels County. Work called for and delivered promptly.
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STOMACH TROUBLES VALUABLE BOOK FOR PUBLIC USE

Indiana Lady Had Something Like Indigestion Until She Took Black-Draught, Then Got All Right.

Seymour, Ind.—"Some time ago I had a sick spell, something like indigestion," writes Mrs. Clara Peacock, of Route 6, this place. "I would get very sick at the stomach, and spit or vomit, especially in the mornings."

"Then I began the use of Theodor's Black-Draught, after I had tried other medicines. The Black-Draught relieved me more than anything that I took, and I got all right."

"I haven't found anything better than Black-Draught when suffering from trouble caused by constipation. It is easy and sure. Can be taken in small doses or large as the case calls for."

When you have sick stomach, indigestion, headache, constipation, or other disagreeable symptoms, take Black-Draught to help keep your system free from poison.

Theodor's Black-Draught is made from purely vegetable ingredients, acts in a gentle, natural way, and has no bad after-effects. It may be safely taken by young or old.

Get a package of Black-Draught today. Insist on the genuine, Theodor's. At your druggist's. NC-143

NOTICE

The Civic League will have a candy sale Saturday, March 4th, in front of the Maeroy Theatre, 1-3td

CHILDRENS COLDS

Should not be "dosed." Treat them externally with—
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Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

NO PRAYER MEETING FOR BAPTISTS TONITE

There will be no prayer meeting at the Baptist church tonight.

PRAYER MEETING IS CALLED OFF

The pastor announced Wednesday morning that on account of the severe weather that there would be no prayer service at the Presbyterian church tonight.

The Young Men's Business League has recently purchased for the use of its members a three-thousand page volume listing all of the leading manufacturing concerns of the United States. This volume will enable a buyer to locate concerns manufacturing almost any known article. For instance, if you wish to buy "Sapoline," "Beryllium," "Metol," "Humigars," "Coagulate," or "Picallilli," or any of the thousands or more staple commodities, the book gives the address of from one to one hundred concerns manufacturing the particular article.

The volume also lists the leading manufacturers alphabetically and gives a full list of leading trade and coined names. The volume is at the disposal of members of the commercial organization.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors. THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Rannels: To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of John Hoffman, Deceased.

The undersigned having been duly appointed executor of the Estate of John Hoffman, deceased, late of Rannels County, Texas, by Paul Trimmer, Judge of the County Court, on the 13th day of Feb., A. D. 1922, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, those having claims against said estate to present them within the time, at our residence, Ballinger, Rannels County, Texas, where we receive our mail, this 15th day of Feb. A. D. 1922.

J. W. POWELL, JOHN C. HOFFMAN, Executors of the Estate of John Hoffman, Deceased.

15-4td—15-22 mar 1-8
Baby Chick Fountain Free E. A. Jeames & Co. 28-tf d&w-eod

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Reginald Barker's Production "The Branding Iron"

Story by Katherine Newlin Burt, one of sensational and inspiration dramas of the screen. A picture you will never forget.

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A big picture at no advance in price.
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Are these articles kept in a safe convenient place?
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If not, join the many thoughtful people who are availing themselves of the convenience offered by our SAFETY DEPOSIT VAULT.
Charges reasonable—let us show you.

The First National Bank

Of Ballinger
Safe Efficient Progressive

Found a Cure for Indigestion
"I use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets for indigestion and find they suit my case better than any dyspepsia remedy I have ever tried and I have used many different medicines. I am nearly fifty one years of age and have suffered a great deal from indigestion. I can eat almost anything I want to, now," writes George W. Emory, Rock Mills, Ala. These tablets contain no pepsin but strengthen the stomach and enable it to digest the food naturally.

We got our start using good
nature as business capital, and today we are still using the same capital in our business. We are three times stronger today than a year ago. And we will be larger in another year than we are today. And this time next year we will be using the same capital we started with. Holmes Tife & Battery Service. dtf

J. W. Kelly returned to his home at Lomesa Tuesday afternoon, after a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McKinney.

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Financial Statement of the FARMERS & MERCHANTS BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS

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Feb. 9th 1922

Resources:	Liabilities:
Loans & Discounts \$334,582.85	Capital Stock \$100,000.00
Liberty Bonds 23,700.00	Surplus & Profits 52,060.96
Banking House and Land 30,901.00	Bills Payable None
Depositors Guaranty Fund 6,059.20	Rediscounts None
Assnt. Dep. Guaranty Fund 3,354.86	Deposits 472,340.59
Cotton Accept. 20,197.13	
Available Cash 206,506.01	
Total \$624,401.05	Total \$624,401.05

We invite your attention to the above statement and solicit your account. No depositor has ever lost a dollar in a Guaranty Fund Bank in Texas

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Dick Hatton in "Fearless Dick"

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