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TEXAS WHEAT ACREAGE SHOWS BIG INCREASE

CORRESPONDENTS OVER STATE ACCOUNT FOR MORE THAN 200,000 ACRES.

CONDITION VERY FAVORABLE

Indications Are That Percentage of Betterment of Crop Will Be Equivalent to Gain in Acres.

Dallas, Texas.—A substantial gain in the wheat acreage of Texas is indicated by current reports from correspondents. These reports account for more than 200,000 acres in the chief wheat growing section of the state, and they show an estimated increase of close to 23 per cent for the season, as compared to last year.

In some instances, particularly in counties having relatively small acreage, the increase amounts to three and four times the acreage of the preceding season. A few counties with large acreage show gains of 40 to 100 per cent. Nine counties, which planted approximately 165,000 acres in wheat last year, have a prospective acreage of 215,000 this year.

Generally, the condition of the crop is favorable, and indications are that the percentage of betterment in the crop will be equivalent to the gain in acreage. None of the counties show a decrease in acreage.

Reports By Counties.
Childress county with 22,000 acres shows an increase of 100 per cent. The early sown fields are doing good, but cold weather has prevented the most favorable growth of the late crop.

Deaf Smith county expects to have 50,000 acres, which will make the increase 50 per cent. The crop condition is 25 per cent better than that of last year.

Sherman county, reporting an estimate for 20,000 acres, will show an increase of 40 per cent.
Hempill county, with 25,000 acres, an increase of 10 to 20 per cent.
Clay county, reporting the largest acreage for one county, expects to show 65,000 acres. The increase is 10 per cent.

Montague county has 22,000 acres, an increase of 10 per cent.
Moore county, with 6,000 acres, has an estimated increase of 20 per cent.
30th county reports an increase of 400 per cent, the acreage amounting to 3,000. Lubbock county, reporting only 680 acres, shows an increase of 83 per cent.

BULGARS MENACE ROUMANIANS.
Crossing of Danube Between Sillistria and Tchernavoda Reported by Berlin.

London.—Little fighting, except by the artillery, is in progress on any of the fronts except in Roumania. Here the Teutonic allies, according to Berlin, are still making progress against the Roumanians in Eastern Wallachia. Petrograd asserts, however, that the Roumanians northeast of Bucharest, along the road running from Polechit to Buzen, have turned on the offensive and driven the Austro-Germans back westward. To the north along the Transylvania-Roumanian frontier, Petrograd reports additional progress for the Russian troops, and Berlin admits the capture by the Russians of a height south of the Trotus valley.

A move by the Bulgarians, which may prove a menace to the Roumanians retreating eastward from the Bucharest region, is reported by Berlin. This is the crossing of the Danube, between Sillistria and Tchernavoda southeast and east of Bucharest. It was made in large force seemingly an impediment will be placed in the way of the retirement of the Roumanians and possibly some of them may be caught between the Austro-Germans moving east and the Bulgarians driving north across their line of retreat.

Semi-official advices from Berlin say that the Roumanians have lost approximately 112,000 men made prisoner since Roumania's entry into the war and suffered casualties estimated at about 300,000.

Aside from a German attack in the Vosges region near Col Saint Marie, which was repulsed by the French, and the recapture by the Germans of a gap in Champagne, which the French had entered after its evacuation, only bombardments and minor engagements have taken place along the line in France and Belgium.

Harkness Left \$49,556,895.
New York.—Charles W. Harkness, who at the time of his death on May 1 last was said to be the third largest holder of Standard Oil stock, left an estate worth \$4,556,895, according to an appraisal filed with the surrogate here. His brother, Edward S. Harkness, willed approximately \$36,182,000, is the chief beneficiary.

Four Men Swept From Barge at Sea.
Galveston, Texas.—To watch helplessly their fellow-workers swept into the sea and drowned was the experience of the crew of the tug Gulfport that reached Galveston Sunday. One of the men lost was said to have shipped from Galveston and his name was given as Little Charlie Selzer. Joe Soderman of Gulfport, Miss., was the barge captain. The Gulfport, towing the barge Bob, from Tampico, met the gale in the gulf 50 miles east of Point Isabel.

BARONESS AKERHIELM



Baroness Akerhielm, wife of the ambassador of the Swedish legation in Washington, recently joined the count and already is recognized as one of the handsomest women in the national capital. She is an Englishwoman.

LLOYD-GEORGE MADE PRIME MINISTER

NEW ADMINISTRATION WILL BE OF COALITION CHARACTER LIKE LAST ONE.

BOMAR LAW WILL SUPPORT IT

Herbert H. Asquith Resigns After Serving Eight Years of Stormy Foreign and Domestic History.

London.—David Lloyd-George has overthrown the Asquith cabinet and will become prime minister himself. The new government will be coalition like the old one, but probably without the same measure of harmonious support which attended the formation of the first coalition cabinet because its birth has created additional factional difficulties.

This result has emerged from another day of active and hurried party conferences and a day of intense suspense and interest throughout the country.

Law Declines Task.
There was a prospect that the personal offices of the king might solve the situation and many thought that the Asquith regime might be continued. The king called the party leaders to Buckingham palace and conferred with them for more than an hour. Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd-George of the Liberals, Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Balfour of the Unionists and Mr. Henderson of the Labor party were with the sovereign. It is many years since a British ruler assembled the representatives of the different factions face to face when they had shown themselves unable to settle their differences. But no such serious crisis has arisen before to require such action by the king.

The official announcement that Mr. Lloyd-George had undertaken the task with the co-operation of Bonar Law was a notification that the new government would be coalition. Any party government would be impossible because neither the Unionists nor the Liberals have a majority in the house of commons.

London.—The government crisis found a solution which, up to the hour of its announcement, was considered the least probable of practical alternatives. Herbert H. Asquith resigned the premiership which he has held through eight years of stormy domestic and foreign history. The Unionist leader, Andrew Bonar Law, was summoned to the palace immediately after Mr. Asquith had departed and the king offered him the prime minister's office.

No announcement regarding Mr. Bonar Law's decision has yet been made and there are some doubts whether he will accept the heavy responsibility. If he declines it is considered certain that the honor will fall to David Lloyd-George. The continuation of the coalition cabinet, with some changes in its membership and the speeding up of the war management, will be the policy in either event.

U. S. SENDS PROTEST ON DEPORTING BELGINS

STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES TEXT OF NOTE FORWARDED TO GERMANY NOVEMBER 29.

RESULTS NOT YET GIVEN OUT

Violation of Accepted Principles of International Law Directly Asserted.

Washington.—A note to Germany protesting against the deportation of Belgians for forced labor as contrary to all precedents and humane principles has been made public by the state department.

The note was cabled to Charge Grew at Berlin on Nov. 29, the day Ambassador Gerard discussed the subject with President Wilson, with instructions that he read it to the German chancellor personally. In making it public the state department announced that the interview had taken place, but said nothing about results.

The decision to protest formally against the treatment of the Belgians followed unsuccessful informal efforts by Charge Grew under instructions that he say informally to the Berlin foreign office that the deportations were having a most unfavorable effect upon neutrals, particularly the United States. Mr. Grew was informed in reply that the policy was adopted as a military necessity and that Germany regarded it as legal.

Text of Note.
The note, with the department's statement making it public, follows: "On Nov. 29 Mr. Grew, our charge at Berlin, was directed to obtain an interview with the German chancellor and read to him the following: "The government of the United States has learned with the greatest concern and regret of the policy of the German government to deport from Belgium a portion of the civilian population for the purpose of forcing them to labor in Germany and is constrained to protest in a friendly spirit but most solemnly against this action, which is in contravention of all precedents and of those humane principles of international practice which have long been accepted and followed by civilized nations in their treatment of non-combatants."

"Furthermore, the government of the United States is convinced that the effect of his policy, if pursued, will in all probability be fatal to the Belgian relief work, so humanely planned and so successfully carried out, a result which will be generally deplored and which, it is assumed, would seriously embarrass the German government.

"The interview has taken place."

Diplomatic Procedure Exhausted.
With the failure of America's efforts, as well as those of Spain, Holland and the Vatican, the only action which officials here apparently believe this country can take is the full publication of the facts in its possession. Admittedly diplomatic procedure has been exhausted.

GOVERNMENT BEGINS FOOD QUIZ

Investigation Will Be One of Most Sweeping Ever Undertaken in Country.

Washington.—The federal investigation of the high cost of living has begun to take definite form, with indications that it would be one of the most comprehensive ever undertaken and would extend to every section of the United States. Not only is a sweeping inquiry into the cause of the soaring cost of foodstuffs contemplated, but the recent pinch in the coal supply and its resultant price advances also will be made, in all probabilities, the subject of a broad investigation.

From President Wilson down, officials began to cope in earnest with the problems presented by the situation. The president took under consideration preliminary reports, which, with others yet to come, will form the basis for recommendations he may make to congress.

Wilson Gives Dinner to McCormick.
Washington.—Praise for the men who managed his campaign was voiced by President Wilson at a dinner given by him at the White House for Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the Democratic national committee, to which were invited Democratic and Progressive campaign workers and their wives. After dinner the president made a brief speech in appreciation of the activities of the campaign leaders and in turn proposed oasts to McCormick, Senator Walsh, western Democratic manager, and Bainbridge Colby of New York, member of the advisory campaign committee of Progressives.

Allies' War Losses 15,100,000.

Berlin.—The total losses of the enemies in the present war have been 15,100,000, according to figures given out by the association for research into the social consequences of the war of Copenhagen, as quoted in an Overseas News agency statement. "Of this number," says the news agency summary of the report, "Great Britain has lost 1,200,000 men, Russia 8,500,000, France 3,700,000, Italy 800,000, Serbia 480,000, Belgium 220,000 and Roumania 200,000."

O. D. BLEAKLEY



O. D. Bleakley of Franklin, Pa., is the representative-elect who aroused comment the other day by traveling from his home to Washington in an airplane.

GERMANS CAPTURE CITY OF BUCHAREST

IS ONE OF THE BRILLIANTLY EXECUTED STRATEGICAL FEATS OF GREAT WAR.

FOURTH ENTENTE CAPITAL

City Covers Area of Twenty Square Miles and is Frequently Called "Paris of the East."

Berlin.—Bucharest, capital of Roumania, has been captured, it is officially announced. Ploechti, the important railway junction town, 38 miles northwest of Bucharest, also has been taken.

Brilliantly Executed Feat.

The capture of Bucharest is accounted by military commentators one of the most soundly conceived and brilliantly executed strategical feats of the great war.

In entering Bucharest the armies of the central powers have taken their fourth entente capital. Early in the war King Albert and the Belgian government were forced out of Brussels and last year King Peter of Serbia and King Nicholas of Montenegro were consecutively compelled to give up their capitals to the Teutonic invaders. Now the process has been repeated in the capital of King Ferdinand of Roumania. Bucharest, before the present war relegated old-fashioned fortifications to the scrap heap, was considered extremely well defended by its outlying works, which comprised 18 fortifications of the first class and many redoubts and batteries. Aside from Paris, it was accounted probably the largest military camp in the world, capable of accommodating 200,000 men.

The city is a gay capital in peace times with a population of nearly 300,000 and was frequently alluded to as "The Paris of the East." It covers an area 20 square miles, contains the royal residence, the government buildings and other notable structures and is the center of a considerable trade.

The taking of Bucharest virtually completes the conquest by the Teutonic forces of the southern section of the Roumanian kingdom, embracing territory of more than 50,000 square miles.

Teutonic Advance Continues.

In Roumania the forces of the central powers are continuing their drive which daily is bringing them appreciably nearer Bucharest. Already almost encompassed on the south and southwest by the invaders the capital apparently is being rapidly approached from the west and the northwest with the Russians and Roumanians nowhere able to stem the tide. In the northwest from the Carpathians to the Moldavian frontier region the Russian offensive is making little if any progress. While Petrograd announces the capture of another range of heights on the Moldavian front the Russian war office admits the recapture by the Teutons in the wooded Carpathians sector of a height south of Voroneshka. Berlin says the Russian attacks everywhere have been without avail.

Champion Steer Brings \$1.75 a Pound.

Chicago.—California Favorite, the grand champion steer of the 1916 international live stock exposition, was sold at auction and brought the University of California, its owner, \$1,960. The steer weighed 1,120 pounds so he cost a Detroit packing company \$1.75 a pound, a new record for the show. In 1912 the grand champion brought 906 a pound and in 1913 596 a pound. The record for the show since its inauguration is \$1.50 per pound.

LOONEY EXPLAINS LAW AS TO CONTRIBUTIONS

Looney Says Corporations Cannot Give for Their Funds to State Commercial Organizations.

Galveston, Tex.—Corporations chartered under the laws of Texas may contribute to purely religious, charitable and eleemosynary institutions, regardless of the extent of the activities of the latter, where such institutions are bona fide and have been in operation for one year prior to the contribution. Corporations may contribute to local commercial organizations so long as the local organizations confine their activities to local affairs, and are free from any political purpose or connections.

While corporations have authority to contribute to local commercial organizations, yet they do not have authority to contribute to a local commercial organization which in turn makes contributions to a state commercial organization, for the reason that they would be doing indirectly that which they have no authority to do directly.

Corporations chartered under the laws of this state have not the authority by the attorney general of Texas to contribute to a state chamber of commerce or other state commercial organization.

That is the gist of an opinion rendered in reply to a request from the Texas state chamber of commerce.

Flood Control Receives Attention.

Waco, Texas.—The Texas State Conservation and Reclamation association, with headquarters at Waco, has been organized to promote the conservation of storm water, for irrigation and flood prevention; also to encourage the development of wasting water power along the numerous streamways of the state. The reclamation of fertile valley lands from overflow has long challenged the concern of property owners in nearly all sections of the eastern part of the state, and the harnessing of passing flood water has been the cherished dream of owners of lands in the western part of the state. In answer to these demands provision has been made for reclamation, irrigation and drainage districts. It has been found that to do this a constitutional amendment will be necessary and this new association has for one of its objects the promotion of such an amendment. A meeting of representatives from each river valley watershed and of citizens of the state interested in the movement has been called to meet in Austin Jan. 15 and 16, next, at which time noted conservation and reclamation experts have been invited to make addresses.

Plan New System for Public Schools.

Dallas, Texas.—That the Gary, Ind., plan of using public school buildings for two shifts of pupils and teachers may be adopted in Dallas was indicated by the action of the board of education in appointing a commission to recommend a system of fuller use of present schoolroom space in the elementary grades. The resolution called attention to the growing congestion of the schools, the unsatisfactory nature of the portable buildings, and the great expense of constructing additional permanent buildings.

60,000 Farmers Ask Mortgage Loans.

Washington.—Officials of the Farm Loan board have announced that more than 50,000 farmers have applied for mortgage loans aggregating approximately \$150,000,000, or more than 17 times the amount of money which will be immediately available for loans on the organization of the 12 farm loan banks. Most of the applications have come from the south and west. They still continue to come in by hundreds every day. Requests for application blanks, contemplating requests for loans to 2,000 farmers, have come from Iowa alone.

Johnson Urged for President.

Hackensack, N. J.—United States Senator-elect, Hiram Johnson of California, in a letter to Alfred Gramlich, Republican state committeeman, made public here, expressed his thanks for a boom started for him for president in 1920 at a recent dinner of New Jersey Progressive Republicans, but added that he "would not attempt to minister to it, as he felt it would hardly be taken seriously."

Defense Bills May Carry \$800,000,000.

Washington.—Rapid progress in congress toward framing national defense bills to appropriate \$800,000,000 was forecast when the house military committee took up its share of the work. Chairman Dent said he expected to report the army appropriation bill before Christmas. The naval committee has been in session for nearly two weeks and expects to complete its hearings within a few days.

Germany Admits Sub Sank Arabia.

Washington.—Germany in a note made public by the state department contends that the British steamer Arabia, sunk in the Mediterranean on Nov. 6, was in reality a "transport ship for troops in the service of the British government, which is to be considered as an auxiliary warship, according to international law." The German government's attitude is expressed to be one of readiness to make amends if it be shown that the submarine commander violated treaties.

TEXAS MASONIC GRAND LODGE INSTALLS OFFICERS

Record Made by Retiring Grand Master Dan S. McMillin is Praised.

Waco, Texas.—With installation of officers the grand lodge of Texas Masons concluded its eighty-first annual grand communication. Judge W. S. Fly, of San Antonio, chief justice of the fourth court of civil appeals was installing officer, having acted in that capacity for many years.

Retiring Grand Master Dan S. McMillin has established several records. He was the first grand master whose decisions and rulings were approved without unfavorable comment by the jurisprudence; he was the first to have all business of the grand lodge completed early in the fifth session, meeting only morning and night for that purpose; he induced more progressive legislation. It is asserted, than any previous grand master has secured.

An order for \$100,000 dormitory for boys at the orphans' home, and a movement to make the per capita payment \$1.00 instead of 50c, thus making the annual fund about \$150,000 was made.

The officers installed for the new year are as follows: Grand master, Frank C. Jones, Houston; deputy grand master, John R. Arnold, Henderson; grand senior warden, A. A. Ross, Lockhart; grand junior warden, George P. Moran, El Paso; grand treasurer, W. W. Peavy, Brownwood; grand secretary, W. B. Pearson, Waco.

BANK ROBBER KILLS CASHIER.

Masked Man Fires on Clarence A. Glass at Point, in Rains County. Only \$243 Secured.

Point, Rains Co., Texas.—Clarence A. Glass, aged 33, cashier of the First State bank of Point, died from the effects of wounds received when he was shot down by masked robbers who took \$243 from the bank. Posses have searched the greater part of this section thoroughly, but no trace of the robber has been found.

Glass was alone in the bank about 9:30 o'clock, at the time of the robbery and shooting, having returned after supper to write some letters. After being shot down, the cashier dragged himself from the building and crawled on his hands and knees to the home of W. F. Thornton, a half block away, where he gave the alarm. Glass was also able to give a connected account of what took place in the bank and described the robber.

State Fair Made Profit of \$72,531.

Dallas, Texas.—The state fair of Texas made a net profit of \$72,531.41 from the 1916 exposition, as compared with a net profit of \$48,573.03 from the 1915 exposition, according to the final auditor's report made public after the directors' meeting. The total receipts were \$240,016.70, compared with \$180,729.52 last year. Paid admissions this year amounted to \$179,684.80, against \$128,997.95 last year. The total expenses of the 1916 exposition were \$174,885.29. Department premiums were given to the amount of \$31,317.41, while permanent improvements cost \$24,768.77, the largest item of which was \$12,288.81 for new cattle barns. Most of the money for permanent improvements was for additions to the live stock department. This figure is exclusive of the \$14,500 spent for the Sydney Smith Memorial fountain.

John D. Archbold, Oil King, is Dead.

Tarrytown, N. Y.—A noted figure in the world's petroleum industry was removed when John Dustin Archbold, capitalist, president of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey and officer and director in various other enterprises, died at his home here, after a two weeks' illness, subsequent to an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Archbold was a native of Ohio and was 68 years old. In early life he was an oil refiner and buyer in western Pennsylvania, and in 1875 he became associated with the Rockefeller interests, a connection that continued until his death.

Steals \$20,000 From Wagon.

Los Angeles, Cal.—A robber stole \$20,000 from a guarded express wagon in the heart of Los Angeles while hundreds of persons were passing within a short distance. The robber threw pepper in the eyes of an armed guard while the gold and currency were being transferred to a bank a distance of three blocks.

Reported Mercier a Prisoner in Palace

Amsterdam.—Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, is confined to his palace by the German authorities, according to a correspondent who says he hears this on good authority. The reason given is the action taken by the cardinal against the deportation of Belgians.

Speculation Part Cause of Big Prices.

Washington.—Information gathered from many sources by government officials conducting the nationwide inquiry into high cost of living pointed with increasing directness to the conclusion by the officials that the soaring prices of certain necessities of life are due in part at least to the manipulations of speculators who have combined to force quotations upward. These combinations are believed by the investigators to be criminal in character, rather spasmodic

NEED HOLY SPIRIT

Produces Conviction of Righteousness Such as Upright Man Never Knew Before.

"When he is come, he will reprove the world of righteousness.—John 16:8.

The word "reprove," which occurs in our common version, is not an adequate rendering. The word in the margin, "convince," is better. But even it is not large enough; for the work of the Holy Spirit is not simply to inform, but also to bring to the conscience with sharp reproof the information it conveys. The new version unites both these ideas in the word "convict," and so is the best rendering.

"He will convict the world of sin." That we can understand. The Holy Spirit is not needed merely to make men aware of sin or to condemn it. That we have by nature. We also know sin by the law. When the word of authority gives forth "Thou shalt not," then "by the law is the knowledge of sin." So also our conscience in some measure helps to the knowledge of sin and brings with it a strong reproof. Nature, law, conscience, are the threefold witness of sin. But when the spirit does its work of convicting and reproofing, it goes deeper and farther than this threefold testimony. Then the soul is impressed with such a sense of the enormity of sin as to turn our day into night. That experience by common consent is called conviction. Many contend that without it there is no escape from sin, and no entrance into the life divine.

Work of the Spirit.

But in the passage I have read, Jesus tells us that this same spirit produces conviction of righteousness. We do not need the Holy Spirit merely to know that there is a difference between right and wrong. That we know by nature, law and conscience. Every man has some moral sense. There is such a thing as natural virtue. There are moral men in the community, generous, self-sacrificing, kindly, heroic, who cannot understand how Christians can speak of them as unsaved, when their characters equal and in some instances eclipse those of the saints. It is the work of the spirit to convict them of righteousness.

When the spirit does illumine the soul of an upright man, he sees righteousness as never before. His virtues, in the blaze of this new light, seem shallow, unreal, altogether insignificant. This conviction of righteousness comes to many of us before the conviction of sin. They who came up into Christ from a consecrated childhood, who did not long ago go groaning under a burden of their sins, are sure sooner or later to come to see how far short of the glory of God they have lived. Then the spirit convicts them of righteousness.

It is inward. A man may be correct in deed but wrong at heart. He may tell the truth but love the lie. He may never steal but covet his neighbor's goods. He may keep the whole law as did the young man in the Gospel story, yet like him violate both its fundamental principles—love to God and love to man. He may never suspect where his supreme love is until it is put to the test—"Go sell all."

It is real. A woman is reputed to be a model wife. She devotes herself patiently and laboriously to her husband's interests. But she does not love him. Her heart is in the grave of a companion of her youth. Here was a marriage of convenience. Hence in that home everything rings hollow. It is not real.

True Righteousness.

Righteousness is often as faithful, as painful and as unselfish as that. The reality of our righteousness is determined by two things: First, that in which the holiness of God has its most perfect expression, and secondly, the motive by which we pursue it. When God called Abraham, he said: "Walk thou before me and be thou perfect." Abraham was a good man before the call; but now he is called to a higher righteousness, the "perfect." Heretofore, he regulated his life by moral principles alone; now he is to live in conscious union with God.

It is free. The charm of freedom characterizes the genuine in righteousness as it does in literature and art. What an ease of utterance appears in the best poetry! The perfect result reveals a method by which it was done, and this, when analyzed by the critic, is known as the poetic law. But let anyone shape his thought by that law rather than by the rhythmic passion that throbs in his soul, and his music is wooden. The righteousness which the Holy Spirit reveals is not a compulsion but a blessed freedom.

But the truth I wish to emphasize now is not the everlasting unfolding of righteousness, but the fact that every element of the righteousness of God is already essentially present in the spirit-begotten man. The longest experience is not necessarily the deepest and richest. Oftentimes a single day is bigger in significance than a whole generation. That one night with the angel of the covenant on Pentecost meant more in breadth and influence of character to Jacob than all his previous years. There are creative days for the soul over which the spirit broods, and the mysterious void pulsates with life, in the form of which lies a new universe. Who does not recall such days in his own experience?—Rev. A. B. Tuttle.

A person under the firm persuasion that he can command resources virtually has them.—Livy.

W. F. Kellis, Editor and Proprietor.

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ISSUED EVERY FRIDAY AT STERLING CITY, TEXAS.

Subscribers failing to get their paper on time, will confer a favor by reporting same to us.

Many of the railroads are forcing their employees to abstain from the use of tobacco while on duty.

The next question after "what shall a man do to be saved," is, "what shall a man do to be a man?"

The big labor unions are going to find out that the public won't stand for strikes. They are too expensive and they must find some other way to settle their troubles.

The cry against the high price of bread and the threat to place an embargo on wheat, has caused the price of flour to drop from \$10.50 to \$8.25 per barrel. Investigation shows that speculators, and not the supply of wheat which caused such high prices. These fellows should post themselves on the history of the past when people hunted their kind with guns and ropes. Human nature has changed very little since those days.

The lively interest and friendly criticism one hears these days about our school is a mighty good sign that the teachers and pupils are at their "knitting" in dead earnest. Whenever you hear about this boy "flunking" in his grades, and that boy making good, it is a sure sign that someone is doing something. Beware of the school in which no one "falls down," for it is a sure indication of a happy-go-lucky state of affairs.

The refined cruelty which the Germans are practicing on the Belgians is only equaled by the course pursued by Nebuchadnezzar when his armies overran Palestine and the Jews carried off in captivity. One of these days, Kaiser William may find written upon the wall, "mene, mene, tekel upharsin," and a Daniel may rise up and say to the Kaiser: "The writing on the wall means, 'thou hast been weighed in the balance and found wanting.'"

President Black of the Board of Trustees, has been securing data on which to base bonds for the new school building. The Board has nothing to give out at present, but it is evident that the members are not asleep. The Board is composed of real live men, and no one is more keenly alive to the necessity of more school room than they. When their plans are settled and they have decided to go forward in this work, let us all give them our hearty support.

Grouchy Tightwad was overheard to say, the other day, that all this talk about a new school building is foolishness. He says that the present building may be so crowded until their legs have to stick out of the windows, but all we got to do is "let 'em scrouge," and by and by a lot of them will go to towns that have room for them, and then there will be plenty of room here. Grouchy says that down at Chinchville, the town from which he came, the school house got too small for the number of kids that came to school; so they let them sweat, and it wasn't long before so many moved away that there was plenty of room. Mr. Tightwad says a new school building would raise his taxes, and that he is "agin" anything that would raise his taxes. He further says that all this education they are trying to stuff down the kids is rot, anyhow. He says his daddy didn't have any "eddycation" and he got along all right, and he can't see why other people can't do it.

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Anyone found hunting—most especially hunting—fishing, gathering pecans, hauling wood, or otherwise trespassing upon any lands owned or controlled by me will be prosecuted. You'd better keep out. 10-17-17pd W. J. Mann

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Our old mission clock contest is still in progress. Mrs. W. L. Foster got the first one, Mrs. Emette Westbrook the next, and Mrs. C. J. Dunn the last. Your's may be the lucky ticket next Saturday, 4 p. m.

CAPTAIN JOHN H. MORROW IS DEAD

Austin, Texas, Dec. 10.—Captain John H. Morrow, a grandson of General Sam Houston, who has been in charge of the local National Guard recruiting station the last few months, died today of heart trouble. He had been ill four days. The body will be taken to Abilene, where his mother, Mrs. Mary Houston Morrow, daughter of General Sam Houston, resides. Captain Morrow was born at Georgetown, Texas, in 1872. He entered the Texas National Guard as a private in Company A, Fourth Infantry, at Abilene, in 1893, and later became Captain in Company C in the same regiment. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, he enlisted with United States volunteers and saw service in the Philippine Constabulary at Manila. On his return to Texas he re-enlisted in the Texas National Guard as Captain of Company I, Fourth Infantry. He was transferred to the recruiting service last January. Surviving are his wife, one child, his mother and two sisters.—Dallas News.

Captain Morrow was well known to many of our citizens, having resided here for about a year just prior to being called into service. In the late 90's, Mr. Morrow was a practicing attorney in this district.

An Early Shopper

George Richardson, one of our sheep barons whose extensive ranch is to the southeast of Sterling, favored the News-Record last week with a check for ten dollars with the request to "apply" to my subscription. Friend Richardson knew that he did not owe us that much, but out of the goodness of his heart he wished to make us feel that he was mindful of us as the holidays drew nigh. It is great to have these big-hearted stockmen for friends.

Perhaps no man has done more for the wool growers of West Texas than George Richardson. He has studied wool growing from the time it is seen on the back of a wobbly lamb until the finished fabric adorns the back of a human. His many trips to Northern and Eastern factories and his close and intelligent study of the wool problem has not only enhanced the value of his own business, but has been of immense benefit to his fellow wool growers. Not only this, George Richardson has backed up many of his less fortunate fellows with his money,

and, today, there are scores of well-to-do sheepmen who owe their success to the generosity of this big-hearted man.

B. Y. P. U. Program

December 17, 1916.

Subject: Christian Philanthropy. Leader in charge: Louise Williams. I. "What has been done."—Marjorie Allen. II. "What is Yet to be Done."—Blanche Crawford. III. "Organized Christian Philanthropies."—Harold Durham. IV. "What We May be Able to do Some Day."—Mae Austin.

Order For Prohibition

Be it remembered, that, at the Regular November Term of the Commissioners' Court of Sterling County, Texas, Hon. B. F. Brown, County Judge, presiding, and all of the Commissioners of said county being present, except E. F. Atkinson, together with Dee Davis, Sheriff, and D. C. Durham, County Clerk, and on the 18th day of November, A. D. 1916, there came on to be canvassed the returns of a Prohibition election for Sterling County, Texas, ordered by said Commissioners' Court, on its own motion, at the Regular October Term and on the 9th day of October, 1916, which election was held on the 7th day of November, A. D. 1916, at all the regular Election Precincts in said Sterling County. The Court opened the polls and counted the votes as shown in the returns from all the Election Precincts in the County and found that 155 votes were "For Prohibition," and 57 votes were "Against Prohibition."

It appearing to the Court that the notices of said election required by law had been duly posted; and it appearing further to the Court that said election had been legally held in all respects at all the Election Precincts in the said Sterling County, and the returns of said election have been made according to the requirements of the law; and the said returns, as above stated, show that 155 votes were "For Prohibition," and 57 votes were "Against Prohibition."

Now, therefore, the Commissioners' Court of Sterling County, Texas, does now and hereby declare that Prohibition received a majority of 98 votes in said Prohibition Election in said Sterling County, Texas, and the said Commissioners' Court, therefore, does now and hereby absolutely prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within the bounds of

Sterling County, Texas, except for the purposes and under the regulations specified under this title, until such time as the qualified voters of said Sterling County, Texas, may, at a legal election held for that purpose, by a majority vote, decide otherwise.

And it is further ordered by the Commissioners' Court that the County Judge, of said Sterling County, Texas, shall have this order published for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper published within Sterling County, Texas, and the fact of said publication shall be entered by the County Judge on the Minutes of the said Commissioners' Court, and a copy of the said newspaper containing said order and certified under the hand and seal of the Clerk of the County Court of Sterling County, Texas.

B. F. Brown, County Judge, Sterling County, Texas.

Posted All persons are hereby forbidden to hunt, fish, gather pecans, haul wood, drive stock or otherwise trespass upon any lands owned or controlled by us. 1-815 W. R. McEntree & Son

POSTED

Notice is hereby given that driving any stock across, working stock or otherwise trespassing upon any lands owned or controlled by me is hereby forbidden under pain of prosecution. p11-20-17 E. F. Atkinson

TEXAS FACTS

AGRICULTURE. The annual per capita production of Texas is valued at \$900.00 which includes the output of the farm, mine, factory and fisheries. Thirty-two agricultural products are produced in commercial quantities in Texas. Coffee and tea are the only agricultural products used in Texas that are not grown commercially within our borders. The annual expenditure for farm labor by Texas farmers is \$25,000,000. Cotton and rice are the only farm products we produce in surplus quantities; all other crops are entirely consumed in the state. The average cotton production of the world is 13 bales per 1,000 population, and the average for Texas is 1,000 bales per 1,000 population. Texas has more cotton gins, compresses and cotton seed oil mills than any other state.

San Angelo Racket Store Company

Once again the happiest and most welcome of all our holidays draws near. With the compliments of the season to all our readers, we ask you the question of the hour—WHAT ABOUT CHRISTMAS? The children are asking it with wondering and hopeful expectations of what Santa Claus is likely to bring them. The older people are asking it, not so much in speculation regarding the remembrances that Christmas will bring them, but rather as an inquiry as to how they are to provide suitable and satisfactory presents for relatives and friends without too heavy a drain upon their time and purse. May we help you to solve the problem and put you in the way of doing your Christmas shopping with pleasure, satisfaction and economy? Our Holiday Stock, this season, is a marvel of beauty and elegance; its new features are innumerable, and its variety almost unlimited. We are offering a stock that will meet the wants of everybody. High priced presents, low priced presents, useful, ornamental, practical or pretty; remember we have the best of the kind—and all kinds. We offer the advantage of selection that can only be found in a very extensive showing of first-class Holiday Goods. New novelties are everywhere, and the latest and best of everything is the predominating feature of our display for the Christmas season of 1916. We take the liberty of making a suggestion regarding the best time to do your Christmas shopping, and earnestly urge you to do it AT ONCE. There is much to lose and nothing to gain by waiting. Come early while the pick is the choicest, avoid the crowd and make your selections at leisure and in comfort from a full and complete assortment. We know that a visit will convince you that we offer more and better inducements in quality, variety and reasonable prices than you can find elsewhere. We extend a cordial invitation to all to come in and see our brilliant array of Holiday Goods without feeling that the slightest obligation to purchase is incurred. Hoping to see every reader at our store on an early date, and wishing one and all a Merry Christmas, we remain, Respectfully yours,

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WOULD HAVE MUSIC IN HOME

Chief Stransky's Idea of a Nation of Lovers of Harmony Indorsed by Eastern Publication.

So much is done for the children nowadays. So many different sorts of knowledge are crammed into them at school. They devote themselves to so many things unconnected either with childhood or home life. Meanwhile an opportunity—rich in possibilities of happiness—is too often neglected.

As yet the young people here do not have their minds directed definitely enough in musical channels. I do not see groups of children standing about a piano in the twilight and singing to a mother's accompaniment. I do not see the boys of a neighborhood forming a small orchestra and playing really fine music, as they do in France and Germany.

CHURCH DOORS ALWAYS OPEN

Interesting Experiment Being Made in London Primarily Because of War's Necessities.

The church of St. Martin-in-the-fields, Trafalgar square, London, England, is now open day and night. This interesting experiment of making a 24-hours-a-day use of a church will be watched with considerable interest.

Warmth and shelter are offered also to the large number of young women who travel to Charing Cross every train in order to take advantage of the cheap "workmen's rates" and have an hour or so to write before business begins.

Wounds With Celluloid. To remove one of the worst terrors of the wounded man in hospitals—the agonizing dressing of the head—Sir Almoth Wright has discovered a thin piece of peroxide celluloid over the bare wound where the ordinary dressings are applied.

Economical Combination. A quart of oysters contains less than half as much nourishment as a quart of milk, and yet it often costs three times as much.

Hawaiian Ukuleles. Plans of the new companies and of old factories being engaged will give an output of Hawaiian ukuleles amounting to 36,000 a year.

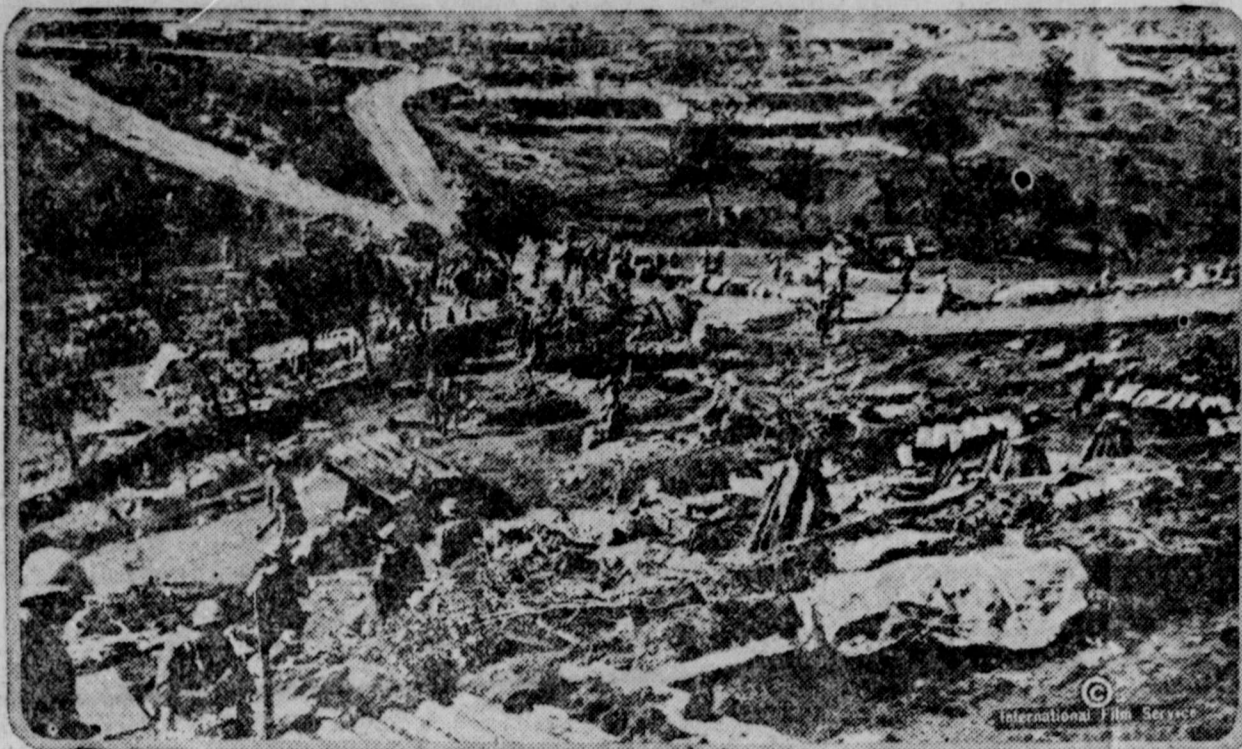
Nationalize Coal Mines. Rhonda, whose coal interests are very large, has taken over the Swansea colliery, the largest in the Swansea district and one of the largest in the world.

Heavy. "I can say a lot of bread you get underweight." "So? Well, my wife helps to bake the average."—Boston Evening Transcript.

Psychological Fault. "I'm a vision to uncle, who has had a nervous breakdown—You shouldn't tell him about your tadpole having been excited him."

Unlucky 13. Consider 13 at table number 13. They're all hungry and the 13 is unusually large.

ITALIAN TROOPS ENTRENCHING ON THE CARSO



Italian troops on the Carso entrenching on Hill 208 which they had just taken by storm from the Austrians.

EXAMINING INDIAN SOLDIERS AT SALONIKI



Sick and wounded Indian soldiers at Saloniki being examined by members of the British medical staff.

MULES AS MUNITION TRANSPORTS



Scene on the western front, showing shells being rushed to the lines on backs of mules, the roads being virtual quagmires.

QUEEN MAUD OF NORWAY



Queen Maud may find her country involved in the great war, owing to Germany's destruction of Norwegian shipping.

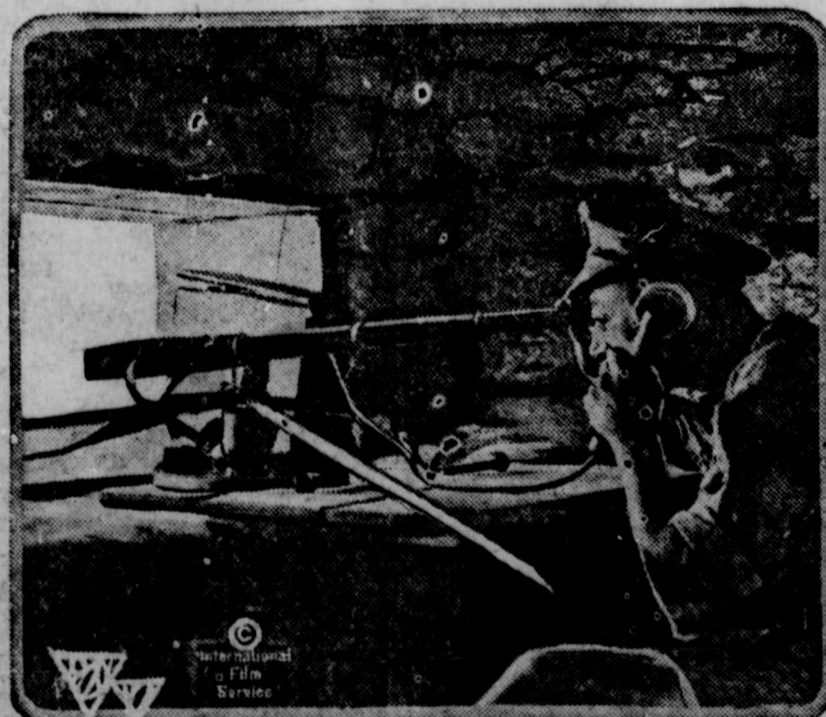
Turn About. Mrs. Knagg—I wish you wouldn't talk in your sleep so much. It disturbs me. I never talk in my sleep.

Fatal Kindness. Minnie—So sorry to hear of your motor accident!

Lionel—Oh, thanks; it's nothing. Expected to live through many more.

Minnie—Oh, but I hope not!—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

THE EYES OF THE ARMY



An observer in a small hole in the rocks of a hill in the Balkans watching the movements of the enemy and sending the news back by wireless to his British forces.

MUCH IN LITTLE

Philadelphia has 200,000 school children. China yearly imports 200,000,000 gallons of kerosene. Old Sarpan, an Indian, is dead at one hundred and six, in Delta, Cal.

CHRISTMAS IN THE SWISS ALPS

While nearly all the rest of Europe is bleeding to death the sturdy citizens of the mountain republic enjoy their glorious winter sports.



NEAR ST. MORITZ, THE FAMOUS RESORT



A SETTING FOR WINTER SPORT

ONLY three years ago the advent of winter in the Swiss Alps was the long expected signal for the city dwellers of all parts of the world to journey forth to that beautiful land, where the season of white is the jolliest time of the year.

Then came the war, cruel, devastating and ever-spreading. With wizardlike swiftness Switzerland mobilized her army and ever since the ancient Helvetian republic has been described as "an island of peace in a sea of war."

To those who know her, Switzerland in summer represents a master study in artistic color combinations; Switzerland in winter, however, is a totally different vision, radiant in dazzling, spotless white.

There is skating, of course, but many games compete now with this oldest of sports on the ice, which has, however, been developed into an art which charms the onlooker by the gracefulness of its movements.

As in summer over the lawn, so flies the tennis ball over the ice in the game of hockey. Curlers are frantically sweeping their "stones" toward the coveted goal.

The improved appliances for sport requirements have nearly ousted the old-fashioned herdsmen's sleds which are now only occasionally used by timid beginners.

One of the most attractive and certainly a very social sport is bobsleighb. Long, low, padded toboggans seating as many as six persons are used and under this heavy burden the bobsleigh shoots down its course with amazing speed.

SEES END AT THE START

Nothing Ever Makes God Anxious or Uncertain as to Outcome of Problem.

Nothing ever frightens God. Nothing ever worries him, or perplexes him, or makes him anxious or uncertain as to the outcome.

WHEN MOST WE NEED CHRIST

In the Gathering Darkness When the Shades of the Evening Begin to Fall.

We always need Christ with us; but when evening draws on, we need his presence in a special way. It is growing dark, and in the shadows we need his protection.

crowded team bend themselves, so guiding the sleigh to the right or left; they apply a brake by letting themselves drop on the snow, or drive to greater swiftness by bending forward like jockeys.

Skating has taken root to an extraordinary extent in Switzerland; even the poorest youth does not want to do without skis, though they might consist of only a couple of crudely adjusted barrel staves.

The boys and girls living on remotely situated farms are now able to attend school every day; their parents are no longer isolated for the best part of the long winter months.

Sport is furthermore made easier by the different mountain railways, which in winter run toboggan trains.

But Christmas in Switzerland does not only indicate the time when winter sports are beginning to be at their best; it signifies for the natives a period full of sacred mystery and the anniversary of many a day particularly specified in ancient legends.

In many parts of the country the Yuletide customs and festivities still have their beginning on December 6, which is the anniversary of St. Nicholas. Markets and fairs are then held in villages and cities.

The next and in modern days the most important festive day of the whole Yule season is Christmas. History relates that it was only in the year 354 that the Roman Bishop Liberius designated December 25 as the birthday of Christ.

next time we are confronted with some situation that we think is too great to bear? "Do not look at God through your difficulties, but look at your difficulties through God."

Wanted: A man who can see the end at the start. Nothing ever makes God anxious or uncertain as to outcome of problem.

Nothing ever frightens God. Nothing ever worries him, or perplexes him, or makes him anxious or uncertain as to the outcome.

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furthermore desirous of giving more religious importance to two important Roman festivals which also fell due in the same period.

A pretty legend about the origin of the Christmas tree tells us that in the beginning of the ninth century a certain St. Winifred went to Scandinavia and northern Germany.

It is the Christ Child, he said, and in future, instead of the bloody rites of the Druids, your worship shall be in your own homes, with ceremonies that speak the message of peace and good will to all.

In many parts of Switzerland the peasants are still fervent believers in mystic powers and supernatural occurrences which ancient traditions have reported to be prevalent during Christmas-time.

And when the happy Christmas days are over, there comes New Year's eve, with its jolly social and family gatherings and its marvelously effective ringing-in of the New Year.

While Christmas of 1916 will hardly be a general day of rejoicing in many a great country in Europe, Switzerland is preparing to celebrate it in her usual way.

The undisturbed assurance of God himself that this thing is omnipotently provided for. Then the word "difficulty" will always and only mean your fresh triumph.

Knew What He Was Doing. The Photographer—"Merciful heavens, Mr. Spiffkin, can't you look a little more cheerful?"

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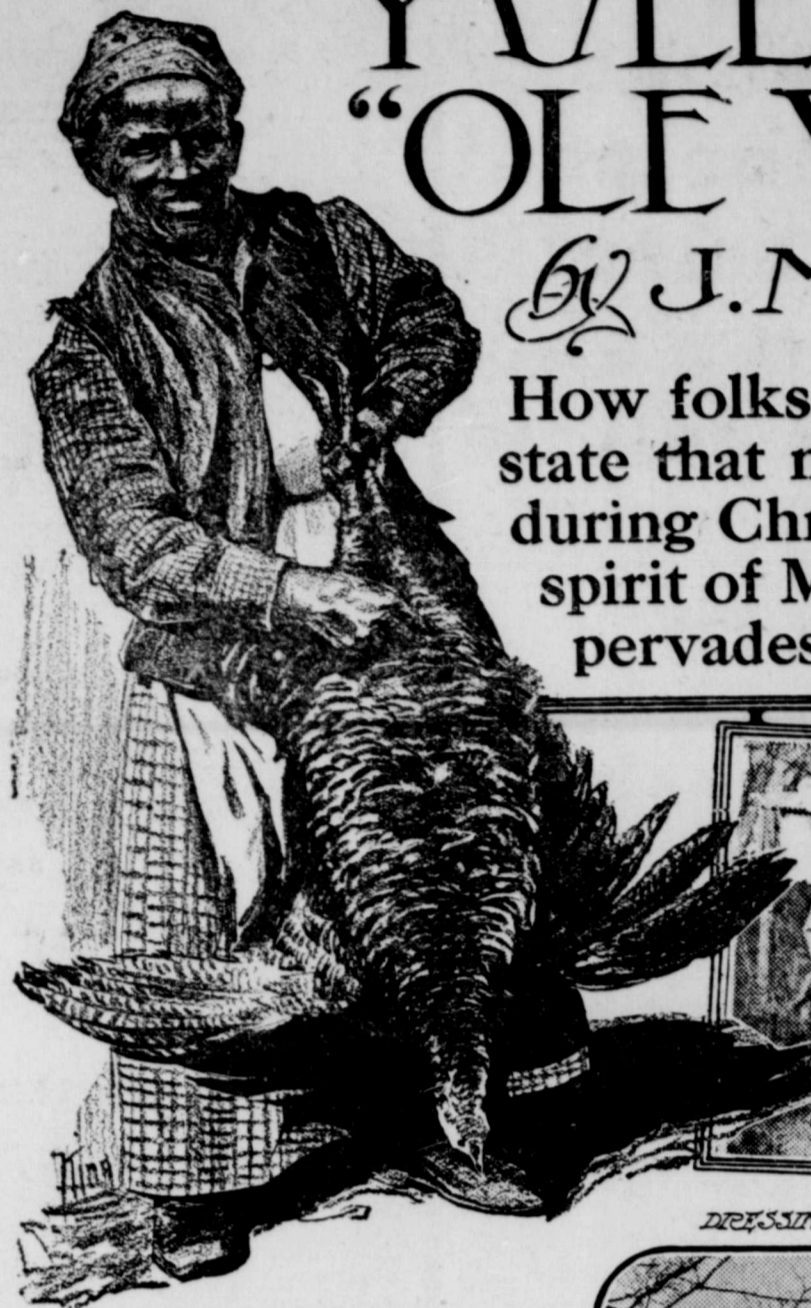
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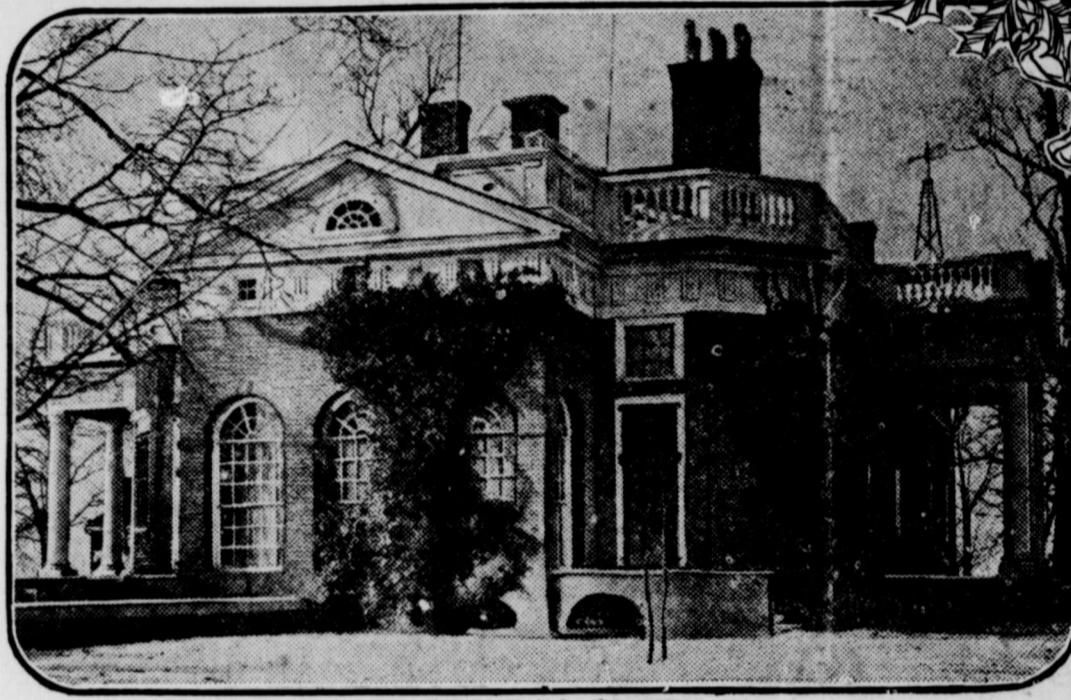
YULETIDE IN "OLE VIRGINNY"

By J. M. BELL

How folks in the tidewater section of state that mothers presidents celebrate during Christmas season. Some of the spirit of Merrie England 150 years ago pervades that part of America today.



DRESSING PORK FOR CHRISTMAS



A FAMOUS OLD VIRGINIA MANSION

HE visitor to an old plantation in tidewater Virginia, at Christmas time will no doubt be agreeably surprised to find that many of the old customs survive and are regularly observed, not only on the large plantations, but on the smaller farms, and even in the negro quarters. So all get their full measure of gifts and turkey.

Perhaps the first sign of Christmas is the killing of the fat hogs, which have taken on flesh rapidly since they were put up and hardened on good, sound ear corn. Hog-killing time means a generous supply of "fresh," in other words sausage, sparerib, chine, cheese-souse, pig's feet, and, of course, that fresh pork ham baked during Christmas week. This is flanked by a baked ham two years old and sugar-cured. It will furnish mighty good eating for visitors who drop in for a little while, but have not time to stay to the regular dinner.

Those who have spent years on a tidewater Virginia, plantation know just what hog-killing time means to host and hostess. All through the countryside, from the humblest negro holding to the largest river estate, preparation for Christmas begins with hog-killing time, for then the corn is gathered, the woodpile is ready, and farm work in general is in such condition that all are in pretty good shape for the holidays.

That Christmas Gobbler.

Two weeks before Christmas, the turkey gobbler (generally one of the year's raising) is singled out from the flock, put up in a slatted coop in the back yard, fed on shelled corn till he is in proper condition, killed the day before Christmas, hung up on the north side of the porch and next day, when cooked in the old-time kitchen by an old-time negro "kitchen queen," forms the piece-de-resistance for the big dinner. The Christmas menu rejoices in roast turkey stuffed with oysters, bread crumbs, etc. A sugar-cured ham (from one to two years old), crisp celery, Irish and sweet potatoes (the latter candied), salsify and spinach (all grown in the home "garden," macaroni, and, of course, cranberry sauce for the turkey. The dessert consists of jolly (plenty of wine for seasoning), blanc mange, both white and chocolate, meringues, fruits, such as Malaga grapes, rosy-cheeked apples, bananas and oranges. Wine is served at table and a toddy of whisky, sugar and water, with a dash of nutmeg, will most likely be taken by the gentlemen beforehand at the sideboard. Roquefort cheese and coffee end the feast.

This menu is indicative of a typical plantation dinner; others will be in proportion to the taste and means of the diners, but it can be safely asserted that nowhere would a guest or a stranger sit down to a meager feast on this day, for even the negroes have prepared most liberally for the great occasion.

Christmas Decorations.

The good old custom of decorating the houses for Christmas still obtains, and the generous supply of holly, running cedar and pine growing in the Virginia woods, is used. Mansion, farmhouse and cottage are all decorated. Mantels, halls, and even bedrooms are witnesses to the season of joy. Family portraits of ancestors, now long laid at rest, are honored with a wreath of green and the red berries of the holly, a Christmas greeting from the stern canvas.

What are the social customs that emphasize this season in Tidewater, Virginia? On Christmas morning a glass of eggnog or toddy is taken by the gentlemen as they go into breakfast. After this meal, the company will separate. It is possible that some of the party will go to the Colonial church in the neighborhood for morning service. The ancient brick edifice will always have been decorated by loving hands for this season. Wreaths of evergreen intertwine on walls, chancel and pulpit.

The morning service over, the congregation exchange Christmas greetings outside. Some presents are taken to church for neighbors who live at a distance; happy, inexpensive recollections of the season, but appreciatively indicative of the momentous occasion. Back from church, home folks and guests are ready for dinner.

Hunting Parties.

The east Virginians have ever shown a penchant for hunting, and chasing the fox behind a good pack of hounds has always been a sport par excellence. This sport still exists in the country districts, and in spite of wire fences, now almost

universal, you will hear the baying of the hounds and the cheering of the mounted hunters as they pursue the crafty fox through fields and woods on a Christmas morning.

The Christmas dinner is more or less a formal function and it is likely that the family and the guests will be in place when the blessing is asked by the host. Even the allurements of the hunt will not make the men overlook the time-honored custom of being in place when the stuffed gobbler is served.

The Country Dance.

In the evening all join in the old-time country dance. The very name suggests quadrilles, lancers, two-steps, waltzes and even, perhaps, the schottish. These delightful recreations, still observed, come from the "mother country," and have flourished in east Virginia for three centuries.

Nothing is more joyous than a Christmas dance on a Virginia plantation, where observance of the season is inherited, where the servants are negroes, the fiddlers are negroes and thoroughly familiar with the dear old dance music so fondly remembered by those of ante bellum days. Invitations have brought out the countryside, whose social position deserves the courtesy. The "great house" is decorated with all the evergreens of the season. Bright fires are burning and the servants are on hand to wait on the "white folks."

The night is a starry one, and a time of frost has settled over the landscape. Outside there is a rumble of vehicles over the slightly frozen road leading to the house, buggies, carriages, perhaps a four-mule wagon, with its gay crowd of young people, the black Jehu guiding his team and coming in a rapid trot. There may be one or two automobiles.

The big front door is thrown open, a blaze of genial light welcomes the incoming guests, who shake hands with the host and hostess standing within the portals. Upstairs go the "gents" to the "ladies' room," while the gentlemen go to the room assigned them. All is bustle and happy preparation for the coming dance.

Nine o'clock chimes from the timepiece on the parlor mantel. The lively bevy of maidens are trooping down the broad stairs. What visions of loveliness are these highbred Virginia girls!—and they charge the very atmosphere with coquetry. Young gentlemen offer hurried requests for the dance. Then the real revelry begins with the fiddler's call of "Choose yo' padnahns fo' de fuf' quadrill."

"Turkey in the Straw."

There is a graceful sweep of skirts across the well-waxed floor, a clasp of hands as the couples fall in place. The scarpint of violins to the tune of "Turkey in the Straw," and the head fiddler calls "fohwud fo'." One dance follows another with short intermission, until supper is announced at 12 o'clock. Then the musicians play a march for the couples as they make their way to the big dining room.

Around the lengthened mahogany table is spread a feast fit for the gods. Cold turkey, turkey salad, pickled oysters, cold ham, celery, olives, beaten biscuit, thin wafers, fruits, cake and black coffee. At 1:30 dancing is resumed. There

come up to the house of God with pleasure and with pride, dressed, I suspect, with a good deal of conscious vanity, and observing solemn rules of conduct with great good cheer and complacency. Do not despise this joy in form and order; the house after having been swept is furnished after a new fashion that passeth not away, and how shall the owner conceal his delight? I call at the houses of Christians and go about to the village prayer meetings just for the pleasure of seeing these comely Moongwe women

move about in their enriched circumstances—themselves enriched in mind and heart and spirit beyond all counting.

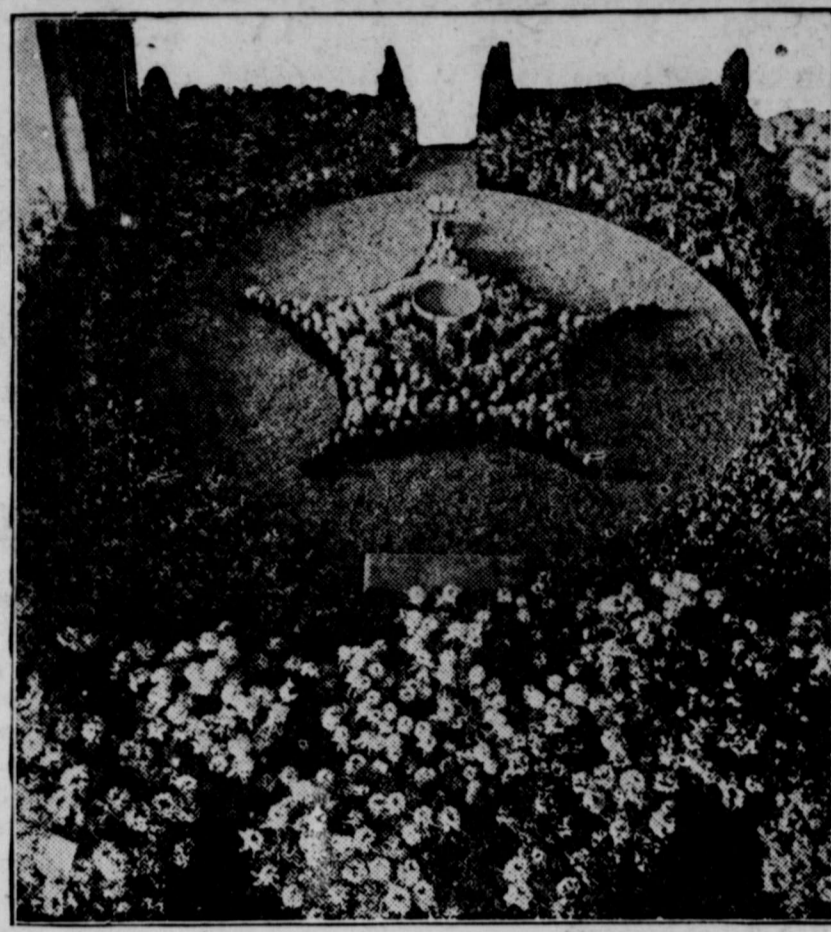
Looking for Improvement. "Bliggins says he's an anarchist." "Hope he is." "Why?" "Even anarchists have some feelings. When they find they're compelled to associate with a man like Bliggins, maybe some of them will reform."

FISHERMEN SAVED MOOSE.

A bull moose was seen lately, pursued by a bear, close to the town of Pinedale in the state of Wyoming. Two men, fishing in Fayette lake early one morning, were greatly astonished to see him emerge from the timber at a high rate of speed and rush toward the water. A few seconds later, however, they were able to grasp the reason for this singular conduct, as a large black bear came into view at the same spot, but on beholding the men he at once took fright and made into the woods. After splashing round in the lake for some time the moose came out, blew the water from his nostrils and stood only a few yards away from the fishermen, eying them serenely. He was of unusual size and had a magnificent set of horns. He skirted the shore of the lake at a leisurely gait for about a mile and then darted into the woods.

The HOME BEAUTIFUL

Flowers and Shrubbery
Their Care and Cultivation



Formal Planting of Bulbs—Hyacinths, Tulips and Daffodils a Suggestion for Your Garden.

BULB CULTURE EASY

By ELIZABETH VAN BENTHUYSEN.

One of the chief delights of the work of raising bulbous plants is that almost any novice ought to make a success of the venture without trouble. There is no particularly intricate detail to master and no unusual condition to face.

One does not need a greenhouse, or a sun parlor, or yet the south window to make the bulbs do their duty. In the ordinary house the flowers will thrive on precious little care. Of course if the house, or room, has a lower temperature than the ordinary living room heat the plants profit. The advantage is particularly shown after the bulbs begin to form tops because the sturdy growth and longer life of the individual flower is assured.

In the high temperature the blooms will come sooner, but they will not last so long as those that thrive in a temperature of from five to ten degrees less and if they can be kept between 50 and 60 degrees the advantage is still more marked.

The novice in bulb culture has the pleasing assurance that he does not have to feed the plants. This is one reason why good results can be expected without expert knowledge. The man who grew the bulbs attended to this detail, for as a matter of fact the bulbs are only specialized buds, charged with food for the reproduction of the plants that they contain in their elementary form. The novice should supply the conditions that are favorable to growth.

These are a notable medium for the development of roots, such as sand, moss or soil, a favorable temperature and, at the beginning, darkness.

The question of fertility need not be considered. Bulbs will grow even among charcoal or pebbles if the other conditions are propitious. The most important thing is to choose good bulbs. This, of course, is a matter largely of confidence in the character of the dealer who sells them. The price is no criterion because some of the low-cost bulbs are just as good as their higher-priced fellows. The best gauge is the weight of the bulb. The heavier the bulb the more likely it is to give proper reward for the pains of handling it.

Ripening of bulbs to be ultimately placed in garden borders is often profitable. While bulbs grown in the greenhouse or in the home do not often make as good plants the first year after being forced as the new bulbs will produce, in another year or two they will do well in the garden border. The ripening process consists only in keeping the plants growing well

after they flower until their leaves begin to turn yellow. Then they should be watered with care, taking pains not to use too much water. When the green has disappeared from the leaves the pots should be laid on their sides in a cool, shady place until the soil has become as dry as dust. Then the bulbs should be separated from the soil, the trash cleared away and you are ready to store them in a dry, airy place until autumn, when they may be planted out of doors. It is useless to try to grow them in the house a second time. They will not produce good flowers twice in succession.

MAKING A SIMPLE HEDGE

A very satisfactory hedge, which did not cost very much either in money or in labor, has been made of Amoor privet. For a hedge 100 yards long, 100 plants were bought at a cost of \$4. These were set out one yard apart. The planting cost about a couple of dollars.

First, the roots of the plants were soaked for a few hours before planting. Next, a furrow was run with a two-horse plow and then the holes were dug in the furrow line.

It was not found necessary to follow the dealer's instructions and plant closer, nor yet to use an enriched soil. The plants started into vigorous growth. The tallest shoots were trimmed the first year or two. After that the hedge took care of itself, and in six years had made a screen 10 or 12 feet high.

Not only did the hedge make an excellent screen the entire year, but afforded a shelter for the mocking birds, redbirds and other songsters, that added to the profit of its planting.

DON'T HURT THE WORMS

The Chinaman has been noted for centuries as a careful gardener and worker of the soil. He gets more from a little patch of ground than any other known fieldworker. One of his maxims is that one should always be careful in digging never to injure earth worms.

Maybe the stolid, uncommunicative Chink knows why he takes care of the worm; maybe he doesn't. Darwin and other scientists who thought more and dug less than the Celestial brethren, have told us why the worm is safe from the Chinese spade.

Worms always indicate rich soil. They help make it. By forming air passages in the ground they improve the earth and make it richer and more productive.

A Mother's Burden

A mother who suffers kidney trouble, finds it hard to keep up her daily work. Lameless, backache, sharp pains when stooping and "blue," nervous or dizzy spells, make home life dreary. Active kidneys bring back vigor, health and a pleasure in family duties. If the kidneys are weak try a box of Doan's Kidney Pills.

A Texas Case

Mrs. Lawrence, 44 E. Beta St., Tyler, Texas, says: "I was in bad shape with kidney trouble. The pain in my back was so bad I could hardly hold my baby in my arms. I was tired and drowsy and it was only with difficulty that I could do my household work. I also had dizzy spells. Every time I went to bed I seemed to whirl in front of me. Doan's Kidney Pills cured all these troubles."

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CURIOSITY "KILLED A SALESMAN" But in This Instance It Brought No Harm to a Very Lively Salesman.

Out of a shop entrance he dashed with a small length of cane, which he manfully attacked a rascal.

He struck it repeatedly, then the rat upward as far as it would go. At the moment the passer-by heard the millar squeaking of an imprisoned woman fearfully run away with lifted skirts; men and boys gathered round. The man prodded and prodded and the squeaks became shriller.

Carts drew up by the curb and vice came from all quarters. "Get a long stick, mate!" "Bring a dog, someone!" "Let him come out and we'll him!"

But the hunter took no notice, meant to catch that rat in his way. At length, when a crowd of about 100 had gathered, he turned round and produced a tiny whiff from his mouth.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he called, "the funniest toy of the age! Am boys and girls for hours. Imitate a bird ever known, as well as mice rats. Roars of laughter when used a mixed party. One nickel each, tlemen!"—New York Globe.

Confusing. "What I want to know," said puzzled student of politics, "is whether or not the woman voters defeated Secker?"

"Don't ask me," answered Twobles. "My wife is a suffragist; her analysis of the vote is so correct that I sometimes forget really won."

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Pleasing Sights Witnessed by Christians in the Heart of Darkest Africa.

Very charming it is at this station in the old house among the old trees looking out upon the river and beyond this to sunset. Jean Kenyon Mackenzie writes in the Atlantic. And very encouraging it is to a missionary from a young station to see these Moongwe Christians, the fruit of half

a century of missionary labor, who have come to be a people of pleasant and orderly life, living in their gray bamboo houses after no mean fashion, with books upon their shelves and clean linen upon their beds. Some of the houses are papered and some have cement floors; in some there are pictures of miscellaneous royalty upon the walls and fading photographs of the family when they were bride and groom.

Of a Sunday the little church is full of a decent congregation who have

come up to the house of God with pleasure and with pride, dressed, I suspect, with a good deal of conscious vanity, and observing solemn rules of conduct with great good cheer and complacency. Do not despise this joy in form and order; the house after having been swept is furnished after a new fashion that passeth not away, and how shall the owner conceal his delight? I call at the houses of Christians and go about to the village prayer meetings just for the pleasure of seeing these comely Moongwe women

move about in their enriched circumstances—themselves enriched in mind and heart and spirit beyond all counting.

Looking for Improvement. "Bliggins says he's an anarchist." "Hope he is." "Why?" "Even anarchists have some feelings. When they find they're compelled to associate with a man like Bliggins, maybe some of them will reform."

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THINGS "SHE" WOULD LIKE

JEWELRY—Perhaps there will be no more popular and appropriated article in the jewelry line this season for the ladies than a gift of one of the new Bracelet Watches. We have an unusually attractive line, in several makes, ranging from \$12 to \$20. Diamond Lavallieres are always acceptable—more especially to the younger ladies. We have them from \$5.50 to as much as you want to pay.

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SILVERWARE—Butler Drug Company has always been recognized as the place to find

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EVERY LADY would appreciate a box of Fine Stationery, a Book, a case of Toilet Articles, or a box of Nunnally's Candies. We have all of them.

SOMETHING FOR "HIM"

JEWELRY—Every man, whether young or needs a Watch, and no gift pleases him more than the gift of a good watch; and a good watch does not necessarily mean an expensive one. We can sell you a GOOD WATCH for \$14.50.

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CUTLERY—We have a splendid line of Razors and Pocket Knives—things that he must have.

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Fort Worth Record, \$4.25 per year for daily and Sunday; \$3.25 per year for daily without Sunday.—Christian Aid Society.

Born—On the 8th, inst., to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Allard, a boy.

Mrs. Geo. H. McEntire and children left last Tuesday for Dallas, where baby Virginia will be treated by a specialist for ear trouble.

Messrs. and Mesdames Beuregard Snell and A. A. Gamble left

here last Sunday in Mr. Snell's automobile for Hamilton, where they will spend a season in visiting friends and relatives. From Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Gamble will go to Merlin to visit Mrs. Gamble's parents.

Ross Whitmire is drilling a well on the George Hull property, in the south part of town. He struck an abundance of water at about 45 feet, but, at 80 feet, he cased off this stratum and is going deeper in the

hope of getting a better quality of water. This operation is being watched with much interest by our citizens, and in the event better water is found, many wells will be drilled deeper. We learn that, later on, Mr. Hull will probably build a nice residence on this property.

J. L. Latham and Wallace Hill, of Sterling City, and A. F. Jones, of San Angelo, were here Thursday to buy a car load of hogs for shipment.—Kimble County Citizen.



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The following li-
ments were made in
Worth this week: St
car of cattle, and T. G.
car of cattle.

J. W. Tweedie shipped
mules to Sulphur Springs.
Jerry Brown shipped
lambs to Oklahoma.

T. J. Kellis, editor of the Mertzou
Star, visited his parents, Judge and
Mrs. J. N. Kellis, here last Saturday
and Sunday.

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down here and will return to Ster-
ling City soon and take up my law
and abstract business and will be
glad to be of service to all those
needing legal services or abstract-
ing. A. R. Pool

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take your measure for a pair of the
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2. Nominations are free, 100 votes being given to each young lady nominated.
3. Beginning Sept. 25, votes may be cast at Butler's drugstore.
4. Votes will be counted each Friday at 5 o'clock, P. M., and a report given to the public.
5. Votes will cost 10 cents for 10 votes. Put the money and name of the young lady for whom the votes are to be cast in an envelope found on top of the voting box, seal and drop in the slot.
6. Contest closes 5 o'clock, P. M. Dec. 16, 1916.
7. The quilt will be given to the young lady who leads at the close of contest.

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blocks of the public square, at a
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Civil War was one of the most exci-
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to do. At Gettysburg, Pickett's men
were almost totally destroyed while
charging a battery. Today, charg-
ing a battery has a very different
meaning, and is a very safe and
pleasant duty.

At the Brick Garage, an electric
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"No doubt about that," answered the elderly gentleman, "but it sometimes puts false notions in a young man's mind."

"How is that?" "He's apt to think after he has made a phenomenally long run for a touchdown, or kicked a goal from the field, that there is nothing else in life really worth doing."

IMITATION IS SINCEREST FLATTERY but like counterfeit money the imitation has not the worth of the original. Insist on "La Creole" Hair Dressing—it's the original. Darkens your hair in the natural way, but contains no dye. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

Modern Surgery. "Ah, hello, Fred. Hear you are out of hospital. How did the operation go? Get rid of your appendix?"

"That I did. Doctor said it was a fine job. Lucky, too. 'Twas in pretty bad shape."

"That's so? Suppose you've got it in a bottle. Let me see it some time? Anatomy interests me."

"Well, yes, you are welcome to see the specimen I've got. 'Tisn't mine, though. You see, they made a mistake and threw mine away. But they gave me another 'just as good.'—Judge.

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Preposterous Suggestion. "John, aren't you going to get an overcoat for the winter?"

"Overcoat?" exclaimed Mr. Milles. "What do I want with an overcoat? An overcoat won't keep our automobile from freezing up in cold weather."

Occasionally a full-bearded man tells a large-faced lie.

Most people gladly take advice from a stranger.

Green's August Flower. Most men think they need a cocktail or a drink when their stomach is out of order and they "feel bad" with nervous indigestion, or constipation. What they really do need is two or three doses of "AUGUST FLOWER" which quickly restores the stomach, cleansing the whole system generally.

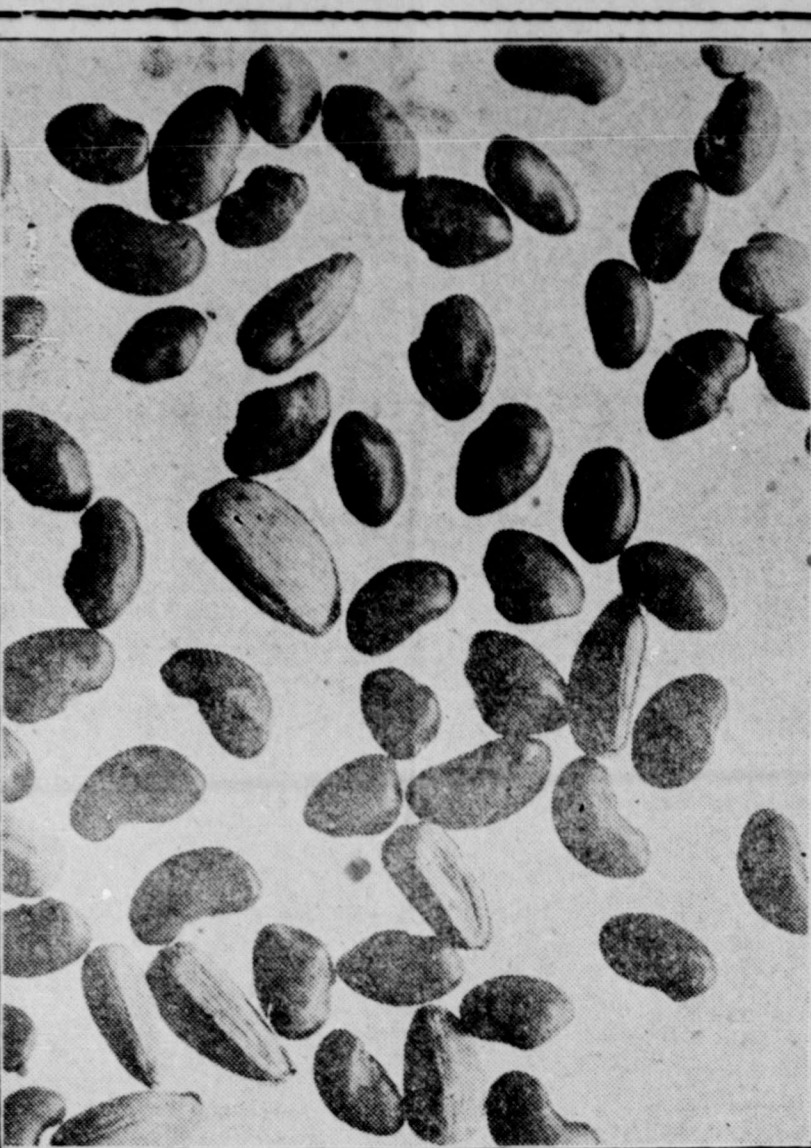
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CHARACTERISTICS AND HABITS OF ALFALFA



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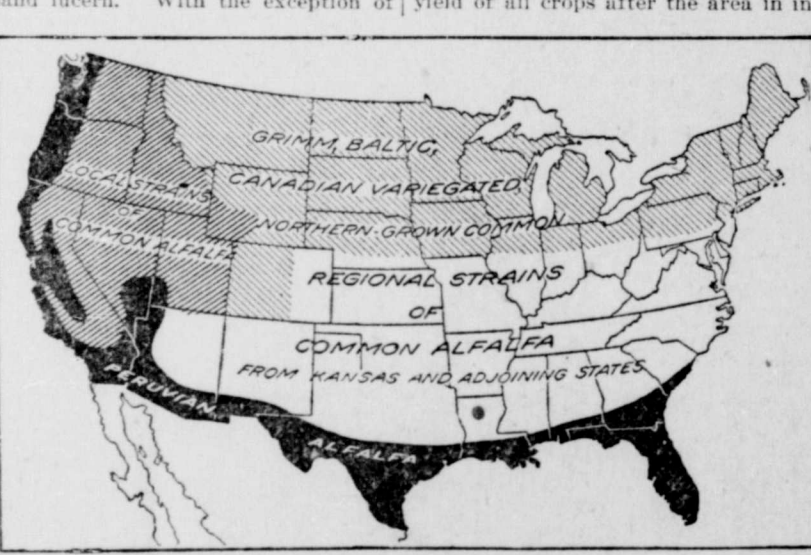
(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

It is desirable that farmers know the characteristics and habits of the nine fairly distinctive commercial strains of alfalfa, according to Farmers' Bulletin 737 of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in order that adaptation of the strains to climatic conditions can be determined to best advantage.

"Common alfalfa," the bulletin is a term that is used to include all of the alfalfas that are not clearly of hybrid origin or that do not have distinct and uniform varietal characteristics, such as the Peruvian and Arabian varieties. Numerous strains are coming to be recognized in the "common" group. They are often designated by the geographic name of the locality where grown, as Kansas-grown alfalfa, Montana-grown alfalfa, and many others, or by some term descriptive of the conditions under which the crop has developed, such as dry-land alfalfa, irrigated alfalfa, and nonirrigated alfalfa.

Strains developed in the South usually produce larger yields than those developed in the northern states, but they are less hardy. The "dry-land" alfalfa seed offered on the market has so far failed to show any noticeable superiority in ability to resist drought over that grown with an abundance of moisture.

The commercial Turkistan alfalfa has been tested quite thoroughly in all parts of this country, and in nearly every case has proved inferior to American-grown strains. The leading commercial strains of variegated alfalfa are the Grimm, the Baltic, the Canadian variegated, and sand lucern. With the exception of



OUTLINE MAP OF UNITED STATES, SHOWING VARIETIES OR STRAINS OF ALFALFA RECOMMENDED FOR VARIOUS SECTIONS, BASED UPON CLIMATIC CONDITIONS.

sand lucern, they have been found more resistant to cold than other commercial varieties or strains and are therefore recommended for sections where winterkilling occurs frequently.

Peruvian alfalfa is not resistant to severe cold and can be grown successfully only where the winter temperature is comparatively mild, as in the southern and south-western states. Under favorable conditions it outyields any other commercial strain. Arabian alfalfa is not a satisfactory variety because of its tendency to be short lived.

As a result of numerous experimental tests the adaptations of the various varieties and strains of alfalfa have been quite definitely determined. It is highly advisable that the farmer should learn to distinguish good from poor seed. Plump seed of an olive-green color almost invariably germinates well, while shriveled or brown seed generally germinates poorly. The presence of any appreciable quantity of weed seeds or other impurities indicates a poor quality of seed.

Owing to the fact that alfalfa does not produce seed satisfactorily under humid conditions, there is little use in trying to grow it for seed in the eastern states. Breeding work with alfalfa offers great possibilities, but the time and expense involved are so great that a farmer cannot afford to undertake it.

Proportion of Intertilled Crops Affects Farm Yields. Farm management specialists are recognizing that there is a fairly definite relation between the proportion of a farm devoted to intertilled crops and the yields from the farm as a whole. The problem is stated in this

way by the U. S. department of agriculture: Given a hundred acres to be devoted to crops in general farming, what proportion should be devoted to corn or other intertilled crops in order to secure the most favorable effect on crop yields?

The department believes that the answer to this question can approximately be determined, locally, for any given type of farming on any given type of soil. Recent surveys conducted by the office of farm management indicate that for Chester county, Pa., and for the corn belt of Illinois it is about thirty-seven acres, and that for Lenawee county, Mich., it is about thirty-two acres. It was found that farms devoting to intertilled crops areas ranging from 32 to 37 per cent of total crop acreage realized, on the average, higher yields for all crops than did those farms upon which either a larger or a smaller percentage of crop area was devoted to corn, potatoes, and other crops of that class.

In making this investigation the "crop index" was used as a measure of efficiency in the maintenance of crop yields. The crop index indicates the standing of a farm in percentage of yielding power, the yield of the average farm of the group surveyed representing 100 per cent. It was found that the crop index went up uniformly with an increase in acreage of intertilled crops until that acreage reached a point above 31 and lower than 38 per cent of the total crop area, and then declined uniformly as such acreage increased above that limit.

In explanation of the falling off in yield of all crops after the area in intertilled crops passes a certain point, the department specialists advance the theory that it is due to the excessive loss of humus entailed by the extra tillage. It was found that this falling off in yield was present even when there was an increase in the number of live stock per acre.

These figures are not advanced as wholly conclusive, but as suggestive as to what may be done along this line.

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Two Kinds. "We had shortcakes for breakfast." "So had we. It was so short it wouldn't go around."

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Anuric cured Backache, Lumbago, Rheumatism. Send 10c. Dr. V. M. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., for large trial package.—Adv.

Two Rights Common to All. Of course, you not only have a right to your opinion, but you also have a right to keep it to yourself.

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To Drive Out Malaria And Build Up The System Take The Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 50 cents.

Forbearance. "How does the theory of evolution impress you?" "Well, I'm not so sure that I approve of it. I know some men I might suspect of having descended from an orang-outang. But why should I humiliate the orang-outang?"

A HINT TO WISE WOMEN. Don't suffer torture when all female troubles will vanish in this air after using "Femmina." Price 50c and \$1.00.—Adv.

Two Wants to Be Filled. "Sit down, Mr. Stylo," said the eminent publisher to the tattered scarecrow who had just entered his elaborate sanctum. "I have read your manuscript, and I think I shall publish it."

"Ah," cried the starving genius. "Do you really mean that?" "Yes. It seems to me a good book, and I think it will fill a long-felt want."

"I'm glad to hear you say that. And, by the way, could you advance me two dollars and a half on account of my royalties?" "Oh, I think so—I think so. But why do you want two dollars and a half?"

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FOR THOSE FOND OF SALADS

Here Are Six Recipes, Affording Variety That is Needed in These Preparations.

Plain Cauliflower Salad.—Boil a nice cauliflower and break up into florets; serve very cold with French dressing.

Beet Salad.—Boil some beets and cut into dice, add salt, pepper, a little oil and vinegar, and let them stand an hour; then arrange in piles on plates and add a tablespoonful of capers and as many cut-up olives and serve with mayonnaise.

Fish Salad.—Pick up any cold cooked fish or use canned salmon, arrange it in a pile in a dish with quarters of hard-boiled eggs, alternating with lemon quarters around the edge and mask the fish with mayonnaise.

Orange Salad.—Take large, seedless oranges and cut into slices; arrange in a circle, the edges overlapping, and put a walnut half in the middle of each piece. Watercress may be arranged in the center of the dish or not, and put French dressing over all.

Banana Salad.—Cut bananas in halves crosswise and lay on lettuce or by themselves on a flat dish. Sprinkle well with chopped peanuts and serve with mayonnaise dressing.

Peach Salad.—Drain canned peaches and wipe dry; put a spoonful of mayonnaise made with cream into the middle of each one. Apricots may be used instead of peaches.

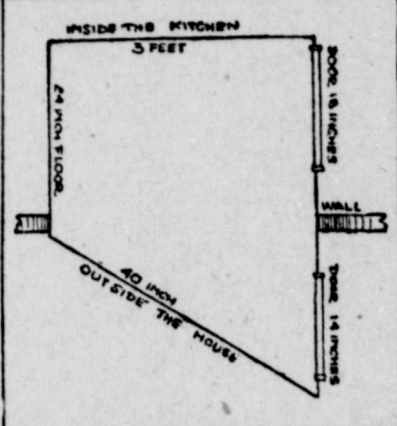
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I am sending a simple plan for a wood or coal box in the kitchen—one that will save many steps, as well as muddy tracks across a freshly scrubbed floor.

Leave an opening in the kitchen wall 3 feet square. Then make a box inside

3 feet high, 3 feet long, 2 feet wide. Six inches from the back make a cover or door 18 inches wide. Put together with hinges.

Now, for the outside: Top, 20 inches wide; length, 3 feet; diagonal height, 40 inches, and 6 inches from the back make a door 14 inches wide. Paint or varnish to match the woodwork. Paint the outside like the house.—Mrs. Ruth Crawford in Farm Progress.



Arithmetic of Mixing Bowls. There are a number of fixed proportions used in all recipes, and the following are standard:

One-half as much liquid as flour for muffin and batter cakes; one-third as much liquid as flour for soft doughs as for biscuit.

One-fourth as much liquid as flour for stiff doughs as for bread.

One-third to one-half as much butter as sugar for all butter cakes.

One to one and a half teaspoonfuls of baking powder to a cupful of flour for batter doughs.

One-third as much shortening as flour for pastry.

One teaspoonful of soda to one pint of sour milk.

Bananas Filled With Cream. Remove one section of the peel from as many bananas as you wish to serve. Take out the pulp with a teaspoon and force through vegetable ricer. For six bananas allow one cupful powdered sugar, one cupful of thick cream, one-third cupful of sweet milk beaten together, and one teaspoonful of lemon juice. Fill the banana skins and put on the section that was removed. Set the stuffed fruit into a lard pail, put on cover and pack in equal parts salt and ice. After being packed one and one-half hours they will be ready to serve.

Ginger Puff Pudding. Cream one-half cupful of butter, add two tablespoonfuls of sugar, two eggs well beaten, one cupful milk, two and one-half cupfuls of flour mixed and sifted with three teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one-fourth cupful of ginger cut in small pieces and one tablespoonful of ginger sirup. Turn into a buttered mold and steam one and three-quarters hours. Serve with whipped cream sweetened and flavored with ginger sirup and a speck of salt.

Coconut Pumpkin Pie. One pint pumpkin pulp, one pint good milk, three eggs, one-half cupful grated coconut, one tablespoonful butter, one-fourth teaspoonful salt, one-half teaspoonful ginger, one teaspoonful nutmeg. Mix the ingredients together thoroughly. The white and yolks of the eggs should be beaten separately. Pour into pastry-lined tin and bake.—M. M. Wright, in Mother's Magazine.

Codfish Croquettes. Soak one-half pound codfish overnight and in morning drain and cook until soft. This is for salt cod. Chop fine, add a little seasoning, an egg, a very little milk and a teaspoonful of flour; shape, brush with egg, roll with bread crumbs and fry brown in hot lard. The same rule may be used, with any cold fresh fish. Separate from bone and chop fine. Proceed as above.

In Place of Celery. When celery is scarce, cabbage chopped fine, with plenty of celery seed, will be found a fine substitute in salads.

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WHAT NEIGHBORS SAY

As the alleged ancestors of some of our old families Adam and Eve had much to answer for.

Paw Knows Everything. Willie—Paw, what is egotism? Paw—Egotism is an affection of I, my son.

The occasional use of Roman Eye Ball at night upon retiring will prevent and relieve tired eyes, watery eyes, and eye aches.—Adv.

War and Health. The effect of war conditions on the health of the poorer classes noted by Dr. L. A. Davies, medical officer of Woolwich, England, in his annual report. Improved working conditions in that munitions region led to some degree favorably, but the physical strain of grief and fear, together with overbalances clean air and good ventilation. The increased use of alcohol may be traced to such conditions. Accidents have occurred as a result of the dark streets ordered protection from air raids. Poor sanitation in cellars, where hiding comes necessary, may, Doctor Davies considers, account for the increased respiratory diseases. Fear and stress have doubtless shortened also the lives of those enfeebled from old age. It has caused many complications childbirth cases.

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