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25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Aug. 24, 1894:

W. H. Kelso, aged about 64, died at his home near Fredonia last Monday.

Jim Garner won a horse in a raffle Wednesday for fifty cents.

A number of young people were quite royally entertained at the home of Rev. T. Broad last Monday evening. Those present were:

Misses Carrie Holden, Nannie McGinnis, Lydia Fellmore, Anne Crosby, Bernice Doole, Grace Gatliff

Mollie King, Ada Garner, Katie Hey Quint Garner, Vic McGinnis, Daisy Wheeler, Maggie Payne, Delia Lindsay, Winnie Morrow; Messrs Edgar Mebus, Chas. Stapleton, Orb Stapleton, Chas. Leslie, Will Worlie

Pat Harris, Bill Broad, Pint Worlie Dolly Payne, Collier Crosby, Ward McMurray, Walter Crosby, Paul Doole Mike Adcock, Ed Broad.

Louis Wartenbach and Miss Tegler Metzger were married Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock at the Catholic church Rev. Father Joseph Gilman officiating.

J. W. White returned Sunday from the Dallas convention.

A. W. Koocek spent several days the past week in McKavett.

Mrs. E. B. Taylor and little grand daughter of San Angelo have been here visiting relatives the past week.

D. H. Bickenbach returned home Sunday from St. Louis where he marketed a couple cars of steers.

Frank Husband, who has been here the past several months and will likely make his home here left Tuesday evening for his home in Rochester, N. Y., to be absent a few weeks.

Miss Lydia Garner is visiting friends in Menardville this week.

DIP

We have a complete line of dip Hog dip, cattle dip, etc. at fair prices. Mason Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams and baby and Miss Theresa Greer, who were guests at the Dr. Thompson residence last week, left on Thursday for Bandera for a visit with Dr. Greer and family and from there will return to their home in Eagle Pass.

I have a barrel of nice keg pickles which I am selling out at 75 cents per gallon. J. J. Johnson.

BIDS FOR WOOD WANTED

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Mason county will receive bids for furnishing the county with 10 cords of sound wood to be cut in 15 inch lengths and to be delivered by the first of next November. Sealed bids may be filed with me any time up to Saturday night, September 6, 1919. Bids will be opened by the Court on Monday morning, September 8 and the contract will be let.

S. C. Brockman, Co. Clerk, Mason County. 8-2114

Messrs A. S. and Dud Price were here last Saturday from the London country. They inform us the farmers of their section have made bountiful supply of sorghum molasses this season.

Parties who appreciate fine stationery and good Bond Papers should call around at the News Office and see our line.

15 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Aug. 19, 1904:

Louis Kothmann took home a windmill Monday that he won in a raffle, it costing him fifty cents.

Little Miss Ruby Schuessler entertained 52 of her little friends Wednesday afternoon at the home of her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Fellmore on the occasion of her birthday.

J. M. Lyle of Prairie Lea is here to take charge of the electric light plant.

Fritz Wartenbach has been appointed constable for this precinct.

Henry Schuessler has several children quite sick.

Will Capps of San Antonio, has been here foyuing a bunch of horses.

Miss Ada Nance of Junction, visited Mrs. Chas. Wallace Wednesday, going on to Llano Thursday.

Misses Ethel and Dona Redman left this week for Kimble county to visit relatives.

The Commissioners Court has ordered an election to decide whether or not prairie dogs in this county shall be exterminated, to be held with the next general election.

Miss Nettie Puryear is here from Castell visiting her aunt, Mrs. Judge Jones.

J. F. Schaeg came over from Brady Saturday to visit his family, returning Monday.

Mrs. A. A. Keller is very much improved from a siege of fever.

Mrs. Cook of Ft. Worth passed through Mason the latter part of last week enroute for her home after having been visiting her sister Mrs. Oren C. Reid of Junction.

Mrs. Cook informed us that her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sheppard are now residing in Oklahoma

Adolph Schulze was a business visitor in Mason last Friday from his ranch on the Llano river. While here he was an agreeable caller at the News office.

Rev. H. Jordan was a pleasant caller at the News office Friday. Mr. Jordan brought in a lot of fresh sweet potatoes from his farm and found a ready market for them at five cents a pound.

Hugo Schmidt left a few days since for Abilene where he goes to investigate a position which has been offered him there.

Miss Clara Kassel who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. John Hoerster, of Plehweville section, returned to New Orleans a few days since. Miss Kassel is in the U. S. Navy serving as a yeomanette.

Miss Margaret Schmidt returned home last Thursday from Austin where she had been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Cas Brown for a few weeks.

Mrs. C. C. Smith and Miss Bertha Leifeste went to Brownwood the latter part of last week and were away several days having dental work done.

Aug. Kothmann, one of our big Castell stockmen, was a business visitor in Mason last Thursday afternoon.

Joseph Greer left on Wednesday of last week for Ranger, where he will likely accept work at the carpenter's trade. For several weeks Joe had been visiting his sister, Mrs. J. M. Thompson, of this city.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining uncalled for in this office for the week ending Aug. 9th 1919:

- Castleman, E. J.
 - Douglas, Dr. Geo.
 - DeKoch, Chas.
 - Immel, Mr. and Mrs.
 - Jones, Miss Lucille
 - Roach, Mrs. M. D.
 - Terry, J. L.
 - Jose Estrado.
 - Heremini Gonsales
 - Gregoris Lopes.
 - Antonio Martines.
- These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Aug. 25th, 1919 if not delivered before. In calling for the above, please say "Advertised," giving date of list.
- Jennie Reynolds, P. M.

HOME FROM SAN ANGELO MEETING

Messrs Carl Runge and W. H. Neill returned home late Thursday night from attending the meeting of the Colorado to Gulf Highway Association. Mr. Runge had the honor bestowed upon him of being elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Association. He tells us that a representative meeting was had and that delegates were present from almost every county through which this highway is designated.

Mr. Runge also stated that an effort is still on foot by Concho, Menard and Kimble counties, who are trying to get this highway changed and routed to San Antonio from Angelo by way of Eden, Menard, Junction and Kerrville. McCulloch, Mason and Gillespie counties must keep busy on their roads and get them in shape in order to prevent such a change in routing, even though we are on the most direct route we cannot afford to believe we have a cinch for sometimes "dead things crawl."

Nice fresh keg kraut. Cheap. J. J. Johnson.

John H. Geistweidt was a business visitor in Mason last Saturday from his ranch in the Hilda section.

PRESCRIPTIONS

Accurately compounded day and night at Mason Drug Co.

C. G. Schuessler was here Saturday from his home in the Fly Gap section. Mr. Schuessler says that he has purchased a 535 acre farm from Frank Moseley which is located about 8 miles below Castell and when he turns his place over to Ernest Willmann he will move to his new place. He expects to move about the first of September.

Tanglefoot and poison fly paper at Vedder Drug Co.

Miss Bessie Gibson returned home Saturday from San Marcos, where she has been attending the summer normal.

Miss Mayfield of San Antonio, has been the attractive guest of Mrs. Ed Smith. She returned to her home this week.

MISS LUCILLE SMITH ENTERTAINS

On Wednesday evening of last week Miss Lucille Smith entertained a merry crowd of young people with a lawn party at the pretty home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith.

The Victrola which was moved out on the front porch furnished music throughout the evening. Various lawn games were enjoyed and a general good time was had by all. Iced cold water melon was served to the following guests: Misses Mildred White, Ella Eckert, Rachel Louise Lemburg, Edith Bellows, Bessie Grote, Beiva Cunyur of Shawnee, Okla., Elsie Kothmann of Llano; Messrs Floyd McCollum, Willie McDougall, Roy Doell, Bennie Grote, Kenney Kothmann, Seth Eaze.

The few hours were so full of enjoyment that little did the guests realize the lateness of the hour until the whistle at the light plant warned them of approaching midnight. Upon departing for their homes the guests were unanimous in declaring Miss Lucille an extremely charming hostess and expressed desires for an early repetition of this social event.

their places. A delicious and most palatable salad course was served and was followed by ice cream and angel food cake.

Those enjoying this delightful occasion were:

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Thompson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams and baby and Miss Theresa Greer, Mr. Earl Tracy, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Loring, Mrs. Jennie Williams, Miss Maybelle Loring and the hostess.

John Hoerster was a pleasant caller at the News office last Thursday afternoon and informed us that Carl Horns, who had been visiting with his family and other relatives of this county for a month, left on Sunday of last week for his home in New York.

LAWN SUPPER

On Wednesday evening of last week Mrs. A. L. L. Strickland entertained with a lawn supper. The lawn was very pretty and attractive with artistic decorations of patriotic colors and designs. Four tables had been placed amid these profuse decorations and 4 dainty little place cards were at each table. At 8 o'clock, the appointed hour, the guests were invited to find



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ROY E. DOELL

WITH J. S. KING, THE JEWELER

SURPLUS GOVERNMENT FOOD MAY BE ORDERED THROUGH LOCAL POST OFFICE

Post Mistress, Mrs. Reynolds, has given the News a list of the surplus food which the Government now has on hand and will dispose of through the post office department. Parties desiring to buy food through the post office may now do so by calling on Mrs. Reynolds and making out an order, paying cash in advance for goods ordered. The parcel post rate from San Antonio, from which place the food is to be sent, is 5 cents for the first pound and 1 cent a pound for

each additional pound or fraction thereof.

We herewith publish the list. The first column of figures represents the total weight per case; the second column represents the total weight per can or package; the third column represents the price of article per can or package, and the last column represents the price per case. Postage added will give an idea as to what the foods will cost delivered:

Bacon, 6 12-pound cans to case	102	17.00	\$4.15	\$24.90
Beef, corned, 48 No. 1 cans to case	85	1.36	.29	13.92
Beef, corned, 24 No. 2 cans to case	65	2.72	.55	13.20
Beef, corned, 12 6-pound cans to case	85	7.00	1.75	21.00
Beef, roast, 48 No. 1 cans to case	60	1.25	.29	13.44
Beef, roast, 24 No. 2 cans to case	69	2.50	.63	15.12
Beef, roast, 12 6-pound cans to case	85	7.00	1.90	22.80
Hash, corned beef, 48 1-pound cans to case	60	1.25	.22	10.56
Hash, corned beef, 24 2-pound cans to case	71	3.00	.37	8.88
Beans, baked, 48 No. 1 cans to case	60	1.25	.04	1.92
Beans, baked, 24 No. 2 cans to case	68	2.72	.06	1.44
Beans, baked, 24 No. 3 cans to case	68	2.60	.09	2.16
Beans, stringless, 24 No. 2 cans to case	48	2.00	.09	2.16
Beans, stringless, 12 No. 10 cans to case	70	6.00	.40	4.80
Corn, sweet, 24 No. 2 cans to case	36	1.50	.09	2.16
Baking powder, 24 1-pound cans to case	55	7.91	.45	3.60
Baking powder, 8 5-pound cans to case	101	101.00	2.63	2.63
Barley, pearl, 100-pound bags	101	101.00	6.49	6.49
Beans, dry, 100-pound bags	61	2.50	.21	5.04
Cherries, canned, 24 small cans to case	26	.50	.07	3.36
Cinnamon, 48 1/4-pound cans to case	24	.55	.14	6.72
Cocoa, breakfast, 24 1/2-pound cans to case	22	1.00	.13	3.12
Cornmeal, white, 100-pound bags	101	101.00	3.50	3.50
Cornmeal, yellow, 100-pound bags	101	101.00	5.79	5.79
Cornmeal, yellow, 30 2-pound cans to case	85	2.80	.07	2.10
Corn starch, 40 to case	45	1.00	.04	1.60
Crackers, assorted, 48 to case	40	1.00	.06	2.88
Crackers, ginger, 48 No. 1 tins to case	32	1.00	.06	2.88
Crackers, graham, 48 No. 1 tins to case	40	1.00	.06	2.88
Crackers, soda, 48 No. 1 tins to case	32	1.00	.06	2.88
Farina, 48 No. 1 tins to case	29	1.00	.14	6.72
Fish, dried cod, 40 pounds to case	46	46.00	6.82	6.82
Flavoring extract, lemon, 24 2-ounce bottles to case	14	.50	.10	2.40
Flavoring extract, lemon, 24 8-ounce bottles to case	35	1.50	.33	7.92
Flavoring extract, vanilla, 24 2-ounce bottles to case	14	.50	.10	2.40
Flavoring extract, vanilla, 24 8-ounce bottles to case	35	1.50	.33	7.92
Flour, corn, 100-pound bags	101	101.00	5.24	5.24
Flour, edible, cornstarch 100-pound bags	101	101.00	4.00	4.00
Flour, graham, 100-pound bags	101	101.00	3.80	3.80
Flour, issue, 100-pound bags	101	101.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, oatmeal, 100-pound bags	101	101.00	4.00	4.00
Flour, rice, 100-pound bags	101	101.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, rye, 98 pound bags	99	99.00	3.75	3.75
Gelatin, 144 to case	16	1-9 lb	.09	12.96
Ginger, 48 1/4-pound cans to case	21	.50	.07	3.36
Hominy, coarse, 100-pound sacks	101	101.00	6.49	6.49
Hominy, fine, 24 No. 2 cartons to case	59	2.00	.04	.96
Hominy, lye, 24 small cartons to case	73	3.00	.06	1.44
Macaroni, bulk, 25 pounds to case	33	33.00	2.06	2.06
Macaroni, 24 to case	35	1.50	.07	1.68
Milk, condensed, sweetened 48 No. 1 cans to case	65	1.30	.13	6.24
Milk, evaporated, 6 8-pound cans to case	56 1/2	9.40	.93	5.53
Mustard, ground, 24 to case	21	1.00	.17	4.08
Mustard, prepared, 24 to case	50	2.00	.05	1.20
Nutmeg, ground, 48 1/4-pound cans to case	18	1.00	.11	5.28
Oats, rolled, 36 No. 2 cartons to case	60	2.00	.12	4.32
Oats, rolled, bulk 90-pound bags	91	91.00	3.50	3.50
Pepper, black, 48 1/4-pound cans to case	24	.50	.09	4.32
Raisins, seeded, 36 to case	40	1.10	.10	3.60
Raisins, seedless, 36 to case	40	1.10	.08	2.88
Rice, 100 pounds to bag	101	101.00	6.74	6.74
Syrup, 6 No. 10 cans to case	75	1.25	.40	2.40
Tapioca, 48 1-pound cartons to case	50	1.00	.13	6.24
Sausage, Vienna, 24 to case	60	2.50	.52	12.48
Sausage, pork, 24 to case	60	2.50	.49	11.76
Peas, green, 24 No. 2 cans to case	54	2.25	.09	2.16
Soup, beef, 48 No. 1 cans to case	50	1.00	.08	3.88
Soup, chicken, 48 No. 1 cans to case	49	1.00	.08	3.88
Soup, chicken, 24 quart cans to case	49	2.00	.33	7.92
Soup, clam chowder, 48 No. 1 cans to case	40	1.00	.08	3.88
Soup, clam chowder, 24 quart cans to case	40	2.00	.29	6.96
Soup, mock turtle, 48 No. 1 cans to case	40	1.00	.07	3.36
Soup, mock turtle, 24 quart cans to case	40	2.00	.29	6.96
Soup, oxtail, 48 No. 1 cans to case	40	1.00	.07	3.36
Soup, oxtail, 24 quart cans to case	40	2.00	.26	6.24
Soup, tomato, 48 No. 1 cans to case	40	1.00	.08	3.84
Soup, vegetable, 48 No. 1 cans to case	40	1.00	.08	3.84
Soup, beef, 24 quart cans to case	50	2.00	.28	6.72
Soup, tomato, 24 quart cans to case	40	2.00	.26	6.24
Soup, vegetable, 24 quart cans to case	40	2.00	.27	6.48
Tomatoes, 24 No. 2 cans to case	48	2.00	.09	2.16
Tomatoes, 24 No. 2 1/2 cans to case	68	3.00	.09	2.16
Tomatoes, 24 No. 3 cans to case	71	3.00	.11	2.64
Tomatoes, 12 No. 10 cans to case	100	8.00	.33	3.96

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Pluenneke came in last week from Dallas, where they have been the past several months. Mr. and Mrs. Pluenneke will teach the Pontotoc school this year.

Misses Myrtle Montgomery, of Menard and Eula Burleson, of Mercury, are the guests this week of Mrs. Otis Robbins.

Mr. Burkett, a pecan specialist whose home is in Dallas was in

Mason a short time last week while enroute for Kerrville on business. While here Frank Willmann showed Mr. Burkett some of the fine pecans around Mason and we are informed that he was very much impressed with the fine pecan crop prospects in and around Mason. Frank says that he said the pecan orchard belonging to Mr. J. W. White is as fine as he has seen anywhere. Mr. Burkett is

making a search of the state for fine native pecans and he is offering a prize of \$100 to the party who will produce the best native pecan. He said that he knew there were some very fine native pecans in the State but the question is to find them.

Albert Bierschwale spent a short time in San Antonio last week on business.

Now All You Good Fellows, Come Fill Up Your Pipes



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The Velvet tin is twice as big as shown here

IF ever men are "Tom" and "Bill" to each other, it's when good pipes are a-going. If ever good pipes go their best, 'tis when Velvet's in the bowl.

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For eight long seasons Velvet "meditates" in wooden hogsheads, throwing off the rawness of "young" tobacco—truly "ageing in the wood." Out Velvet comes—cool, calm and generous—the tobacco Nature made good, kept good and made better.

Velvet's sweetness is the sweetness of good tobacco, not "put on" like "frosting" on a cake. Its mildness comes from natural ageing, not from having the life baked out. Its fragrance is true tobacco fragrance, not a perfume. And Velvet makes an A Number One cigarette. Roll one.

As good old Velvet Joe says:

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Yo' mouth with friendly smoke—
An' let the old world wag."

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Notice of church entertainments where a charge of admission is made, obituaries, cards of thanks, resolutions of respect, and all matters not news, will be charged at the regular advertising rates.

ADVERTISING RATES

Local readers and classified ads 5 cents per line per issue
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WHO'S NEXT

We, whose names appear below, believe that Mason County should erect a monument and dedicate it to the memory of the Mason county boys who served in the recent world's war, and will donate the amount set opposite our respective names towards its erection:

- McCulloch Lodge No. 273\$100.00
- August Kothmann\$25.00
- Mason Clean Town Club\$10.00
- Mason County News\$10.00
- Calvin Thaxton\$10.00
- Woman's Missionary Society.....\$10.00
- W. G. Keyser\$5.00
- German Ladies Aid Society.....\$8.00
- Henry W. Keller\$10.00
- Frank Brandenberger\$5.00
- Baptist Ladies Aid\$5.00
- Alfred R. Grosse (Bartlett).....\$5.00

If you are willing to subscribe please the News the amount you will give and your name will appear in this list the following issue.

On Monday evening and Monday night this section received a light rain which amounted to .4 of an inch according to the gauge at the Mason National Bank. We are told that the rain was general over a large portion of this western section.

The big co-operative open air meeting which is being conducted by Rev. Cowan of Brady, with the assistance of the local pastors, is in full swing and some exceptionally large audiences have been attending. This is especially true of the night sermons.

A large pumpkin is on exhibit at the Mason National Bank which was raised by John Capps. The pumpkin weighs 61 pounds.

Tell the News the news.

SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID

The following have recently set their subscription figures ahead by paying the amount opposite their name, and we appreciate their remembering us very much. May many of our other readers follow their example:

- Mrs. J. J. Patton 1.50
- Mrs. A. L. Finck 1.50
- Christian Loeffler 1.50
- Adolph Schulze 1.50
- Rev. H. Jordan 1.50
- Mrs. W. H. Francis 1.50
- Mrs. M. E. Waller 1.50
- O. M. Smith 1.50
- Chas. Eckert 1.50
- John Starks 1.50

Misses Jennie and Elizabeth White left this week for Austin to be away a few days visiting with relatives.

J. W. White, Mr. and Mrs. Tom White and Walker White returned home Wednesday from an absence of several days in San Antonio. While away Mr. White traded off his Hudson car and purchased a twin-six Packard, with which he presented Mrs. White upon his return.



STENGE--JORDAN

A pretty home wedding was solemnized on Wednesday afternoon of this week at 5 o'clock at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Jordan, of Plehweville. The contracting parties were Mr. James D. Stengel and Miss Minnie Jordan. Rev. Robt. Moerner officiated. The marriage was witnessed by only immediate relatives of the young couple.

After the ceremony and after the guests had congratulated the newly weds, a delicious supper was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Stengel will make their home in the John Leslie residence, which the groom had elegantly furnished and was awaiting the arrival of he and his bride.

The bride is an accomplished daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Jordan, of the Plehweville community, and is very popular socially. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stengel, of this city and is a young man of sterling character and reputation. He recently received his discharge from the Medical corps of the U. S. Army after having served about a year with the American Expeditionary Forces. He holds the important position of pharmacist with the Vedder Drug Co., of which firm he is a member.

These young people have a large circle of relatives, friends and acquaintances all of whom will join the NEWS in extending heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

Guy Green returned home Tuesday from San Marcos, where he has been attending the summer normal.

ENJOY LAWN PARTY

On last Thursday evening Miss Willie Mae Grosse entertained quite a number of her friends with a lawn party at the home of her sister, Mrs. L. F. Eckert. The lawn was aglow with electric lights which were placed there for the occasion. Various games were enjoyed by the young people until a late hour.

A feature was the delicious punch and cake which was served to the following: Misses Helen Jordan, Elsie Schweers, Averil Bellows, Mary Lemburg, Betsy White, Mary Jane Puckey, Alma Mae Braezeale, Ida Mae Lemburg, Susie Donop, Sarah Thaxton, Augusta Jenkins, Lucille Baker, Estella Hofmann, Esther Donop, Elsie Grosse; Messrs Allan Doell, Harold Zesch, Clarence Kothmann, Walter Jordan, Roy McCollum, Emanuel Schuessler, Melchoir and Celeste Beyer, Arch Reichenau, Love Walker, Clinton Braezeale.

A FINE RAIN

A slow rain has been falling here since about nine o'clock last night. The rain began to fall about 8:30 but for the first half-hour it came down in torrents and was accompanied by a high wind, which it is feared did quite a bit of damage to cotton. Up to time of going to press this morning the precipitation amounts to 2.30 inches according to the gauge of Mr. Biersch-wale.

FIRE DESTROYS BARN

Last night just after dark lightning struck the big barn on the farm of J. W. White about 1 mile east of town and set fire to the building and its contents. The heavy down pour of rain which was falling seemed to have no effect on the fire as the building was burned to the ground. The Mason Volunteer Fire Co. responded to the fire call and many cars filled with enthusiastic workers rushed to the scene and greatly aided in removing farm implements and machinery but that was all that could be saved. A large shed which joins the barn caught fire several times but was each time put out before any material damage resulted.

The barn was full of hay and feed; this was all lost. Mr. White estimates his loss as being in the neighborhood of \$3,000. He informs us that he carried \$2,500 insurance on the barn and its contents.

Parties who appreciate fine stationery and good Bond Papers should call around at the News Office and see our line.

Is it Possible to Legislate Life and Brains?

Swift & Company is primarily an organization of men, not a collection of brick, mortar, and machinery.

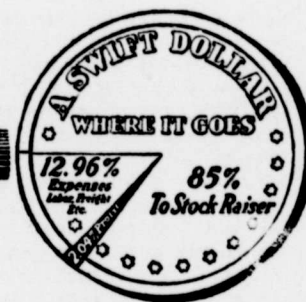
Packing Plants, their equipment and usefulness are only outward symbols of the intelligence, life-long experience, and right purpose of the men who compose the organization and of those who direct it.

Will not Government direction of the packing industry, now contemplated by Congress, take over the empty husk of physical property and equipment and sacrifice the initiative, experience and devotion of these men, which is the life itself of the industry?

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DIES OF BRIGHT'S DISEASE

On Wednesday afternoon of last week at 4 o'clock, Mrs. Verna Oliver died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark, who reside in the Ranch Branch section. Mrs. Oliver had been in bad health for several years and at times her condition was worse than at others.

Mrs. Oliver was 28 years, 6 months and 10 days of age when she died; having been reared in this county she had a host of friends who regret very much to learn of her untimely death. The funeral services were held last Thursday afternoon and the interment was made in the Grit cemetery.

This paper extends deepest sympathy to the grief stricken family.

JOHNSON--ZIRIAX

On last Sunday afternoon Mr. Ralph Johnson and Miss Elsie Ziriaux were united in marriage. Justice Thorne officiated.

These young people were born and reared in this county and have a host of friends and acquaintances who will join the News in extending them congratulations and every good wish for a long and prosperous journey through life.

POULTRY WANTED

We are always in the market for poultry and will pay you top prices for fryers, broilers, pullets, hens, roasters, ducks, geese and turkeys. Bring us anything you have in the line of poultry. 6-6 Mayhew Produce Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Loeffler are at home from San Marcos, where they attended the summer normal. They will teach the Hilda school the coming session.

The News is prepared to take care of all kinds of job printing and can handle the big jobs as well as the smaller ones in a manner which is unsurpassed.

Miss Jennie White returned home a few days since from Roswell, N. M., where she has been visiting with relatives for the past few weeks.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder for kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.25. One small bottle is two months' treatment and often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2928 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.



Sentinels of the Home!

There is a deal of talk on preparedness.

ARE YOU PREPARED? This world is full of vicissitudes. You may

be in the best of health today, with fine prospects in business. There may come a siege of illness. There may come a loss of position. Be prepared.

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Cardui, the woman's tonic, helped Mrs. William Eversole, of Hazel Patch, Ky. Read what she writes: "I had a general breaking-down of my health. I was in bed for weeks, unable to get up. I had such a weakness and dizziness, . . . and the pains were very severe. A friend told me I had tried everything else, why not Cardui? . . . I did, and soon saw it was helping me . . . After 12 bottles, I am strong and well."

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CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

Do you feel weak, dizzy, worn-out? Is your lack of good health caused from any of the complaints so common to women? Then why not give Cardui a trial? It should surely do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women who suffered—it should help you back to health.

Ask some lady friend who has taken Cardui. She will tell you how it helped her. Try Cardui.

All Druggists

Gallant Priest.

The witty parish priest of Ballyrack, Father Healy, once had an encounter with Gladstone that resulted in a spirited exchange of pleasantries. According to a contributor in the Boston Transcript, the statesman, in order to tease Father Healy, told him that once when he was visiting Rome he had been offered a plenary indulgence for eight or ten lire. Father Healy immediately rejoined that all he could say was that Mr. Gladstone was being "let off very lightly."

One of the characteristics of this genial priest was his gallantry—a trait that shows he was a true Irishman. On one occasion Father Healy had met at Gray Station a young lady—one of the Dublin belles—in a donkey trap. She was in an exhausted condition and explained that her donkey, on the way to the station, had taken fright and run away with her.

"Faith, then, he is no ass," said Father Healy to the pretty girl.

Tan-No-More THE SKIN BEAUTIFIER



Protects Cleanses Improves

Beauty, even skin deep, should be protected and improved. Tan-No-More, the ideal face preparation, does both. It is a sure protection against the burning sun, or blistering wind, and at the same time helps rebuild tissues. It brings to the skin that velvety softness of youth.

Applied to the face before going into the open, Tan-No-More insures full protection against the elements. Used before going out in the evening, it assures a faultless complexion. Thousands of testimonials declare Tan-No-More is superior.

You can have a clear, smooth, attractive skin by using this guaranteed beautifier. Sample for the asking. At toilet counters, 35c, 50c and \$1. Tints, white and flesh.

BAKER-WHEELER MANUFACTURING CO. DALLAS, TEXAS

MEAT CANNING

By Harry Austin Clapp, Canning Specialist, Texas A. & M. College Port, Texas.

This is the first of a series of articles on canning of animal products. If the reader will preserve these lessons he will be in possession of information which will enable him to easily, safely and successfully can all kinds of meats, wild game, sea foods. For generations mothers have canned all kinds of vegetable products, but only recently has it been possible to handle animal products. This has been caused by not understanding the reason why such material could not be canned and by not having available the proper equipment. Formerly meats of all kinds were salted, smoked, dried and corned but this did not provide a fresh product for any time of the year. Today we not only have small portable equipment which, when properly used will produce first class results, but we know why foods spoil and why canning preserves them. We now work with definite knowledge and secure definite results. Nothing is left to guess and luck does not matter in any way.

Three principal things prevent us from canning all kinds of foods, both animal and vegetable: molds, yeasts and bacteria. These three are close kin. All are low forms of plant life, all propagate in a vegetable state, all are one celled, all have similar methods of reproduction. Molds and yeasts are of no interest to us in meat canning. They are both killed by a moist heat of 180 degrees. Bacteria are not killed by such heat. They are the smallest of the three and like some forms of those are one celled and reproduce by division under unfavorable conditions. In this (the vegetative) form they are easily killed by boiling temperature. Unfortunately however, under unfavorable conditions they have the power to throw off what are called spores. Spores are resistant to extremes of heat and cold. They have been boiled sixteen hours and as soon as conditions favorable to their development were present they quickly changed into the vegetative state and began their work of destruction. Some will grow in the presence of air, some need no air as they can manufacture their necessities of oxygen from the breaking down of the food on which they feed. They require warmth, food and moisture. Very few thrive in acids or sugar products. The juice of meats and other animal products provides the ideal food for their development.

While it is possible to kill such life by boiling for a period of from eight to ten hours, it is not economical and it is not safe. For this reason high heat for a short time is the only method by which their action may be surely prevented. Such heat is only obtained by steam under pressure. By the use of the Home Steam Pressure Canner heat as high as 250 degrees may easily be used. No bacterial life or the resulting spores will live after being subjected to such heat for one hour. It follows then that perfect sterilization is the principal fundamental in canning all products. This cannot be impressed upon the operator too strongly. Without perfect sterilization meat cannot be canned, with it success is certain. It must not be thought that because these particular bacteria are killed that high temperatures will make all meats safe to use as food. Spoiled meat can never be made safe for food. For that reason all meats should be canned when fresh and wholesome. Some animal products spoil quickly, especially fish and other sea foods. For this reason such foods should never be canned unless absolutely fresh and free from taint. When animal products are canned in the fresh unspoiled condition, handled in a sanitary manner, perfectly seasoned and sterilized, all bacterial life is destroyed and the product is safe, wholesome, nutritious food and retains its original freshness and flavor. Fresh material, sanitary conditions, perfect sterilization are the fundamentals of meat canning.

Watch this paper next week for lesson two.

Forty-six Vessels Delivered.

Washington.—Forty-six vessels aggregating 363,355 gross tons were delivered to the shipping board during the week ending Aug. 1, it was announced Friday. This brought the total number of vessels delivered to 1182, representing more than 4,342,000 gross tons.

First Sale of Alabama Cotton.

Montgomery, Ala.—The first bale of 1919 Alabama cotton was received by a local factor Friday from Graceville.

NOTICE!

Our pharmacist, J. D. Stengel, is back from the army, and is now with Vedder Drug Co., ready to fill prescriptions. "Jim" is a registered pharmacist and besides has had nearly one year's experience filling prescriptions in France. We want your prescription work and your drug business.

Give Us a Trial

Vedder Drug Co.

Queered His Chances.
"I thought Jess was going to marry old Gotrox."
"She was, but she broke off the engagement."
"What for?"
"When she accepted him he told her she had put new life into him."—Boston Post.

Tell the News the news.
Fine Bond Papers—News Office.

Water and the Human Body.
The specific gravity of water and the human body is virtually the same. A body in the water is supported by equal pressure at all points. It is more likely to be at ease than under other circumstances. It is, therefore, more likely that it may move without pain. So cripples are often given their exercise in the water.

The News' facilities for doing first class job work is unsurpassed. Bring us your orders.

Temporary Inconvenience.
The man who staggered into a doorway and then sank to a sitting position on the step caused some people to suspect he had been dining too well. The ashen pallor of his face soon attracted the attention of a sympathetic bystander, however, and the latter inquired:
"What seems to be the trouble?"
The man smiled feebly, craned his neck, tried to clear his throat, and then placed one hand to his perspiring brow.
"You haven't been drinking too much?"
"No," the man replied. "It's nothing serious. It'll all be right in a minute. I just swallowed my chew."—Youngstown Telegram.

Kiss in Russia Universal.
The Chinese and Japanese never kiss—a mother will not even kiss her child. Americans have copied, to a great extent, the example set by the French and carry kissing to an excess; but the Russians, for centuries, have been recognized as the champion kissing nation of the world. With them the kiss is the national salute, and has been so for ages; it has been handed down from oriental ancestors and is more of a greeting than a caress. Fathers and sons kiss—whole regiments kiss—military officers kiss. The czar kissed his officers, and on the day of a field review there were almost as many kisses exchanged as shots.

A Bold Bid.
"I see you have changed the name of the Brokers & Stokers bank to the Greasepaint & Slapstick."
"That's right."
"What's the big idea?"
"We want to get some of this movie money on deposit."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Mr. George P. Tucker, special agent for the Orient Insurance Co., whose headquarters are at Dallas, was in Mason a short time this week enroute home after he and his wife had enjoyed an outing at the 700 springs above Junction.



Now Good For Many More Miles

With the Miller Ad-On-a-Tires Your Old Tires Are Made Almost As Good As New

When you put Miller Ad-On-A-Tires on your worn tires you are virtually rebuilding them. It makes them oversize as well as more puncture-proof.

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Bring in your worn tires. Let us show you how the Miller Ad-On-a-Tire enables you to get 75 per cent more mileage. For a very small fraction of the original cost of your tires they can be made almost as good as new.

It makes no difference what size they are. Or what make. The Miller Ad-On-A-Tire fits them all. So bring your tires to us and let us show you how to get miles and miles of additional service.

L. F. ECKERT
PHONE 195
MASON - TEXAS

ESSENT DAY HIGH PRICES CRIMINAL

President Wilson Makes Proposals Remedying the Situation.

Washington.—President Wilson laid several specific proposals before congress Friday for checking the high cost of living, but at the same time declared permanent results could not be expected until the peace time basis was fully restored by ratification of the peace treaty.

High prices, the president told congress, were not justified by shortage of supplies, either present or prospective, but were created in many cases, "artificially and deliberately" by "vicious practices." Retailers, he said, were responsible in large part for extortionate prices.

Strikes, the president warned the labor world, would only make matters worse and those who sought to employ threats or coercion were only "preparing their own destruction." Leaders of organized labor, the president said, were sure would presently yield to second sober thought.

"Illegal" and "criminal" were the words the president used in characterizing the methods by which some present-day prices have been brought about.

Present laws, he said, would be energetically employed to the limit to force out food hoards, and meet the situation as far as possible, but to supplement the existing statutes he specifically urged the following:

Licensing of all corporations engaged in interstate commerce with specific regulations designed to secure competitive selling and prevent "unreasonable profits" in the method of marketing.

Extension of the food control act to peace times and the application of its provisions against hoarding of fuel, clothing and other necessities of life as well as food.

A penalty in the food control act for profiteering.

A law regulating cold storage, limiting the time during which goods may be held; prescribing a method of disposing of them if held beyond the permitted period and requiring that when released goods bear the date of storage.

Laws requiring that goods released from storage for interstate commerce bear the selling price at which they went into storage and requiring that all goods destined for interstate commerce bear the price at which they left the hands of the producer.

Enactment of the pending bill for the control of security issues.

Additional appropriation for government agencies which can supply the public with full information as to prices at which retailers buy.

Early ratification of the peace treaty so that the "free processes of supply and demand" can operate.

Correction of "many things" in the relation between capital and labor in respect to wages and conditions of labor.

In conclusion, the president made a plea for deliberate, intelligent action, demanding congress that an unbalanced world was looking to the United States.

Villa Band Exterminated.

Washington.—Extermination, with slight exceptions, of all Villista forces in the state of Chihuahua was reported in a statement issued Friday by the Mexican embassy. The statement follows:

"Diverse news having been published lately, stating that the bandit, Villa, has under his orders more than 4000 men in Chihuahua, the Mexican embassy requested reliable official information, and it takes pleasure to announce that the Villista hordes have been completely dispersed, and that at the present time there exist only in Chihuahua small and insignificant bands engaged in acts of banditry, which are being strongly persecuted by government forces."

To Investigate High Prices.

Washington.—Attorney General Palmer started out this week to ascertain how much of the high cost of living is due to excessive profits by retailers. In a telegram to all state food administrators who worked with Administrator Hoover during the war, the attorney general appointment of a fair price committee in each county to investigate what is being charged for retail necessities, and if in excess of what the committee considers just, to publish a list of fair prices for the guidance of the public.

HOBBY VETOES IT. GERMAN LANGUAGE

Action Is Explained as "Conducive To Purer Americanism."

Austin, Tex.—Governor Hobby Thursday vetoed the items in the national appropriation bill for teaching German in the University of Texas. He also eliminated \$25,000 for a hospital at the Blind Asylum and \$15,000 for an addition to the laundry at the Deaf and Dumb Institute. With these exceptions, the bill was approved and it carries a total of \$8,237,337 for the two years beginning Sept. 1, 1919.

The disapproval of the Germanic language item takes a total of \$5,000 out of the bill, there being \$2,000 each year for salary of adjunct professor and \$500 each year for expense of the school and laboratory.

Governor Hobby also vetoed house bill No. 55, fixing the salary basis of official court stenographers, noting: "In my judgment the ends of justice will be best served by authorizing transcripts in narrative form only when both parties agree, instead of at the instance of one party only."

The governor approved the judiciary appropriation bill without change and signed the bill giving the state printing board more latitude in awarding and enforcing contracts for stationery and public printing. It will enable the board to let contracts on individual items instead of whole schedules. In this way, it is asserted, the best figures will be obtained for the state rather than low bids on articles rarely used and high bids on materials frequently used, the average being the basis of award.

Reasons given by the governor for vetoing the items in the educational appropriation bill are as follows:

"The items in the appropriations for the University of Texas for teaching German are disapproved, because I believe it conducive to a purer Americanism to eliminate the subject as one for special instruction in the schools

of Texas. "The item of \$25,000 to build and equip and furnish a hospital at the Texas School for the Blind, and the item of \$15,000 for addition to laundry building at the Deaf and Dumb Institute, are each disapproved because the superintendent of each institution has advised me that the sum is inadequate in each case for the purpose named, and I believe it contrary to the best practice to start improvements with a knowledge that the appropriation is inadequate and a deficiency warrant will be necessary to complete the same."

FARMERS CONDEMN PROFITEERS' ACTS

Texas Farmers' Institute Institute Adopt Several Resolutions.

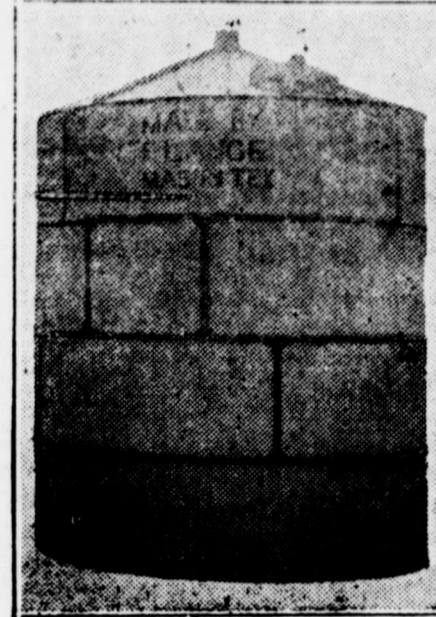
Austin, Tex.—At its final session Friday the Texas Farmers' Institute adopted several resolutions, heard addresses on crop and market topics and elected committees.

The following were elected as the executive committee: T. N. Jones, Tyler; La Beatty, Lockhart; B. L. Crouch, San Antonio; N. S. Kinard, Cisco; B. L. Shirley, Anna; George C. Reeves, Mineola, and W. N. Baker, Donna.

To locate sites and encourage the building of cotton mills the following committee was named: J. H. Cargill, chairman; Sam Dixon, Houston; T. F. Gilley, Caldwell; W. E. Long, Austin, and Alba Haywood, Brownsville.

One resolution adopted pledges the support of the farmers to back up the state department of agriculture when its committee announces cost of production and minimum price for 1919 crop. The effort will be to hold the minimum price to be fixed.

Resolutions were adopted condemning profiteering; favoring the establishment of cotton factories; requesting the agricultural department to publish a marketing journal; for a law



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forbidding state and interstate shipment of potato slips from weevil infested areas; making it obligatory for tax assessors to furnish crop data to the agricultural department, and one calling on consumers to use only domestic produced cotton oils, peanut oils and bean oils, as the market may be flooded with contaminated foreign oils.

Another resolution adopted was that calling on historians to include the names of industrial heroes and great farmers, as well as those prominent professionally, politically, militarily and in literature.

Plot to Surrender Garrison.

El Paso, Tex.—A plot to have the Chihuahua City Garrison revolt against the Carranza commanders and join Villa Friday was discovered, it was said, and a large number of federal officers, including one brevet general were placed in the federal penitentiary, charged with inciting a mutiny.

A News want ad brings about some wonderful results sometimes. Try one and see for yourself.

The Kind-Hearted Apple Tree.

What a kind heart an apple tree must have! What generous work it makes of blossoming! It is not content with a single bloom for each apple that is to be; but a profusion, a prodigality of blossom there must be. The tree is but a huge bouquet; it gives you 20 times as much as there is need for, and evidently because it loves to blossom. How one feels his childhood coming back to him, when, emerging from the hard city streets, he sees orchards and gardens in sheeted bloom—plum, cherry, peach, pear and apple, waves and billows of blossoms rolling over the hillsides, and down through the levels! This is a kingdom of glory. The bees know it. Are the blossoms singing, or is all this humming sound the music of bees? Such a sight is equal to a sunset, which is but a blossoming of the clouds.—Henry Ward Beecher.

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ATTENTION!

We are now prepared to do your half-soleing also your tire and tube vulcanizing. We guarantee our work and work at moderate prices. Phone us your wants.

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It's no longer necessary to go into the details describing the practical merits of the Ford car—everybody knows all about "The Universal Car." How it goes and comes day after day and year after year at an operating expense so small that it's wonderful. This advertisement is to urge prospective buyers to place orders without delay. Buy a Ford car when you can get one. We'll take good care of your order—get your Ford to you as soon as possible—and give the best in "after-service" when required.

L. F. ECKERT

Authorized Ford Sales and Service Station

EPISODE NO. 5.

WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE.
Dick and Polly Van Brunt organize an expedition to get a buried treasure. The only key to whose location is a chart flag, years before divided among six members of a similar expedition. Polly has one flag. Scarface has another and he kills Polly's father for his. A Chinese has a third. Dick and Polly go to him. Scarface is there ahead of them and as they enter, Dick is seized by a giant idol and a dagger descends on his head.

Safe behind the partition where they had been swept by the swift mechanism of the idol, Dolly, Chu and Lee confronted each other. So swift had been the rush of events that her mind was in a turmoil, and not knowing whether she faced friend or foe she braced herself for whatever might happen next. Beyond the partition she could faintly hear the outwitted Scarface and Screweye as they raced about futilely beating upon the walls as they endeavored to locate the hidden buttons which would make the blank walls unfold to them as they had done before the touch of the cunning Oriental.

What was the meaning of it all? That she had been saved from the clutch of the outlaws through the cunning of the Oriental she felt assured, yet for what purpose had Chu dragged her into this hidden retreat? And what had become of Dick? Fearing far less for herself than she did for her vanished husband she turned upon the Chinaman who stood at her side.

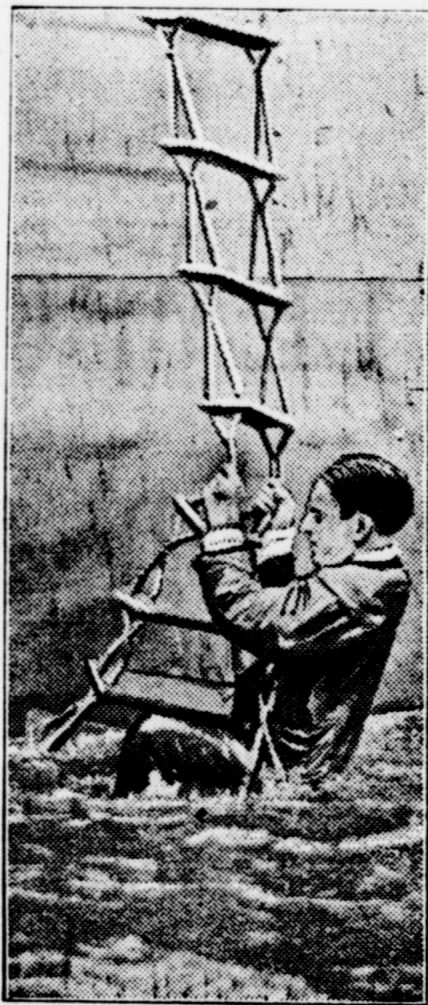
"Chu," said she, "what is the meaning of all this? Why have you dragged me in here, and what has become of Dick. Are you my friend or are you acting as the tool of those villains?" Bowing and smiling, he answered her: "Chu your friend. Chu friend of Dick, too. He all light and bimeby you understand all. Not tell you just now, but me take you to a hotel where you all light. Lee bring husband when he come."

At this assurance that Dick was all right and that in due time he would be brought to her a great weight was lifted from her heart. Despite the queerness of the whole transaction she believed Chu, and even though he were deceiving her for the moment she was in his power and could do nothing else than follow his instructions in the hope that he would make his promise good. She laid her hand lightly upon his arm.

"All right, Chu, I am going to trust you. If you are playing fair with us you will never regret it, but if not—well, another day will come."

"You no be afraid. Chu give his word, and Chu's word as good as Mexican gold." He turned away and silently she followed him.

Dick, shooting through the trap door of the floor, found himself plunging



Dick Climbed to the Deck.

down through a semi-darkness and expecting to be dashed to death at the bottom of his fall. Shutting his teeth he braced himself for the shock which must follow his alighting. But instead of crashing upon the bottom of a pit as he imagined in the brief second of his downward plange, he felt himself strike the surface of water into which he disappeared with a tremendous splash. Down through it he went until his feet struck the hard bottom, then bending his knees he gave a tremendous leap and in an instant was shooting upward again. Another instant and he had regained the surface.

For a moment he threw himself upon his back and floated as he endeavored to collect his thoughts and discover into what stream he had been cast. Gradually his eyes became accustomed to the gloom and he was able to make out his surroundings. About him were

walls, low, gray, arched and slimy, and through this subterranean tunnel the stream was rushing with the fury of a mountain torrent. A wave swept over him and for a moment he was dragged beneath the tide, but struggling to the surface again he threw himself upon his side and began swimming vigorously. Beyond all question he was in a sewer of some kind, and also beyond all question this sewer must have its outlet into the sea. Were the entrance of this underground torrent free all might be well and good, but suppose it were not? Suppose at its further end he should find it blocked by a grating such as often terminated the exits of such underground streams! In that event he must be drowned like a rat in a cage, since no man could breast his way against a torrent such as the one that was sweeping him on. Helpless to do more than guide himself he swam on.

Over and again through his mind flashed thoughts of Polly. In whose hands was she now, and what would her fate be if he was doomed to die in this dark vault? The thought gave him renewed strength. If coolness and determination to live were of any avail then he would come out of his desperate plight alive, for thought of death with Polly possibly calling vainly to him for assistance was unendurable. In some way he must pull through to help her if she needed help, or to avenge her should any scoundrel mistreat her. Strongly he swam on.

Only his wonderful endurance enabled him to keep his head above the swift current, which finally threw him out into San Francisco bay against a mass of piles. He was only a few hundred yards from the steamship which had brought the Kid and Roper and which was just warping into her pier.

Swimming to the boat, Dick climbed to the deck and was fortunate to find an old friend in the skipper, who furnished him a dry outfit of clothes and a pistol. He ran across the outlaws at the gangplank, but did not recognize them. They, however, knew him and in amazement at his presence on the boat, started to trail him away from the pier.

Dick in a taxi headed at once for Chu's shop and found Lee alone in an outer room. Believing Lee against him, he refused to listen to any explanations, but, drawing his pistol, broke into the room where Scarface and Screweye were. Expecting their own companions, the men were taken by surprise and held up. A moment later, Teel and Stebbins arrived. Lee then told Dick all that had happened.

"Chu take lady," he said. "She safe with him at hotel."

Dick acted quickly. He told Stebbins to stay and guard Scarface and Screweye and Teel to notify police headquarters that Scarface was their prisoner.

"I am going to the hotel for Mrs. Van Brunt and will be back in half an hour."

So quickly did Dick leave the shop in his anxiety to see Polly that he failed to notice approaching on the further side of the street the Kid and Roper, who had followed him from the pier. Jumping into his taxi Dick was soon at the hotel, where he found Polly and Chu waiting. He told them he could not find the flag in the shop, but Chu at once set him at ease by producing the flag, saying:

"Me know flag not in box on Joss. What you call 'em, bluff?"

Teel had lost no time in notifying the police of Scarface's capture, and as he was wanted for the murder of Captain Ransome and Deputy Sheriff Greeley, a wagon-load of officers was dispatched at once to Chu's shop.

All this time things were happening at Chu's. Creeping inside the door, the Kid and Roper came upon the unsuspecting Lee and stretched him out with a blow on the head, and the same fate befell Stebbins when he hurried in attracted by the noise. Scarface and Screweye then were freed from the idol room. Roper at once told his chief:

"Dick has gone for the police. Then they are going to Los Angeles in this man's car," indicating Stebbins by a brutal kick. Scarface had no intention of battling a police posse and, locking the door of the idol room and throwing away the key, he and his companions left hurriedly.

"We got to beat it," he said. "I know where I can get a car. That bunch never will reach Los Angeles, if I can help it."

On the outskirts of the city some hours later, Scarface and his gang might have been seen in a big touring car well out of sight behind a roadhouse. Scarface was spending most of his time near a telephone, while the others remained near the car ready to depart on an instant's notice.

In the city at a garage at the same time Dick and his companions were completing the purchase of a big touring car, talking cheerfully of their plans of a quick run to Los Angeles and home, safe from Scarface and his villainous band. They did not notice a rough-appearing man hanging about their car and who, as soon as they

started away, hurried to a telephone and called up Scarface at the roadhouse.

With a full hour's advantage over Dick's car, the outlaws made a full-minute run down the main road from San Francisco to Los Angeles, halting where the road was just wide enough for one car to pass and with a small cliff on one side and a ditch on the other. The railroad ran close by, and from a huge pile of ties the outlaws carried a score or more, which they piled up in the road, effectually closing it. This accomplished, they concealed themselves in the brush and waited with drawn pistols, determined to shoot any of the party who might survive the plunge into the ditch when their car struck the ties.

With Dick at the wheel and Polly beside him, the car was splashing swiftly along, when the girl's keen eyes sighted the ties. Dick knew at once just what it meant.

"We're ambushed," he cried, "and I'm going to run for it." Jamming down the accelerator, he drove the car full speed at the obstruction.

Two ties had inadvertently been placed side by side, extending to the top, and up these ties the car ran, then vaulted into space, landed on four wheels and disappeared around a bend in the road. It was a miraculous escape, but the differential had been broken, and the party left the car and proceeded by train to Los Angeles.

Driving back a few miles, Scarface gained another road to Los Angeles, into which he turned, explaining his newest plan to get even with Dick and his companions and again get posses-



Seized Polly and Pressed the Pistol to Her Head.

sion of the pieces of flag. All through the night they rode at reckless speed that would have outdistanced any express train, and shortly after daybreak reached Dick's house. Approaching with caution, they found it vacant and easily gained entrance by climbing a porch and forcing a window. Then, posting the Kid, Screweye and Roper in a side room, he went into the kitchen and all prepared to await the arrival of their victims.

Reaching Los Angeles on the night train, Dick's party arrived at the house about noon, and it fell in well with Scarface's plans that Polly and Chu should go at once to the kitchen to prepare dinner. From behind the door Scarface reached out and with a blow from his revolver stretched out the Chinese on the floor. At the same time, he seized Polly and pressed the pistol to her head.

Alarmed at the noise, Dick and his companions drew their pistols and sprang toward the kitchen; at the same instant the three outlaws jumped out of the room and ordered them to hold up their hands. Dick hesitated only a second, then cried:

"It's three to three. Come on!"

Pistols would have blazed death in several in that room in another instant, but the door of the kitchen was thrown open, showing Polly in the grasp of Scarface, his pistol at her head and an evil grin on his face.

He dragged the girl, speechless with fright, into the room and looked sneeringly about as if daring his enemies to raise a weapon.

"Not so fast, gents," he cried. "This woman here is the trump card in this game. Lift a hand and she gets it."

Had it not been for the fact that Polly was firmly in the grasp of the ruffian, Dick's reply would have been a volley from his pistol.

But with her safety at stake, all the gold in California would have been but as dross in comparison. In order to save her there was nothing to

A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

Miss Kelly Tells How Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Restored Her Health.

Newark, N. J.—"For about three years I suffered from nervous breakdown and got so weak I could hardly stand, and had headaches every day. I tried everything I could think of and was under a physician's care for two years. A girl friend had used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and she told me about it. From the first day I took it I began to feel better and now I am well and able to do most any kind of work. I have been recommending the Compound ever since and give you my permission to publish this letter."—Miss FLO KELLY 476 So. 14th St., Newark, N. J.

The reason this famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, was so successful in Miss Kelly's case was because it went to the root of her trouble, restored her to a normal healthy condition and as a result her nervousness disappeared.

be done but yield, and with a savage glare at the sneering Scarface he dropped his weapon and turned upon his friends. "They have got us for the present, boys," he said. "We must lay down our arms for Polly's sake." Realizing that the life of the girl depended upon their obedience to the outlaws, stately his friends permitted themselves to be disarmed.

"Keep your eyes open and your wits with you and we'll get out of this yet," whispered Dick to them as they were being bound.

(END OF FIFTH EPISODE.)

If you would like to have accident or health insurance, I have just the kind of a policy you need. No trouble to show and explain the different policies and quote premiums. Martin D. Loring, agent for the Maryland Assurance Corporation.

John Brandenberger, one of the big ranchmen of the Hilda section, was a business visitor in Mason last Saturday. He was accompanied by his son, Mr. W. S. Brandenberger, who with his family has been visiting in this county. Their home is now in Houston.

I have a barrel of nice keg pickles which I am selling out at 75 cents per gallon. J. J. Johnson.

Mr. Fred Horn is taking a vacation from the boot-making industry and is spending a short time in San Antonio and Corpus Christi business and pleasure combined.

CITY MEAT MARKET

Choicest and best meats possible to obtain. No delivery. Fine light bread also for sale. Pay highest cash price for dry or green sides. W. A. Zesch, Prop.

Mrs. Laura M. Kiser and daughter, Leila Maude, who have been visiting in Austin will arrive in Mason Thursday to join a fishing crowd and to visit relatives for a few days before returning to their home in Wolfe City.

A News want ad brings about some wonderful results sometimes. Try one and see for yourself.

GARREY'S STOCK TONIC. Prevents cattle from getting worms, ticks, etc. Sold under a guarantee. Garrey's Tonic will build up your cattle and make them bring better calves. Give it a trial. Sold by F. Lange. 8-21tf

Tell the News the news. Fine Bond Papers—News Office.

Mrs. Grandstaff returned home a few days since from Menard, where she has been visiting with her children for several weeks.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1888. A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, etc. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

The Girl In the Case

By A. W. PEACH

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Ames had long been the butt of the men rooming in the Rand apartments—termed the "roost for roosters only"—by the would-be humorist of the inmates. He was so homely that a man could, in the phrase of another humorist, look at him once and ever after feel satisfied with his own countenance.

Ames took the joking good-naturedly—in a way that seemed to hint that he had something up his sleeve; but that something never appeared. He was a drummer, traveling through the southern states; and his visits to the apartment, where he retained a room, were always at the holiday season when social festivities were at their height.

It was Ames' hard luck to be forced to sit around while the others discussed their plans and made their preparations for dances and celebrations of a like nature. He was induced to go to a few, but it was plain that he did not enjoy himself. The girls looking upon him were inclined to let him decorate the chairs. He was a poor conversationalist except with men; so the other sex never learned to know his sunshiny nature.

The conclusion was reached that he was doomed to be a bachelor for life. Beattie put it thus to him: "Jeff, we've done the best for you we could, but you're simply non grata to the girls. I'm sorry for you; now take me, for instance—" And he went on to laud himself.

It was all done in fun, but keen eyes saw Ames' face change; and it was plain that at last he had become



With Him a Slight, Wrapped Figure.

wearied of the old joke. He drew from his vest his watch and casually snapped it open.

"I'm tired of hearing you fellows shout about your girls and feel sorry for me. Now, here's something for you—look over that picture, and if you can match that face with a prettier one, I'll pay for the dinner," he said quickly, but smilingly.

Laughter greeted him, but the watch was passed around; and each face changed as it came to look upon the face. Starr, who was the last of the circle, was startled as he saw the fair girl's face appear in his gaze.

He guessed that her eyes must be dark—probably a brown; her lips had the curve that is ever inviting; and her hair was coiled in heavy masses.

He handed the watch to its smiling owner. "Jeff, you have one on us. Now, there's just one thing for you to do; you must have her at the big dance!"

A chorus of approval greeted him, but Ames shook his head. "Bring her here for you handsome chaps to run away with—well, hardly!"

Question after question was asked him, but to each he had a smiling reply; and with each answer he was able to settle up some old scores.

Finally, he said: "You've referred before to the chap whose mustache was so red that when he appeared on the street people thought his nose was bleeding; and you've put me in his class. Just mark it down that a handsome face isn't all there is to it."

There the matter rested for a week. Ames had a sweet revenge, for the rest of the men were determined to see the One Girl. At last, however, Beattie, with his usual lack of tact, got results.

"I don't believe there is any such girl

—she's a fake!" he announced. The others in the room saw Ames' face redden and then whiten. The silence was a bit oppressive until Starr said quietly, "Bring her to the dance and show him up, Jeff. We'll make him stand the dinner if you do."

Ames seemed to read in their faces their doubt—the doubt that had risen at this suggestion in Beattie's thoughtless statement.

His homely face broke into its pleasant smile. "She will be there; and, Beattie, I want you to make good when I have shown you up." Then he turned and left the room.

The rest felt sorry for Beattie, for a dinner to that hungry crowd was usually a serious affair, as far as a man's pocketbook was concerned, if not in other ways.

As to the question whether or not Ames would appear with the Mysterious Girl, there was some doubt. Those who knew him well realized that he meant business; the others were confident that he would fail to appear.

During the next few days Ames was often asked about the girl; and his answer was always easy and confident. "He has something up his sleeve, all right," Beattie said, "but no girl as beautiful as that would ever tie up with a man with a phiz like Ames'."

The night of the dance came. The orchestra played their preliminary concert and then swung into the dance music, but no Ames and the Girl appeared.

At 9 o'clock Beattie smiled, at 10 o'clock he was grinning, at 11 he was ready to laugh, when he turned in time to see coming in the door the tall figure of Ames and with him a slight, wrapped figure whose face, peering smilingly over the collar of her cloak was indeed the winsome face of the girl in the watch.

"There's where I lose two weeks' salary," Beattie growled to Starr.

"You deserve to lose more," was the answer as Starr hastened to Ames, intending to be at least second applicant for a dance.

Ames' triumph was complete. When he swung into the lilting music of the next dance, the eyes of the hall were upon him and her. She danced beautifully, so much so that she more than made up for Ames' awkwardness; and he seemed to be inspired to the extent that his large feet assumed a rhythm unusual to them.

Her picture had perhaps been a bit complimentary; but she was beautiful—of that there was no doubt; and every one of the doubting males who danced with her made up his mind that he would get in on Beattie's dinner.

The evening ended with no issue in doubt. When Ames bade them good night and escorted her from the hall, it was admitted that he had won a triumph; and the only despondent face in the gathering was Beattie's.

The next day in Beattie's room, where the clans had gathered to "rub it in," appeared a hallway with Beattie's mail. Sourly silent to the remarks going his way, he opened his mail, read the first letter with wondering eyes and then turned to them. "Say, will you listen to this? It's from Jeff. 'Dear Beattie—The bet's off. The girl I brought is Norma Hale—one of the dancers with the musical play, 'Gay Eyes.' I cut the picture from a photograph of the chorus. I hired her to come with me. The money looked good—I know I didn't bore her. You shoved me into this, and I guess the joke—if it is one—is on you. Yours, Jeff.'"

"And the dinner, too," Beattie added solemnly.

The Hare and Easter.

The Egyptian "un" meant not only "hare" and "open," but "period," and for this reason the hare became the type of periodicity, both human and lunar, and the character of opener was associated with the opening of the new year at Easter, as well as with the beginning of the new life in the youth and maiden. Hence the hare became connected in the popular mind with the paschal eggs, broken to signify the opening of the year, nature's year, when the buds burst and the creatures of forest and air all mate. The hare was also one of the forty-eight ancient constellations of Ptolemy, situated in the southern hemisphere. And again, is one of the figures of the Chinese zodiac.

The hare myth penetrated to England, and it is written: "In Warwickshire, at Coleshill, if the young men of the parish can catch a hare and bring it to the parson before 10 o'clock in the morning of Easter Monday (the moonday), he is bound to give them a calf's head, 100 eggs and a goat, the calf's head being probably a survival of the worship of Baal or the sun as the golden calf."

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received up to and including Friday August 29th at 4 p. m. from any banking corporation, association, or individual banker, doing business in Mason, who desires to act as the depository for the school funds of the Mason Independent School District. Said bids are to state the rate percent on daily balances that such banking corporation, association or individual banker, offers to pay. Bids to be filed with Roscoe Runge, Sec. School Board, M. I. S. Dist.

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THROUGH THE WANT ADS.
WANT COLUMNS

WANTED—Teams, 8 hours work, \$5.00
Laborers, 8 hours work, \$2.50 for road work. Privilege to work overtime. Call or phone Henry Doell, Road Supt.

LADY BOARDERS WANTED.—Can accommodate from 4 to 6 girl or lady boarders during the coming school session. If interested see or phone me. Mrs. J. P. Millairie.

WANTED—A Teacher with first grade certificate to teach the school at Ten Mile, District No. 12 in Mason County Apply to Chas. Guentert, Ben Brandenberger or Alf Reeves, Grit, Texas.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—640 acres of good level unimproved land. Cheap E. R. Turner, 8-21t2 4 Ft. Sumner, New Mex.

I WANT TO BUY A SANDY land farm 300 or 400 acres. Apply to Frank Harper, Streeter, Tex.

WANTED—1 or 2 good pecan threshers. If there is somebody that will favor me by taking up this job, phone, write or see me right away. Frank Bauer, Castell, Texas.

WANTED—In Mason and surrounding counties. Agents to sell war histories. Express charges prepaid. Big profits. Easy sellers. Only official books printed, write for terms and free prospectus. Books, Box 212, Llano Tex.

FOR SALE—Eleven head of steer yearlings; choice stuff for holding or feeding. R. P. Kidd, Loyal Valley, Tex.

FOR SALE—My well improved home near Post Hill. If interested see me. Ernest Willmann. 4tp

BOARDERS WANTED—Will take three lady boarders during the coming term of school. Phone 147-J. Mrs. Wm. Donop.

FOR SALE—1000 bu. of oats at my place 2 1/2 miles west of Mason. 7-24tf A. W. Kooek.

FOR SALE—My place situated 2 1/2 miles west of Mason. For terms and further particulars Apply to 7-24tf A. W. Kooek.

NEWS WANTED—At News Office.

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FRIDAY, 15. HAULING DAY. The News is asked to announce that the Clean Town Club has set Friday, August 15th, as trash hauling day. Everybody is requested to observe this fact and are asked to place their trash in a convenient place for the wagon driver.

GARREY'S STOCK TONIC will prevent stomach worms in sheep. 8-21tf Sold by F. Lange.

Fritz Wartenbach is removing the vault from the building which was recently vacated by The Mason National Bank and in tearing down the walls found a quart bottle of wine which was placed there when the vault was built about fifteen years ago. A label on the bottle stated that the wine was bottled there by J. W. White and that the wine was made by Karl Hofmann, Sr. Fritz turned the bottle and its contents over to Mr. White, but we are unable to say what disposition has been made of it.

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AFFIDAVIT TO TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

In the matter of County finances in the hands of Alva Tinsley, Treasurer of Mason County, Texas, Commissioners' Court, Mason County, Texas, in regular quarterly session, August Term 1919.

We, the undersigned, as County Commissioners within and for said Mason County, and the Hon. C. H. Garrett, County Judge of said Mason County, constituting the entire Commissioners' Court of said County, and each one of us, do hereby certify that on this the 12th day of Aug. A. D. 1919, at a regular quarterly term of our said Court, we have compared and examined the quarterly report of Alva Tinsley, Treasurer of Mason County, Texas, for the quarter beginning on the 1st day of May A. D. 1919, and ending on the 31st day of July A. D. 1919, and finding same correct have caused an order to be entered upon the minutes of the Commissioners' Court of Mason County, stating the approval of said Treasurer's report by our said Court, which said order recites separately the amount received and paid out of each fund by said County Treasurer since his last report to this Court, and for and during the time covered by his present report, and the balance of each fund remaining in said Treasurer's hands on the said 31st day of July, A. D. 1919, and have ordered the proper credits to be made in the accounts of the said County Treasurer, in accordance with said order as required by Article 867, Chapter 1, Title XXV, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, as amended by an act of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of Texas, at its regular session, approved March 20, 1897.

And we, and each of us, further certify that we have actually and fully inspected and counted all the actual cash and assets in hands of the said Treasurer belonging to Mason County at the close of the examination of said Treasurer's Report on this the 12th day of Aug. A. D. 1919, and find the same to be as follows, to wit:

Balance to credit of Jury Fund	.....\$557.86
Balance to credit of Road and Bridge Fund	..... 135.23
Balance to credit of General Fund	..... 23.08
Balance to credit of Court House Fund	..... 8,361.44
Balance to credit of Special Road Fund	..... 560.98
Balance to credit of Highway Fund	..... 3,516.21
Total Cash on hand	.....13,154.74

Assets
In addition to the actual cash as above, we find the following assets belonging to the said County, and to the credit of the following funds, which is also in the possession and custody of the said Treasurer, to wit:

Six No. 26 School District Bonds at \$100	..... \$600.00
Four No. 27 School District at \$500	..... 2,000.00
Two Hundred W. S. S. at \$5.00	..... 1,000.00
Bonded Indebtedness	.....
The bonded indebtedness of the said County we find to be as follows, to wit:	.....
Court House Bonds	..... \$40,000.00
Two Special Warrants at \$1,000.00	..... 2,000.00
One Tractor Warrant	..... 1,350.00
Eighteen Special Bridge Warrants at \$500	..... 9,000.00
Five Special Road Warrants at \$500	..... 2,500.00
Scrip, Registered, Second Class Fund	..... 1,278.50
Scrip, Registered, Third Class Fund	..... 26.00
Total Amount	..... \$56,184.50

Witness our hands, officially, this 12 day of August, A. D. 1919.
C. H. Garrett, County Judge.
John W. Leslie, Com. Pre. No. 1
M. L. Webster, Com. Pre. No. 2
N. Z. Bethel, Com. Pre. No. 3
H. Hoerster, Com. Pre. No. 4
Sworn to and subscribed before me, by C. H. Garrett County Judge and John W. Leslie and M. L. Webster and N. Z. Bethel and H. Hoerster, County Commissioners of said Mason County, each respectively, on this, the 12th day of Aug. A. D. 1919.
S. C. Brockman, County Clerk
Mason County Texas.

Wm. Hofmann and Mrs. Loula Loring returned home last Sunday from the northern markets, where they purchased new fall and winter dry goods and millinery furnishings.

WILL YOU FAVOR US?

The News always considers it a favor when we receive news items over the phone. We want all the news we can get, and appreciate it for YOU to phone 57 when you know a personal item or any other item of local interest.
Phone 57

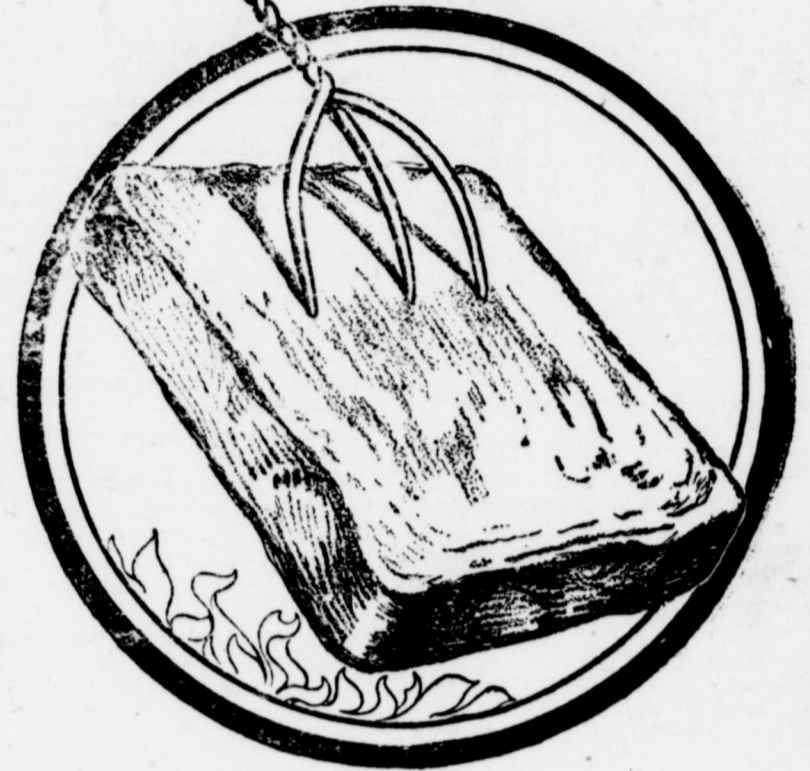
A. C. Lemburg returned home the latter part of last week from Dallas, where he laid in a new supply of dry goods.



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It's toasted to increase the good, wholesome flavor of the Kentucky Burley tobacco. A regular man's smoke and delicious!



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RIVER PARTY

On Wednesday evening of last week Misses Katherin Jenkins and Zilla Wood entertained with a river party at the Hedwigs Hill bridge.

A swim followed by a basket supper afforded much pleasure and enjoyment to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Martin and little Miss Margaret, Misses Ruth Reeder, Mayme Bickenbach, Edna Kettner, Lizzie Bierschwale, Pearl and Bertha Jordan, Ida Winkle Anna Martin, Zella Wood, Dora Garrett, Zilla Wood, Katherin Jenkins; Messrs Arch Carter, Frank Willmann, Oscar Hensch, Kenney Eckert, Dan Hoerster, Arthur Landers, Roscoe Runge, Albert and Robert Lee, Banks Reynolds, Ray Walker, Edwin Lowgren.

Louis Schmidt is preparing to move his hardware business into the Bridges building just above the Mayhew Produce Co. The McCollum Auto Company will remove the partition in the Schmidt building and will occupy the entire building after the first of September.

TEACHER'S EXAMINATIONS

Judge Garrett informs us that on September 5th and 6th Teacher's Examinations will be held at the court house. All parties desiring to apply for certificates will remember the above dates.

Miss Jessie Doell returned home Sunday from Brady after having spent several weeks visiting relatives and friends.

Last week County Agent, Dor W. Brown, had the members of the Mason County Pig Club to weigh their pigs and a record is being kept as to the amount each pig owner is making his pig gain in weight each month. The young son of Henry Doell had the heaviest pig when they were recently weighed. His pig weighed 147 pounds. Murray Kyger was a close second, his pig weighing 146 pounds. Another weighing will be had next month and each member is striving to make his pig weigh the most.

L. F. Eckert made a trip to Brady Monday and brought over a car load of new Ford cars.

KILL the BLUE BUGS by feeding Martin's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer to your chickens. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask the Mason Drug Company.

The News congratulates the Junction Eagle, which has recently installed a new linotype machine

NOTICE IN PROBATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Mason County—Greeting:

You are Hereby Commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Mason County, a copy of the following notice—
The State of Texas

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Geo. L. Vandever, deceased, Mary I. Vandever has filed an application in the County Court of Mason County, on the 7th day of August, 1919, for the probate of the last Will and Testament of said Geo. L. Vandever, deceased, and for Letters Testamentary, which said application will be heard by said Court on the 25th day of August, 1919, at the Court House of said County, in Mason, Texas at which time all persons interested in said Estate are required to appear and answer said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, on the first day of the next term hereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal at Mason Texas, this 7th day of August, 1919.

S. C. Brockman, Clerk
County Court, Mason Co., Texas
By J. H. King, Deputy.

Wm. Kothmann and son, Joe who has only recently returned from over-sea, were business visitors in Mason last Thursday afternoon from their ranch in the Castell section.

Use MARTIN'S SCREW WORM KILLER. It kills worms, keeps off flies, heals wounds. 6 oz. bottle 35 cents. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask Mason Drug Company.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. King and Miss Genevieve returned home last Thursday. Mr. King returned from Dallas, where he purchased some new jewelry. Mrs. King and Miss Genevieve had been visiting in Austin and Llano.

Fine Bond Papers—News Office.



Miss Mayme Doell is at home from the San Marcos normal, where she has been taking a summer course.

STOCKMEN—ATTENTION

Now is the time to immunize your calves against Blackleg. We have serums that give immunity for life.
Mason Drug Co.

J. W. White and son, Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Tom White left Sunday last for San Antonio to be away for several days on business and pleasure combined.

Take in the picture show at the Star Opera House each Saturday night. You'll enjoy it. The show starts promptly at 9:00 o'clock.

A. W. Koock left last week for Christoval to again be with Mrs. Koock, after having been at home several days looking after matters. Mr. and Mrs. Koock's many friends are in hopes that the sulphur baths at Christoval will greatly benefit her health.

Berl Posey and wife have moved to Brady this week where Berl is employed by J. M. Lyle.

Don't forget the show at the Star Opera House each Saturday night. The show starts promptly at 9:00 o'clock.

Mrs. J. L. Jones and Mrs. Lola McCollum of Junction and Mrs. Walter Lindsay returned Saturday from Austin, where they went to have dental work done. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. McCollum went on to Junction Sunday.

STATIONERY

The best along the stationery line at Mason Drug Co.

Geo. Kidd was a business visitor in Mason last Monday from the Katemcy section.

E. J. Lemburg reached home last Saturday from St. Louis, where he purchased new fall and winter dry goods for his firm. Mr. Lemburg states that some goods are plentiful while others are scarce but they are all "as high as a cat's back."

Nice fresh keg kraut. Cheap. J. J. Johnson.

A large number of relatives and friends were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stengel last Sunday at a dinner given in honor of their son, James, who recently returned home from over-sea.

Miss Dora Garrett has signed up to teach in the Plevhewille school this year.

Norris Exquisite Box Chocolates, 112 at Vedder Drug Co.

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