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LOCALS
See Lowe & Durham for Lined Oil. 3t
Texas Almanac for sale at the Postoffice.
J. L. Glass is dipping cattle this week.
Homer Pierce reports a two-inch rain at his ranch on the Divide.
Jeff D. Ayres made a business trip to San Angelo Wednesday.
W. E. Wood reports a good rain in the U pasture Monday night.
FOR SALE—Good work horse—Lowe & Durham.
Some nice cottages to rent at reduced prices. R. B. CUMMINS.
Fisher's Screw Worm Killer kills the worm and heals the wound. 2t Butler Drug Co
Mrs. Ned Humphry of Pueblo, Colorado, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jeff Ayres.
Miss Ada Wakefield, of Midway, Texas, is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. B. Butler.
John Ray, Jr., was in town Wednesday marketing onions from his irrigated truck patch.
Don't forget to come out and hear Hon. C. B. Metcalf speak at the court house tomorrow afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. Horace King of South Texas are visiting their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Glass.
Alvin Sparkman, who had been attending the A. & M. College during the last year, came in home last Saturday.
Our old time friend and standby C. M. Rawls, of San Angelo, is here shaking hands with his many friends in Sterling.
Use Fisher's Worm Killer on your stock. It not only kills the worm, but keeps off the fly and disinfects the wound.—Butler Drug Co. 2t
If you want to buy or sell land or livestock in Sterling county or Sterling City, see or write R. B. Cummins.
Willow Creek was out of its banks last Tuesday morning as a result of the heavy rains on its headwaters.
Rev. McCarty closed a two-week's protracted meeting last Sunday afternoon. One baptism was the result of the meeting.
At this season of the year all kinds of live stock need a tonic of some kind. Nothing is better than International Stock Food. Butler Drug Co. 2t
For Sale—A well drill in good running order. Will take cash or trade, or part cash and part trade. It's a bargain. See or write, B. O. Frankin, Sterling City, Texas.
Material is now being put on the ground for the new jail and the work will now go forward until the thing is completed. The company is limited to October 15th for completing the building.
SOFT SWAP for the right man. I have 8 lots 3 blocks West of the High School on which is a nice young orchard all fenced with poultry wire which I will sell to the right man on long time.—J. A. Canon. 8t
A protracted meeting under the auspices of the Methodist church will begin at the tabernacle next Sunday at 11 o'clock. Dr. J. T. Curry of San Antonio will conduct the meeting.
Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Allen were in town last Tuesday. Mr. Allen is much improved in health and is quite enthusiastic over crop prospects. He says his cotton is large for its age and is fruiting rapidly, while his feed crops are fine. The recent rains will almost put these crops to the good.
LOST—Between Livingston farm house and Sterling City on the San Angelo road 13 miles east and 7 miles north of Sterling City, one dark brown suit case containing diamond ring, baby necklace and baby wearing apparel and other articles. Finder will please leave same at First State Bank of Sterling City and receive reward.
T. N. Vanhorn, Westbrook, Texas.
8, 15, 12, 1t.

D. S. Smith returned from Langtry yesterday evening.
N. A. Austin went to San Angelo yesterday on business.
Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Gamble were shopping in San Angelo yesterday.
E. E. Reams left last Saturday for a six weeks' visit to Savannah, Mo.
Miss Pearl Latham is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. J. Pasche, at Hillsboro
Fred Barrett and George Tripp are in from their sheep ranch in Glasscock county.
John Lane, of the HS ranch, was driving his new automobile on our streets last Saturday.
Hon. Lee Upton, of San Angelo is here in the interest of his candidacy for District Judge.
R. P. Brown, A. J. Davis and D. H. Hooten made a business trip to Stanton Wednesday.
H. K. Dunn and crew arrived yesterday from Barnhart with a herd of cattle for Marcus Snyder.
The recent rains caused a considerable swell in the Concho to the delight of the irrigation people along its banks.
B. F. Brown, Templeton Foster and Misses Fay Foster and Mavis Douglas attended the Good Samaritan feast of the R. A. M., at Robert Lee, last Saturday.

RANCH LOANS.
I am prepared to make ranch loans anywhere in the state. No loan to large where the security is satisfactory. If interested write me. B. E. Hurlbut, Brownwood, Texas.

FOR SALE—Section 178, Block No. 29, W. & N. W. Ry. Co. survey situated in N. W. portion of Sterling Co. Price, \$4.50 per acre, on easy terms. Address, Ed Sanders, Bastrop, Texas.

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Notice is hereby given that I forbid, and will not allow any sheep herded on or driven across any lands owned or controlled by me, under pain of prosecution. Take notice and keep out. 4mpd F. M. ASKEY

Notice to Hunters.—Posted.
My pasture is posted according to the law made and provided in such cases and all persons are hereby warned and forbidden to hunt, fish, or otherwise trespass upon any of the enclosed lands owned or controlled by me, under pain of prosecution to the full extent of the law. J. T. Davis 5-8-'02 tf

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G. W. Allard

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R. W. Foster

FOR SALE—One fine section of Plains land in Borden county, partly improved, in 14 miles of station on the Santa Fe Ry. Co., in one mile of a good school, long terms, and daily mail, fine neighborhood. Price \$12 per acre, will take \$3000. cash or trade and give nine years on balance.
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One-seventh of the assessed value of all property in Texas is railroads, and new railroads in passing through a community add \$64,000 per mile to adjoining property and the distribution is free and equitable.
The Texas Welfare Commission is investigating the subject of railroads and railroad securities. R. C. Duff of Houston is chairman of the sub-committee having the question under consideration.

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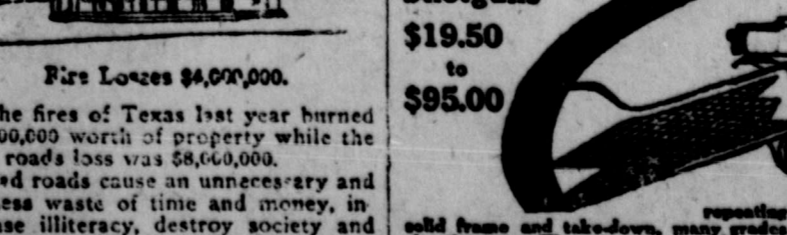
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The Texas Welfare Commission is investigating the railroad industry. R. C. Duff of Houston is chairman of the sub-committee on Railroads and Railroad Securities.

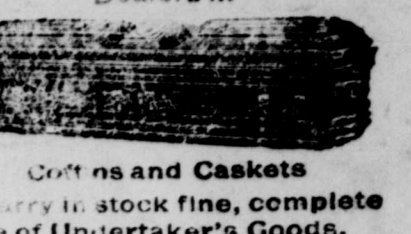
Transportation
In discussing the cost of transportation the Texas Commercial Secretaries' Association says that, as a rule, the producer pays the freight to the factory or market and the consumer pays the freight from the factory to the point of consumption. Texas has comparatively few factories, and the cost of transportation is, therefore, of paramount importance in fixing the value of our articles of production and consumption. We have four methods of transportation, viz: Public Highways, Railroads, Waterways and Pipe Lines.
Public Highways.
We have 121,000 miles of public highways in Texas with only 2,000 miles classed as improved public roads. The average cost of hauling freight over the public highways of Texas is 43 cents per ton per mile.
43 Cents Per Ton Per Mile.
The average cost of hauling freight over the public roads of the United States is 23 cents per ton per mile. As a producer the farmer gets the same price for his products whether hauled over good roads or bad roads, and as a consumer the farmer pays the same price for merchandise whether he hauls it over good roads or bad roads. The farmer receives the benefits of good roads, but pays the penalty of bad roads.
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County Officers
Judge—B. F. Brown
Clerk—Pat Kellis
Sheriff—L. B. Cole
Sheriff—Jno. H. Ayres.
Treasurer—E. L. Gilmore
Assessor—D. C. Durham
Suffrage—W. F. Kellas
Court meets first Monday in February, May, August and November.
County Commissioners.
J. M. F. No. 1—B. F. Roberts
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Justice Court.
Court, Precinct No. 1, meets 3rd Saturday in each month. B. F. Roberts, J. C.

CHURCHES.
M. E. Church—Preaching every second and fourth Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., and fourth Sunday at 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. every Sunday.
SOCIETIES.
Masonic.—Sterling lodge No. 738, A. F. & A. M. meets Saturday nights on or before the full moon in each month.
D. L. Slaton Secretary
W. F. Latham W. M.

Eastern Star—Meets Saturday P. M. 3 o'clock on or before the full moon in each month.
Mrs. N. L. Douglass W. M.
Mrs. O. H. Graham Secretary.
Sterling City Chapter No. Masons meets 1st Saturday night after full moon in each month.—B. F. Brown H. P. N. L. Douglass recy.

Sterling City Council No. 289 R & S
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