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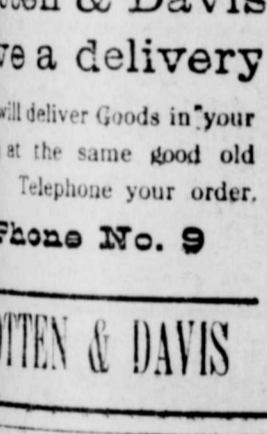
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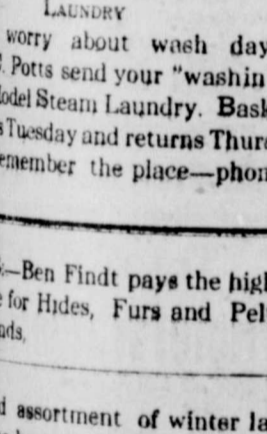


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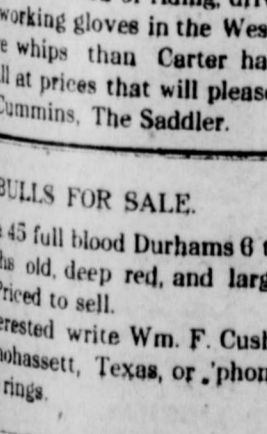


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For Sale: Lot 12, Block 26, original town plat of Sterling City can be bought very cheap. It is about 700 feet southwest of the public square and is a desirable place for a residence. It's a bargain! Call at this office for price.

LOCALS

Miss May Sullivan, who is attending school at Abilene, was here the past week visiting her mother, of Sterling City, who is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Walling. She returned to Abilene Monday.—Robert Lee Observer.

Miss Belle Lyles entertained last night with a "hen" party in honor of Miss Florence Miller, of Abilene.

Rev. J. B. Atkinson, of Knickerbocker, came up last Friday to meet his daughter, Miss Lula, who has just finished teaching a term of school at Lacy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cushing, of Knochassett, and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Currie, of Big Springs, attended the ball here last Monday night.

Mrs. Mary Shortt, who has been visiting at Robert Lee, returned last Monday night.

Dr. and Mrs. Lee of Garden City, were guests of our town last Monday night.

Have your shoes neatly repaired and they will last twice as long. L. Knaecker, Churchill residence. 4t

W. P. Atkinson was visiting his parents at Knickerbocker last week.

Mrs. Mary Bowden, who has spent the winter here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis, left last Wednesday for her home at Springdale, Ark.

Miss Mary Nelson has been employed to teach the Mulberry school. Miss Nelson has just finished a term at the Morrow school.

\$5.00 Reward: Will be paid for the return of a stick pin; gold and a bunch of grapes formed with pearls. Valued highly because of its being a gift. Apply at this office.

Fowler and James McEntire are at the R. B. McEntire ranch. We learn that they intend to stock and operate the ranch after A. C. Pearson's lease expires.

Mrs. Josephine Ramsey is visiting her brothers, Emette and Curry Westbrook.

Contractor Lem Latham has a force of men at work on W. L. Emery's new brick garage. It will be about 90 days before the building will be ready for occupancy.

Have your shoes repaired. L. Knaecker, Churchill residence near school house. 4t

Bascom Sullivan of Mills county visited his wife's brother, Rude Mathis, last Wednesday.

A. T. Cole of Clarendon is visiting his brother, J. B. Cole.

Meet me at the Dixie Friday and Saturday nights where there's always good pictures on the screens. It

The Philathea class this week purchased a fine new piano for the Baptist church.

Miss Ora Churchill returned home last Saturday from Abilene where she had been a student at Simmons college during the present scholastic year.

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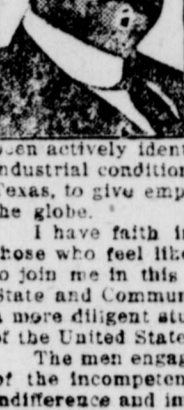
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OUR PUBLIC FORUM

J. S. Cullinan
 ON TEXAS ECONOMIC LEAGUE.



In assisting in the organization of the Texas Economic League, my motive was to help form an association that could voice the sentiment and promote the interests of those engaged in producing and distributing the products of the earth. Having belonged to this class all my life and having occupied various positions in business from laborer to manager and owner, I have come in personal contact with most of the hardships encountered by those engaged in productive pursuits and I feel that much of the suffering we undergo is preventable and that improved conditions can be easily brought about through a more active and intelligent citizenship. I have resided in Texas for eighteen years and during that time have been actively identified with many lines of business, and in direct touch with industrial conditions of the state. It has been my aim to influence capital to Texas, to give employment to labor and to see Texas institutions spread over the globe.

I have faith in the people and in the future of the State and I want those who feel likewise and have a permanent interest in the State's welfare to join me in this work. The only qualification is that citizenship, Federal, State and Community in the order named, be placed above class interest, and a more diligent study of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States be pursued.

The men engaged in productive pursuits should manage civilization. Much of the incompetency and inefficiency in our public affairs is the result of indifference and impatience of the producing classes in dealing with important public problems, leaving their solution to the non-producing classes, who should take orders from and not give orders to society. If business men, farmers, laborers and all factors in productive industry would discharge more fully the responsibilities of citizenship, many of the fundamental evils from which we suffer would automatically disappear, revealing a more capable and efficient commonwealth. I have unbounded faith in our system of government and believe that the serious difficulties which we encounter are due to incompetency and degeneracy of important branches of government and society over which the citizenship, as a whole, has neglected to exercise a proper supervision and has failed to demand a high order of efficiency and integrity.

We should look to the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States for guidance and apply their principles to the problems of the day. As citizens we enter into a contract with government as the "party of the first part" and unless we perform the services agreed, we have no right to share the benefits of government and certainly no cause for complaint against organized society for evils which the performance of our duty as citizens would easily correct. We want to invite the people of Texas to study and discuss citizenship, determining our rights and privileges under government with a view of enjoying more fully the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness set forth in the Declaration of Independence and guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

J. F. Morrow, of Robert Lee, was a visitor here last week.

J. R. Cope and family were here from their ranch last Wednesday on a shopping expedition.

G. W. Allard, Jr., has taken charge of the City Barber Shop, and will operate it in the future.

J. W. Snowden assumed charge of the Tweedle feed store and wagon yard last Saturday.

Delbert Walling, of Robert Lee, was among the visitors here last Monday.

Robert Brown this week bought a 5-passenger Ford automobile from Brown & Pearce.

The friends of engineer Lee Barnhill will regret to learn that he was injured in a wreck on the Santa Fe six miles west of Brownwood last Monday. He, with three other trainmen, was carried to the hospital at Brownwood. We failed to learn the extent of injuries.

NOTICE: The following books are missing from the public library:

"The Winning of Barbara Worth."
 "The Long Shadow."
 "The Mistress of Shenton."
 "The Woman of the Twilight."
 "The Crown of Wild Olive."
 "The Prince of the Devil."
 "Marth and Cupid."
 "He Comes Up Smiling."
 "Twenty Years After."
 "Mi-sing of the Tenderfoot."

Please look over your books and if you find any of the above books belonging to the library bring them in immediately.

LIBRARIAN.

Senior B. Y. P. U Program

Following is the program of the B. Y. P. U. for April 9:
 Leader—Miss Louise Lowe.
 Song.
 Instrumental solo—Miss Mildred Hooker.
 Five minutes talk—How Isaac found his wife. Harold Durham.
 Reading—Miss Winnie Davis.
 All the young people are especially requested to be present.

HIS PLIGHT.

"Did you see where a man stole a ton of sugar?"
 "Gee! He must have got himself into a sweet mess!"

ITS CLASS.

"Isn't speech the engine with which to move the mass?"
 "Sometimes it turns out a donkey engine."

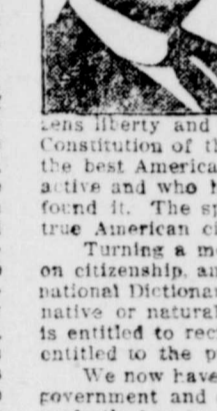
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OUR PUBLIC FORUM

J. S. Cullinan
 ON CITIZENSHIP.



The Texas Economic League invites the people of Texas into a discussion of citizenship, but before we can intelligently study so important a subject we must first define it. What is citizenship? Who is the best American citizen? Search the statute books for a definition of citizenship and unless one is a member of the legal profession we immediately become entangled in a labyrinth of confusing and oftentimes contradictory laws seeking to promote or restrain most every form of human activity, much of them good, some of them bad and others indifferent. But laws come and go; the Constitution is permanent. The preamble of our Federal Constitution states that our government is organized to give its citizens the Declaration of Independence and one cannot escape the conclusion that the best American citizen is he who is most free, patriotic, just, happy and active and who hands down to posterity a civilization more capable than he found it. The spirit of our country is freedom and no man can become a true American citizen unless he is free.

Turning a moment from documents of State perhaps the best authority on citizenship and one universally accepted by the public is Webster's International Dictionary, which defines a citizen as "A member of a State; a person, native or naturalized, of either sex who owes allegiance to government and is entitled to reciprocal protection from it." Further, "A citizen as such is entitled to the protection of life, liberty and property at home and abroad."

We now have before us the authoritative definition of citizenship by both government and society and in order that the most humble citizen may feel perfectly free to enter into a study and discussion of this subject, I will briefly outline my conception of what citizenship involves, for the work of the Texas Economic League will be in vain if the most lowly citizen does not feel free to give serious thought and expression to his obligation to government and his responsibility to his fellow men.

Applied to able-bodied adult males, with which I take it we will have chiefly to do, a citizen's duty, in return for the rights, privilege and protection outlined above, would seem to be: First, to expend sufficient labor in production, or auxiliary occupations, viz., manufacture, transportation and distribution, to support himself and his family in comfort. Second, conform to all laws framed in the interest of society under the Constitution. Third, contribute his just proportion to the maintenance of government in personal, payment of taxes or, if need be, bearing arms in the defense of the nation.

In reaching the above conclusions I have assumed that under our system of government citizens are owners in common and are entitled to the rights and benefits of government during the term of their natural lives and for such period only.

HUMAN NATURE.

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