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## LOCAL TRAPPERS SPRING A NEW RATTLE SNAKE STORY

Can our readers imagine forty big rattle snakes piled up in a heap? Not so many snakes, some will say, as larger numbers have been reported killed out of dens, but wait. Can you imagine the smallest snake in that bunch to be four feet long and have nine rattles, and then imagine several of the largest ones to have eighteen rattles and measure six feet in length? You'll agree with us that such a pile of snakes are not often killed.

Alfred Steinmann and Bill Watkins, two local fur trappers, are responsible for such a story as the above getting out. Mr. Steinmann stated to the News that he and Mr. Watkins are trapping in the pasture of Mr. John Brandenberger and found a den of rattle snakes on Shep Creek and proceeded to clean it out, and the above tells the result of the raid, which was made last week. He said they first discovered two snakes sunning on a large flat rock and killed them both and upon investigating, saw a great heap of snakes bedded up under a large rock near by. They used grass to smoke them out and it is said the snakes came crawling from their den, sometimes as many as four in abreast. Clubs were used to kill them with and drag them out of the way so others could get out. Upon finishing up the raid they took invoice and county forty dead rattle snakes, the smallest one of which had nine rattles and the largest ones, of which there were several, had eighteen rattles and they measured according to figures already announced. Mr. Steinmann says he believed the snakes would average having thirteen or fourteen rattles each.

## NOAH W. PURDY

(Contributed)

Noah W. Purdy died in a sanitarium in San Antonio, November 28, 1921, after an illness of four weeks. He was born January 30, 1853 in Mason County. His parents moved to McCulloch County when he was nine years of age. There he grew to young manhood. He was loved by all of his friends and acquaintances for his devotion to his widowed mother who preceded him three weeks in death. At the age of 20 years he was confined to his bed for two months with typhoid fever, from which he never entirely recovered. About four weeks ago he was stricken with a serious illness, from which death came and relieved him. His remains were brought back and laid to rest in the Bethel cemetery at Katemey, by the remains of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Purdy. He is survived by two sisters and three brothers.

Rev. G. H. Garrett, of Mason, conducted the funeral services.

Clyde Huckabay has recently opened a garage and repair shop in the Morrow Building on the east side of the public square and is soliciting the patronage of the public in an announcement appearing elsewhere in the News.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hoerster and children, Mrs. Nellie Loeffler and Miss Sophia Lemberg were here to spend the past week-end with relatives and friends. They returned to San Antonio on Monday.

## FREE PICTURE SHOW

At Star Theater Tuesday, Dec. 13th, at 7 p. m. Farmers and their families especially invited.

## CORRECTION

Owing to an error on the part of the committee in making out the list of prize winners in the Mason County Stock Show several weeks ago, Mrs. Max Reichenau was omitted from the list, having won first prize on a Jelly Cake, and Herbert Hofmann won first prize on cock and hen in White Leghorn department of the Chicken show, instead of Emil Jordan. The original list quoted Mrs. Chas. Hofman as winning the prize on the Jelly cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Runge and baby left Sunday for Austin, where Mr. Runge took the train for Waco to attend the Masonic Convention, and Mrs. Runge went to Houston to visit with relatives.

## DEAL WITH WHEELER FOR SCHOOL SITE FALLS THROUGH; GAMEL LAND IS PURCHASED

Last Thursday's issue of the News carried announcement that a deal was about to be closed between W. E. Wheeler and the local School Board in which the latter would secure two acres of land upon which the proposed new school building for the Mason Independent School District would be erected. It has since been learned that this deal fell through and we are informed the Board has now made a deal with Mrs. J. W. Gamel, who sold them four acres of land near S. C. Brockman's residence and east of Mrs. Julius Bickenbach's residence. The consideration is said to have been \$525 per acre and the trade carries with it Mrs. Gamel's agreement to give a sixty foot street to make the building and grounds conveniently accessible.

It is said Mrs. Gamel has not yet received the money for the land, but the deal has been closed and a deed placed in the bank to be held until the board is able to care for the obligation. The delay in this instance is attributed to the fact that the bonds are only in the printer's hands and money cannot be had on them until they have been printed and other details in connection with their issuance have been completed.

The site, which was purchased by the board for the new building, is as prettily located as can be found and while it is quite natural that some patrons might have personal ideas in favor of other locations, it has been the endeavor of the board to show no personal interests whatsoever in securing grounds, and we believe the consensus of opinion will be that their selection is a wise one.

## "OLD NEST" WILL NOT BE SHOWN IN MASON ON DECEMBER 31ST

Otto Schmidt, manager of the local picture show, received a letter this week from his film company at Dallas, advising him that it would be impossible for them to book the "Old Nest" for the local Theater on Saturday night, December 31st. This letter was received by Mr. Schmidt with much regret and will no doubt, be disappointing news to local patrons, as it had already been announced that the picture would be shown here on the above mentioned date. The letter stated that after advising him that December 31 was an open date for the "Old Nest" and before the letter was received instructing them to book the picture for that place on those dates the picture was booked elsewhere. Mr. Schmidt stated he regretted very much having given out the word that the "Old Nest" would be here for December 31st and is now having to withdraw his announcement. He says he has booked for that date, Mary Pickford in "Thru the Back Door", and will plan to present the "Old Nest" at a later time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Puckey received word the early part of last week from their son, Herbert, who is engaged as tick inspector of Brooks County, that he was in a recent automobile accident, and had just gotten out of the Fairfurnas Hospital after having been there for ten days recovering from injuries received. The letter stated that he was again all right and was not seriously affected, and further stated that the party driving the car was more seriously injured, but he did not write full particulars of the accident nor did he say who the party was in the car with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Adeock have returned to their home at Grand Falls, after a several weeks' stay in Austin while Mr. Adeock was doing some engineering work in connection with the survey of the Old Spanish Trail.—Austin American.

## ATTENTION! AM. LEG. MEMBERS

Summary Court Martial board of Fort Mason Post American Legion will be in session at next regular meeting, December 12th for the purpose of trying four members for being continuously "A. W. O. L." All members urged to be present. 30-3tc

Signed—Judge Advocate.

## SMALL ATTENDANCE AT COM. CLUB MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

The Mason Commercial Club held its regular monthly meeting for December at the court house last Monday night. The attendance at the meeting was small, but S. A. Hoerster, president of the Club, called the house to order shortly after seven o'clock. In the absence of Secretary Moncibon W. T. Marshall was appointed secretary pro tem.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and approved and the matter of several outstanding bills were disposed of in regular order.

Most of the evening's session was devoted to discussing the proposed organizing of a fair association for Mason and a report of Elgin O. Kothmann regarding data concerning estimates on the amount of money it would be necessary to raise that such an association might be functioned was received and it was ordered that the estimating committee be discharged. The Club was unanimous in the opinion that a fair grounds with proper buildings and equipment, excepting a race track, could be organized provided as much as \$10,000 worth of stock can be sold. In this connection it was ordered that the soliciting committee, composed of Carl Runge and Howard Smith, be instructed to get busy at once and secure the names of various parties who will agree to become stockholders in such an association and ascertain an approximate idea of how much stock can be sold and prepare to furnish this information at an early meeting of the Club.

## MARTIN, POLICE CHIEF OF SAN ANTONIO NOW

San Antonio, Dec. 5.—After 19 previous nominations had been made, Thomas J. Martin, an attorney was confirmed as chief of police of San Antonio, late this afternoon.

Austin friends have heard from Mrs. Harry Comer of Chappell Hill, N. C., that she and her husband are planning to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White of Mason, and that they will visit with Austin relatives and friends while in Austin. Mrs. Comer has spent much time in Austin while attending the University, from which she graduated in 1920.—Austin American.

## TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE MASON NATIONAL BANK, OF MASON, TEXAS:

You are hereby advised that the annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Mason National Bank will be held at the banking house in Mason on the 2nd Tuesday in January, same being the 10th day of January, 1922, at 10:00 a. m. At this meeting directors will be elected for the ensuing year, and such other business will be transacted as will properly come before the meeting.

Yours very truly,

D. F. LEHMBERG,

30-4t Cashier.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lowgren were here from Junction to spend the past week-end with relatives and friends. Edwin is now proprietor of a boot shop in Junction and he stated that he is enjoying a good business and he and his wife are both well pleased with that little city. Mr. Lowgren is an expert in his profession and is a young man with much energy and ambition. His success in business will be learned by a host of Mason County friends with a great deal of pleasure.

Rev. Roy G. Rader and family moved Monday to the new Methodist parsonage. It is said the house vacated by the Rader family is soon to be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Eli Jordau.

Free picture show Tuesday night, Dec. 13th. Everybody invited.

## COMING TO STAR THEATER

"Little Red Riding Hood"  
"Straight from Paris"  
"From the Manger to the Cross"  
"Black Beauty"

## REPRESENTATIVE STATE DEPT. VISITS LOCAL SCHOOL WED'DAY

J. H. Wisely, of Austin, supervisor of the High Schools of the State Department of Education, was here this week and made an inspection of the local school. Superintendent Bennett stated that the purpose of his visit was in connection with the local school's recent application for an additional number of affiliation credits. The school now has a total of seventeen and a half affiliation units, but is making application for 2 1/2 units.

It is said Mr. Wisely left without giving out any definite statements, but it is said he left the impression that conditions were favorable for securing the credits as asked for.

## ACCOUNT OF THE DEATH OF DR. R. J. BAZE, OF CHICKASHA

Below is reproduced an account of the death of Dr. R. J. Baze, of Chickasha, Okla., as it appeared in the Chickasha Star on Nov. 18th:

Dr. R. J. Baze, local physician and founder of the Baze sanitarium, died Monday night at 10 o'clock at his home 1327 Kansas Avenue. Death was the result of a prolonged illness lasting over a time of two years. Ten days ago he began to show decided signs of weakening and grew steadily worse until his death.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the family residence and the body laid to rest in the Rose Hill cemetery. The services were conducted by Reverend J. W. Sims. The high esteem and regard in which Dr. Baze is held was evidenced by the multitude of friends and relatives which witnessed the solemn and impressive ceremonies and by the profusion of floral offerings.

Active pall bearers were Judge Frank M. Bailey, Chas. T. Williams, A. B. Cochran, J. W. Wilson, Oatley Anderson, and B. P. Smith. Honorary pall bearers were C. Schlottbeck, W. H. Gilkey, W. W. Horn, John Weaver Wm. M. Dwyer and J. H. Griffen.

With the passing of Dr. R. J. Baze passes one of the best and most influential citizens of Chickasha. He is one of the old pioneer settlers, coming here in 1907, the first year of Oklahoma statehood. His skill and ability at one won recognition and he has enjoyed an excellent patronage since.

Dr. Baze was born in Walden, Arkansas, October 12, 1870 and at the time of his death was 51 years old. At the age of six he moved to McCulloch county, Texas, and there received his grammar and high school education. He began teaching at the age of seventeen and two years later took up the study of medicine in New York receiving his A. B. degree from the Hospital Medical College at Memphis, Tenn., in 1892.

Immediately after graduation he took up the practice of medicine in Mason, Texas and remained there until he moved to Chickasha fifteen years later.

Dr. Baze was identified with all the medical organizations to which the more talented and progressive belong and was a member of various lodges and clubs.

The deceased is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. J. Lane of Chickasha and Mrs. Carrol Campbell of Oklahoma City; his mother, Mrs. J. P. Baze, of Brady, Texas; and five brothers and three sisters, namely, G. T. Baze, of Blanchard, Okla., P. A. Baze, of Mason, Texas; Elmer Baze, of Eden, Texas; Martin Baze, of Junction City, Texas; W. J. Baze of Chickasha, and Mrs. H. J. Lowery, of Lubbock, Texas; Mrs. J. B. Kidd, of Katemey, Texas and Mrs. H. P. C. Evers, of Brady, Texas.

Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle's trial for manslaughter in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, an actress, resulted in a hung jury and it is said they stood 10 to 2 in favor of acquittal. The case was tried in Los Angeles, California and a jury of seven men and six women were in the case. The case is to come up for retrial on January 9th.

Dr. Jones, the eye specialist of Brownwood, was here this week in the interest of his profession.

## 200 WITNESSES IN SLAYING OF BENGEE GO FROM BALLINGER

Ballinger, Tex., Dec. 5.—Two hundred witnesses from this section left here this morning for Brownwood to attend the trial today of Sheriff Bob Miller of Concho County on an indictment charging him with murder in connection with the shooting to death September 17 of Tom Bengoe, prominent West Texas cattlemen. The trial was transferred to Brownwood from Paint Rock on a change of venue.

It is alleged in the indictment that Miller shot Bengoe with a shotgun on the streets of Eden Sept. 17. Bengoe had been released on \$10,000 bond in connection with the killing of Miller's son-in-law, W. P. Bryant. It is alleged, Bryant was delivering mail at the ranch home at the time of the first killing.

Doss & Baugh of Ballinger, Scott & Davis of Brownwood and Critz Coleman of Brownwood are attorneys for the defense. Dayton Moses of Fort Worth and Baker & Wethered of Coleman are assisting District Attorney Early for the prosecution.

## THE MENACE OF THE PINK BOLL WORM; BUY STERILIZED SEED

It seems that the pink bollworm is scattered over the State of Texas much more than we know about. It is a very serious cotton pest and is usually carried from place to place in planting seed.

Arrangements have been made for the sterilization of cotton seed shipped from place to place for planting. By sterilization is meant treating the seed in such manner as to kill all pink bollworm therein and not injure the seed.

Our advice to farmers is not to buy any cotton seed for planting unless each sack has a tag on it signed by the Commissioner of Agriculture and the Chief Entomologist and states that the seed have been sterilized.

R. E. McDONALD,

Chief Entomologist, Texas Agricultural Department.

## SAN ANTONIO ATTORNEY HEADS NEW DISTRICT BOARD

Fort Worth, Dec. 8.—Announcement has been made here by the Executive Board of the Texas Children's Home and Aid Society that a district board of the Society is to be organized in the southwestern section of the State with headquarters in San Antonio.

The Society has maintained an agent in San Antonio for several years, but here has been no local organization to supervise the work being done for dependent and neglected children in this part of the State. More than five hundred wards of the Society have been placed in good family homes in these southern counties.

Mr. Yale Hicks, a prominent attorney of San Antonio has accepted the chairmanship of the new district board for the first year. Mr. Hicks is an authority on Texas laws relating to dependent and neglected children, transfer of guardianship, inheritance, adoption, etc. He is the author of the court forms in use by practically all children's agencies and institutions in the State.

## "THE INSIDE OF THE CUP"

Winston Churchill's novel that made the whole world sit up and gasp!

Now made into a tremendous picture that strikes at the roots of social iniquity. At Star Theater, Saturday night, Dec. 10th.

Attorney S. C. Wroe left Wednesday for his home in Ft. Worth, after a visit in Mason of several days among relatives and friends.

Dave Gibbs was here Tuesday from the Fredonia section. He says the farmers in his community are now quite busy breaking land and preparing for next year's crop. Mr. Gibbs, who for the past several months, has been carrying the mail from Fredonia to Llano, recently sold out to Clyde Poyner, who has taken charge of the line.

J. E. Grinstead was here Wednesday from Kerrville in the interest of his publication, "Grinstead's Graphic." He went from here to Junction.



**BAZAAR NETS CHRISTIAN LAIES' AID APPROXIMATELY \$75**

The Christmas Bazaar, which was given last Friday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bierschwald under the auspices of the Christian Ladies' Aid Society, was a decided success, according to information which has just been given out, and it is authoritatively announced that the net amount cleared from the Bazaar will amount to something like \$75. It is said the attendance was large and much more could have been realized from the bazaar had such preparations been made for the large attendance, which surpassed expectations.

The Society wishes to express their thanks to the public for their patronage and thanks those who assisted in every way.

Over a quarter of a million well-known men and women from different parts of the country have signed written endorsements for Tanlac, Mason Drug Company.

The rain of last Wednesday night amounted to about one inch in this immediate territory, but we are informed the rain did not extend further than a few miles in any direction.

Dolls- Dolls! Dolls- Mason Drug Company.

**For Torpid Liver**

"Black-Draught is, in my opinion, the best liver medicine on the market," states Mrs. R. H. Whiteside, of Keota, Okla. She continues: "I had a pain in my chest after eating—tight, uncomfortable feeling—and this was very disagreeable and brought on headache. I was constipated and knew it was indigestion and inactive liver. I began the use of Black-Draught, night and morning, and it sure is splendid and certainly gives relief."

**Theford's BLACK-DRAUGHT**

For over seventy years this purely vegetable preparation has been found beneficial by thousands of persons suffering from effects of a torpid, or slow-acting liver. Indigestion, biliousness, colic, coated tongue, dizziness, constipation, bitter taste, sleeplessness, lack of energy, pain in back, puffiness under the eyes—any or all of these symptoms often indicate that there is something the matter with your liver. You can't be too careful about the medicine you take. Be sure that the name, "Theford's Black-Draught," is on the package. At all druggists.

Accept Only the Genuine.

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**POSTMASTER GENERAL HAYS APPEALS FOR CO-OPERATION OF PUBLIC FOR MAIL SERVICE**

To the Boys and Girls of the United States. Your great Post Office Department has a big job ahead and needs your help.

Think what it means to be Santa Claus to our 100,000,000 people and to deliver Christmas parcels to every family in this great country within the short space of a few days and without disappointment.

It can be done, and we're going to do it if we may have your help. I want to enlist the active assistance of every boy and girl in the schools of our country in getting parcels mailed THIS WEEK to relieve the rush that comes directly before Christmas.

Will you go home today and take this message to your parents and friends: "Our postmaster has asked us to mail our Christmas parcels THIS WEEK, for, unless we do, Uncle Sam's load may be so heavy the last few days before Christmas that he won't be able to deliver all the presents by Christmas eve."

The parcels must be well wrapped and tied and addressed plainly in order that they may arrive in good condition with their Christmas appearance unspoiled. You can put on your packages, "Do not open until Christmas."

There are some other things, too, in which you can all assist in improving the mail service and in saving our great Government millions of dollars a year that is now wasted because of our carelessness—your and mine.

Every day that you drop a letter in the mail box 40,000,000 other letters are already pushing and jamming thru the postal machinery. One letter a day for each family of five persons in the United States is given to Uncle Sam to deliver.

When you send a parcel to the post office off mailing any day there are about 8,000,000 other parcels ahead of yours passing through the postal hopper. This is in ordinary days; at Christmas time it is multiplied many times.

One family in about every ten puts a badly addressed letter in the mail every day. This mixes up over 2,000,000 half addressed letters with the 20,000,000 fully addressed letters. That means that the fully addressed letters must wait on the slow moving poorly addressed letters just like the larger boys and girls are delayed by a bunch of "bad kinds" tagging along.

You boys and girls can help the Postal Service and save your father some money, because he has to help pay the cost of searching addresses on letters and parcels sent out by this one careless and thoughtless family in every ten.

Get fixed out if your family is the careless one, then bear in mind that your letters must be handled by skilled mail distributors standing in post offices and on swaying postal cars of a mile-a-minute mail trains, often under poor light.

The addresses on every letter, card, or package must be correct, complete, and legible, including the house number and name of street, and the "From" address should be in the upper left-hand corner so that the mail will be returned to you in case it is not delivered. Do not abbreviate names of States, because so many look alike when abbreviated.

Put the proper amount of postage on your letters and wrap the parcels carefully. Avoid fancy writing, which causes post office clerks and letter carriers to stop and study, and thus lose time. Make the address plain and easily read, and always use pen and ink or typewriter and light-colored envelopes, so as to save the eyes of the frequently used for cards and notes at Christmas and other holiday times cause an untold amount of trouble and labor, as they will not fit our canceling machines and must therefore be canceled by hand. Because of their size and tendency to slip out of a package, these small envelopes are more likely to be overlooked or lost.

Mail your letters and packages early in the day, because this avoids overloading and delaying mail at the end of the day.

Your local postmaster and your teachers will tell you more about the Postal Service.

Do these things, and you will win the grateful appreciation of the people in your post office and especially of your Postmaster General.

WILL H. HAYS.

P. S.—Don't forget to mail Christmas packages THIS WEEK.

Big line of Xmas Gifts at Mason Drug Company.

**PEOPLE ARE DRIFTING TOWARDS BENHAM'S SALE**

**FASTER AND FASTER EVERY DAY. THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS ARE VISITING THIS SALE EVERY WEEK**

**They come for miles around; they buy—not lookers, but buyers—satisfied buyers.**

- Towels, \$1 each, 3 beautiful Bath Towels for \$1.00
- Three Heavy Undershirts for men or women for \$1.00
- Three pair Children's Union Suits for \$1.00
- Four Pair 65 c pair, Children's Hose \$1.00
- As good values for Ladies and Men, 4 pair \$1.00

**MOST BEAUTIFUL SWEATERS, WORTH \$5 AND MORE; IN THE END OF SEASON SALE, \$1.95**

**Hundreds of Coat Suits and Dresses in This Sale.**

- Suits, \$35 Values \$19.75
- Suits, \$65 Values, \$25.00
- Suits, \$75 Values, \$35.00
- Suits, \$135 Values, \$45.00

**COATS AT SAME REDUCTIONS**

- \$15 to \$19.75 Dresses, \$ 7.75
- \$25 to \$35.00 Dresses, \$19.75
- \$40 to 50.00 Dresses, \$25.00
- \$60 to \$75.00 Dresses, \$39.75

**A MOST WONDERFUL CLOSE OUT DRESS SALE. Hundreds of Hats to Match Suits and Dresses, \$2.50 to \$10 LISTEN, PEOPLE, YOU HAVE GOT TO HAVE WARMER CLOTHING.**

**Benham has it for you. You want a FUR for your wife and best girl.**

**Benham has Hundreds; all from best manufacturers. Ask any one who knows the Fur business, he will tell you Jackman's of New York is one of the best. You can buy them from Benham of Brady.**

**Have sold over \$2,000 worth this season and have a larger amount to close out in this Sale.**

**Buy Royal Society for your lady friends; nothing more beautiful for Christmas gifts.**

**You will find the better class of any kind of merchandise at Benham's.**

**HUNDREDS OF BEAUTIFUL BLANKETS.**

**IT'S THE BENHAM SYSTEM THAT DRAWS THE BUYING CROWDS.**

**NEWS FROM GRIT**

(By Little Sister)

Quite a large crowd attended church Friday night. Rev. R. G. Rader who came to fill his appointment, was accompanied by Presiding Elder, Rector, who filled the pulpit. He praised the Grit people on their nice library.

After church, those who attended the box supper at Streeter were Prof. Montgomery, Messrs. Carroll Herring, Roy Gallegly, Eathel Gates, Alfred Kinsey, Johnnie Underwood, Edward

Stepp and Ed Doyal; Misses Clara Moran, Lois and Lucille White and Delia Doyal.

Misses Lois White and Murial Johnson have been on the sick list the past week.

Mr. O. C. Evans returned home from Fredericksburg Saturday night.

Prof. Deering and wife, of London, were visitors in Grit Saturday.

Only a few attended Sunday School Sunday morning, due to cold weather.

Prayer meeting was lead by Bro. Joe Wilson Sunday night.

Dr. Huff, of Castell, assisted by Drs. Baze and McCollum, of Mason, performed an operation upon Mrs. Joe Kidd for appendectomy Ovariotomy, at her home near Loyal Valley, on Nov. 19th. Mrs. A. L. L. Strickland, R. T. N., was nursing the case, and returned home Dec. 2nd, reporting Mrs. Kidd recovering nicely from the effects of the operation.

**CHICKENS**

If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices. J. J. JOHNSON.

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**DESERVING OF OUR SUPPORT**

On Friday night, December 16th, the Mason Concert Band is to give a concert at the Star Opera House in connection with the picture show, "The Junkies" featuring Monte Blue.

On this occasion the local band will make its second appearance before the public since its organization, it having made its first appearance on November 5th, the second day of Mason County's recent Stock Show and Trades Day event. That a band is an asset to any town is a statement that will meet with no argument.

So far the Mason Concert Band has not cost the public a cent, as the members have paid for their instruments out of their own pockets and likewise have met all other expenses in connection with organizing and equipping the band. By assessing monthly dues against themselves they are enabled to maintain a hall in which to practice, and each member has heretofore paid out a monthly amount of \$2, which sum pays for the instructor.

Mr. George Moneyhon, who for the past several months has been instructing the band, is a splendid musician and his ability as a teacher has been demonstrated to the local people on previous occasions. He has devoted much time and effort to getting our band started and due to his love for brass instrument music and the fact that he can instruct the band without seriously inconveniencing himself in attending to regular business, he accepted the instructor's position at a cost much less than would have been the case had a disinterested professor been secured. Mr. Moneyhon states the band had been making splendid progress and says the enthusiastic interest, which the individual members have shown, makes him feel confident and he unhesitatingly predicts a band for Mason that will compare favorably with any of them.

Upon special arrangements with Mr. Schmidt, of the local picture show, the band is to give a concert at the Theater on Friday night, December 16th. A slight addition to the regular admission price to the show has been made that the musicians might receive some financial support for their efforts, but the financial remuneration, no matter how much it amounts to, will not mean as much to the band members as will a large attendance, which, no doubt, would give them satisfaction in knowing the public is behind them and that we are interested in the welfare of the organization.

**PRESCRIPTIONS**

Accurately compounded day and night at Mason Drug Co.

If you know of some news items that would interest News readers, phone it in. If you don't know the details, give us an idea and we will do our best to get the particulars.

**WHAT THE EDITOR IS EXPECTED TO KNOW**

(From San Saba Star)

We are going to set down here a few things that the editor of a small weekly paper is supposed to know:

First he is supposed to be a printer and know how to set type, run all kinds of machinery, be an engineer, be a janitor, know what people have on their minds, that he be able to guess what an advertiser wants, be able to know all details of a wedding, murder or a scandal concerning people whom he has never met, he is also required to know in what phase of the moon is the best time to plant potatoes, know the different parts of the differential to a wheel barrow, know how many teeth a cow has in her lower jaw, know how many castor beans to plant to the acre, know when the train starts for Tumbucto, know when Mars or Jupiter will be nearest the earth, know how to keep some home brew from being stolen, know when the town dude is going to marry the village flip, know why or where little Johnny caught the measles, know the price of garlic, know six months in advance if the boll-weevil will be on hand, know how to build a fire in the home range when the wife is out of town or sick; know how much salt to put in the boiled eggs, how much gravy to make for the steak, know how to cook a full meal for himself and a sick wife and several children, know how to set a hen, wear a calf, stop squealing hogs, how to make his neighbors keep his hog pen clean, how to chop wood, how to keep down an overdraft at the local bank, how to meet paper bills, how to pay the printers on Saturday night, how to collect bills on advertising for foreign ads, (he can always eat out the ads at home), but what he never does know is when a delinquent subscriber is going to pay.

**MENARD MESSENGER CHANGES HANDS**

The Messenger was sold Monday to Mr. J. W. Munsell of Richland Springs, who will assume charge next week.

We wish to thank the business men and merchants for their loyal support they have given the paper during our seven years of ownership.

We feel that we have made many friends whom we shall always regard as friends with the highest respect.

Mr. Munsell is an experienced newspaper man, having lived in Richland Springs for the past seventeen years and during that time has been connected with the Eye-Witness.

Mr. Munsell and family come to Menard with the highest recommendations from their home town and we hope the people of Menard will receive them and give them the hearty support and loyalty they so much deserve.

Reduction on Shorts and Bran at Mayhew Produce Company. Bran \$1.50 and Shorts \$2 a sack. 32

**A GOOD SHOW**

West Bro's Show, "A Texas Ranger", is to be in Mason next Saturday, December 10th. From the appearance of the advertising on the billboards, etc., one might judge it a very good show. The performance, which takes place in a big tent lasts more than two hours. Music is furnished by the cowboy band carried by the show. Prices are 25c for children and 50c for adults according to the announcement in the advertising columns of this issue of the News and the show is not only a guaranteed attraction but comes well recommended from other towns where it has been.

Take in the picture show at the Star opera House each Friday and Saturday night. Show starts at 7:00 o'clock.

Engle Brand Typewriter Ribbons, 50c at News Office.

**Suited to Everyone**



Here is a gift bag that may be depended on to please anyone who is fortunate enough to receive it and is suited to either men or women. It will answer many purposes and requires only a basket, a length of silk for the top, silk cord for hangers and small silk roses for trimming, to make it. In larger sizes it makes an attractive laundry bag.

**IN CO-OPERATION WITH EXTENSION SERVICE OF THE A. & M.**

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 8.—"The United Campaign for Better Agriculture has had the full and complete co-operation of the entire Extension Service of the A. & M. College, including the District and County Agents", states E. F. Shropshire, Secretary-Manager of the United Campaign for Better Agriculture.

"We have had the full co-operation and support of the A. & M. Extension Service, District and County Agents, in the program of the United Campaign for Better Agriculture to maintain and increase the present extent of diversified farming as practiced this year and against any increase in the present cotton acreage for 1922.

"That the campaign is based upon sound, economic principles and that the successful conclusion of the campaign will bring financial advantages to every interest of the State is unquestioned by the more thoughtful student of agricultural conditions.

"Now that Texas Live at Home Day Saturday November 19th was successful in a majority of the cotton producing counties of the State, the next big work of the campaign is to put its entire efforts and support behind the District and County Agents of the State in making effective the diversified program for 1922 as worked out by the Extension Service of the College. The County Agents in their work should have the hearty co-operation and support of the farmers, bankers, and business men in every county in which they are located, as they are the harbingers of better agriculture and better agricultural conditions in our State.

"We request that our County Chairman and Vice Chairmen and every individual banker and business man thru out the State give their support to the County Agent in his work at this time in making operative the scientific diversified program worked out by their experts, believing that in the co-operation given and the service rendered in this effort, the mutual welfare and advancement of all our people are advanced."

**"SCARE" STORY KILLED CHILD**

About a year ago Capper's Weekly told of a bright little girl who had been thrown into chronic invalidism by a "scare" story. A woman friend of the family thoughtlessly said to the child, "A bogey will get you if you step into that dark room!" That was 3 years ago. At the time the case was first reported in this paper the child had become paralyzed, dumb and blind as a result of fright. Death finally resulted a few days ago. This was an extreme case, no doubt, but psychologists are teaching that many a person unconsciously to himself, has been marked for life by a bugaboo story heard in childhood. These impressions are indelibly registered by the mind and subconsciously are known to affect persons physically or mentally many years later in life. Don't tell children scare stories.

Cut Glass, Chinaware and Pyrex Casseroles at Mason Drug Company.

Be sure to attend the Missionary Bazaar at the Smith Hall, Dec. 8th.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

The Christmas Bazaar held each year by the Woman's Missionary Society will be held Thursday evening, December 8th at the Smith Hall.

All parties desiring to donate to the bazaar, are requested to leave their articles at the M. E. Church, South, before Wednesday, Dec. 7th.

The public is urged to attend. An admission fee of 10 cents will be charged.

**FROM NEWS FILES OF 25 YEARS AGO**

**15 Years Ago in Mason**

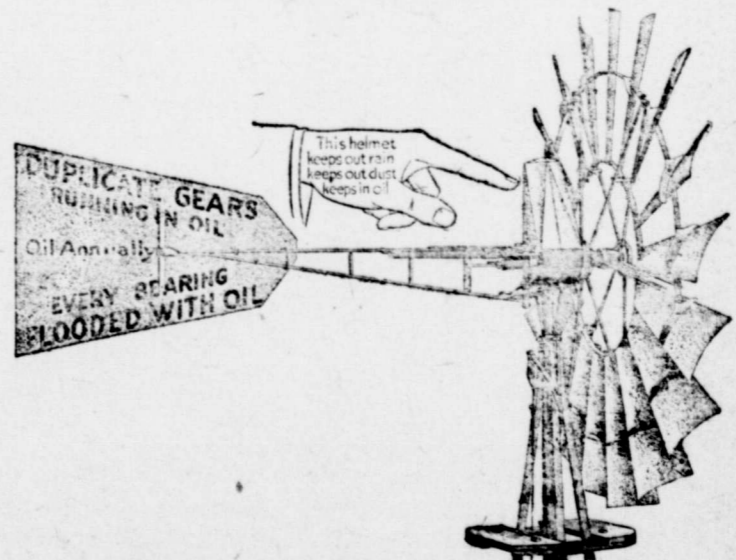
From Mason News, Dec. 7, 1896:  
J. W. Dodd, H. L. Hauer and Orin Airthart had an experience with a panther one day last week near the Llano river. They rode up to the animal and Mr. Dodd roped it. The panther then jumped on Mr. Dodd's horse and clawed it severely before a shot put an end to it.  
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Leslie, a girl, on the 2nd.  
A big spelling match will be pulled off at Behren School House Friday night. The Massey String Band will furnish music.  
Sam McCollum, Jr., is teaching the Ranch Branch School, which opened this week.  
J. F. Lee has sold his farm on East Comanche to J. J. Jones for \$3200.  
Miss Ivy Murray returned last week from a visit to her sisters, Mrs. J. M. Moore at McAulley and Mrs. C. M. Kyger at Waco.  
Mrs. Ruth Ricks and Mrs. J. C. Lumburg, Jr., returned last week from a visit with Mrs. R. E. Crawford, of Houston.  
T. P. Rolston returned Tuesday from Milan County, where he took a bunch of horses.  
Marriage License—Mr. Geo. Gentry and Miss Alma Hamilton, Mr. E. L. Mitchell and Miss L. Rachel Waldon.  
Reduction on Shorts and Bran at Mayhew Produce Company. Bran \$1.50 and Shorts \$2 a sack. 32

**MASON COUNTY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION WILL MEET ON SAT.**  
There will be a meeting of the Mason County Teachers' Association at the school building in Mason, at one o'clock, Saturday afternoon, December 10th.  
Following are the subjects for discussion:  
1. Prizes for the county Meet.  
2. Standardization of School Work.  
Every teacher in the County is urged to be present.  
Typewriter ribbons, 50c News Office.

From Mason News Dec. 11, 1896:  
Mrs. Anna Martin and little grandson returned Sunday from a visit to relative in Topeka, Kansas.  
Chas. Lang, aged about 30 years, died Monday morning of consumption, at the home of E. L. Ellison.  
A crowd of young people went to Llano to attend a dance tonight.  
Thursday afternoon of last week, Mrs. J. F. Schaeff entertained a number of ladies in a very pleasant manner. Those present were Mrs. Siddle Edgum, of San Antonio, Mrs. M. A. Hamilton, Mrs. J. S. Cash, Mrs. S. F. Bridges, Mrs. Geo. Todd, Mrs. E. M. Reynolds, Mrs. V. M. Loring, Mrs. E. J. Lumburg, Mrs. R. J. Baze, Mrs. J. W. Reeder.  
Clark Wilson, Hwy and wife celebrated their silver wedding anniversary last Thursday and entertained the following on the occasion: Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schuessler, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Johann, Mr. and Mrs. R. Runge, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. King, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smith, Mrs. J. W. Gamel and children, Mrs. W. A. Sarris and children, Mrs. E. Hamilton and children.  
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Ward McMurray, a boy on the 8th.  
A pleasant social was given at the home of H. C. Boyd Friday evening. Those present were Misses May Hamilton, Ivy Murray, Minnie Murphy, Lillie McReynolds, Lillian Mebus, Ida Bridges, Effie Gamel, Winnie Murray, Florence Fellmore; Messrs. Jim and Sam Baker, Will and Jim Lumburg, Silas, John and Irviae Mayo, Wes Smith, Frank Garner, Otto Bogusch, Lawrence Christopher, Chas. Broad, Clyde Traawick, Orb Stapleton.  
A petition is being circulated at Pontotoc asking for a local option election.  
Will Hardin and Seymonn Wood and wife returned here this week from the Indian Territory.  
Twenty million people have taken Taulac with the most gratifying results. Mason Drug Company.

**J. Lange**

Dealer in



Galvanized Cisterns, Flues, Tin Roofing, Gut-  
tering, Gasoline Engines, Windmills, Pumps,  
Piping, Pump Cylinders, Pipe Fitting, Bath  
Tubs, Milk Coolers, Steel Ceiling, Etc.  
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We can please you also. **Try us?**  
CAPITAL STOCK - - \$25,000.00  
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# Power Farming Demonstration

Strictly Educational  
CONDUCTED BY

Ford Motor Company

AT MASON, TUESDAY, DEC. 13TH.

We will demonstrate the different ways a TRACTOR can be used on the farm, its advantages and saving to the farmer.

The Field Demonstration will be held during the entire day.

A VERY INTERESTING AND INSTRUCTIVE FREE PICTURE SHOW IN CONNECTION

with the demonstration will be given at the Star Theater at 7 p. m.

A special invitation is extended to all the farmers and their families, of Mason County. Remember a free Picture Show for everybody.

You are urged to be present next Tuesday

## L. F. ECKERT

FORDSON TRACTOR DEALER

### SOCIAL EVENTS

#### CHRISTIAN LADIES' AID TO MEET WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Ladies' Aid of the Christian Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Roscoe Runge next Wednesday afternoon, December 14th, at three o'clock. Following is an outline of the program:

- Song by Society.
- Regular Lesson—Mrs. J. S. King, leader.
- Selective Readings.
- Song.
- Closing Prayer.

#### CARDS ARE OUT FOR COLEMAN-SMITH WEDDING

Beautifully engraved wedding invitations have been sent out announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Lucille Smith to Mr. Neal Coleman, which event is to be solemnized on the fifteenth of this month. The popular bride to be is one of Mason's most charming young ladies and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith. Mr. Coleman is a member of Coleman-Jen-

kins, contractors of San Antonio, and is well and favorably known in this and Kimble counties, where their firm has been employed as road constructors.

The form of the invitation, which has been received by numerous local friends, is reproduced below:

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Emma Lucille

to

Mr. Neal Eldridge Coleman, on Thursday, December fifteenth nineteen hundred and twenty-one at seven o'clock in the evening Methodist Episcopal Church, South Mason, Texas.

Call and see our Xmas Display at both our stores, Mason Drug Company.

**SECOND HAND**—Good as new, 4 burner Perfection Oil Stove and oven. Price \$28.00.

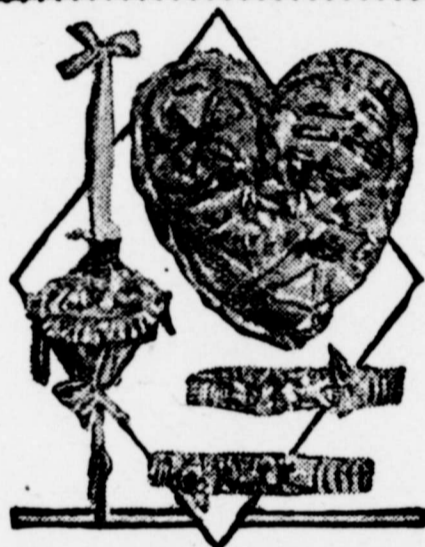
LARIMORE & GROTE.

#### CHICKENS

If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices.

J. J. JOHNSON

### Ever Welcome Gifts



If a Christmas were to come and go without leaving with us pincushions, pin-holders, garters and other pretty furbelows made of ribbon, it would be remembered with something of disappointment. A heart-shaped pincushion, a small bag for holding pins and a pair of ribbon-covered garters represent a few of many ribbon novelties for the holidays.

#### Fresh cement at R. Grosse's.

You'll enjoy the pictures at the Star Opera House. Shows every Friday and Saturday night. Don't forget, it starts at 7:00 o'clock.

The Mason High School basket ball team defeated the basket ball girls of Kamecy of the local court last Saturday by a score of 20 to 9

Latest Novels at Mason Drug Company.

Ernest F. Willmann has been out of the Commercial Bank for the past ten days due to a bone felon on his finger which has caused him quite a bit of pain. It has been necessary to have the place lanced a couple of times and also have a carbuncle under his arm treated as a result of the injured finger.

#### How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions. After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Medicine for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medicine at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, Etc.



FOR HER  
Vanity Cases  
Brac. Watches  
Toilet Sets  
Brooches  
Lavalliers  
Mesh Bags  
Pearl Beads  
Rings  
Dia. Bar Pins

FOR HIM  
Cuff Links  
Scarf Pins  
Watch Chains  
Traveling Sets  
Fountain Pens  
Safety Razors  
Watches  
Belt Buckles  
Waldermer Chains

CUT GLASS CLOCKS SILVERWARE

"GIFTS THAT LAST"

J. S. KING, Jeweler

#### POSTED

Parties are warned against hunting, trapping or trespassing of any kind on the lands of the undersigned, as same is posted and violators of this notice will be prosecuted. 38-4tp  
John and James Braudenberger.

#### POSTED NOTICE

Hunting or trespassing of any nature is strictly forbidden on any of the lands owned or controlled by me. Parties desiring to hunt must get written permission or otherwise they will be prosecuted. 32-2mc.  
MAX MARTIN.

#### POSTED

Hunting and trespassing of all kinds is strictly forbidden on all land owned and controlled by the undersigned. Parties violating this notice will be prosecuted. 30-4tc  
NAT REEVES.

#### POSTED NOTICE

All lands owned and controlled by the undersigned are posted against hunting, trapping or trespassing in any way, and everyone is warned accordingly.

W. L. KOTHMANN  
CHAS. LEIFESTE, Sr.  
CHAS. LEIFESTE, Jr.

#### POSTED NOTICE

The general public is warned against hunting, trapping or otherwise trespassing on any lands owned or controlled by the undersigned, as same is posted. Violators of this notice will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. 35-2mp  
BEN BRANDENBERGER.

#### POSTED NOTICE

All lands controlled by us are posted, and positively no one is allowed to hunt or trespass thereon. 37-4tp.  
MOSS & DEES.

#### NOTICE TO HUNTERS

All lands owned or controlled by the undersigned are posted according to law, and no hunting, trapping or trespassing of any kind will be permitted. AUGUST WILLMANN  
2mp  
ELI W. DECHERT

#### POSTED

All lands owned or controlled by the undersigned are posted according to law against hunting, trapping and trespassing of any kind. Any and all parties violating this notice will be prosecuted.

JOHN GEISTWEIDT  
WM. GEISTWEIDT  
CHAS. GEISTWEIDT  
FRANK GEISTWEIDT  
2mc  
L. S. WENDELL.

#### POSTED NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that all land owned by me is posted according to law against hunting, trapping and trespassing of any kind. Violators of this notice will be prosecuted. 32-5tc  
LOUIS G. ECKERT.

#### POSTED NOTICE

Parties are warned against hunting, trapping or otherwise trespassing on any lands owned or controlled by the undersigned. Violators will be prosecuted according to law.

M. F. CARTER  
37-4tp  
WALTER FRENZEL

#### POSTED NOTICE

This is to notify the public that our pastures are posted against hunting, trapping or otherwise trespassing. Parties desiring to hunt must get permission.

CHRISTIAN LOEFFLER  
FRANK LOEFFLER.  
33-2mc  
LEE LOEFFLER.

#### TRESPASS NOTICE

No hunting with gun or dogs, or trapping or otherwise trespassing will be allowed on the lands owned or controlled by the Loyal Valley Game Protective Association without a privilege card properly signed.

Loyal Valley Game Protective Association. 33-2mc

#### POSTED

All lands owned by us are posted against hunting, trapping or trespassing of any kind. 33-2mp  
PAT AND JOHN ROGERS.

#### HUNTERS' NOTICE.

This is to warn the public against hunting in the pastures of the undersigned without written permission. J. W. WHITE.  
33-2mc  
S. B. CAPPS.

#### POSTED NOTICE

The general public is hereby warned against hunting, trapping or trespassing in any way upon the land owned or controlled by the undersigned, as same is posted.

H. J. JORDAN.  
E. M. BRATTON.  
33-2mp  
LOUIS WILLMANN.

#### NO HUNTING ALLOWED

Warning is hereby given that hunting, trapping or trespassing of any kind is not permitted in the pastures of the undersigned, as they are posted according to law. Guilty parties will be prosecuted. 2mc  
H. & E. ZESCH.

#### POSTED

Notice is hereby given that my James River Ranch is posted against hunting, trapping or trespassing in any form. Parties violating this notice, will be prosecuted. 34-2tp.  
S. L. JEFFERS.

#### POSTED NOTICE

All lands owned and controlled by me are posted against hunting, trapping or trespassing in any form. I allow no hunting and will prosecute violators of this notice. 2mp  
AUG. KOTHMANN.

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## "TONY, THE CONVICT"

A HOME TALENT PLAY

in

FIVE THRILLING ACTS. TIME, 2 1/2 HOURS

Under Auspices of Ft. Mason Post of American Legion

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, DEC. 14TH.

at

STAR OPERA HOUSE

Admission ..... 35 Cents

Reserved Seats ..... 15 Cents

Seats on sale at Mason Drug Co. No. 2 on and after Monday, Dec. 12th.

### ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

Equip your homes and places of business with electricity and use labor-saving electrical appliances.

We are prepared to get you anything you need in this line.

Current every day from 5:30 to 11 p. m. and from 6 to 8 a. m.

Current all day on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

## Mason Ice & Power Co.

# STAR OPERA HOUSE

FRIDAY NIGHT  
 "MARY BURTON IN LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD"  
 Also one reel Toney Sarg's Almanac No. 2

SATURDAY NIGHT  
 "INSIDE THE CUP"

A Super-Special Picture  
 SHOW STARTS AT 7:00 O'CLOCK

Admission: 15 & 25 Cents

### A WORD ABOUT TRACTORS

We want to urge all of the farmers of Mason County to be in Mason on Tuesday, Dec. 13th for the all-day Tractor Demonstration. Even though you do not intend to buy now, we are sure you will learn some valuable lessons and will be well paid for your time.

The following figures may be of interest and are given for your consideration. The figures are an average of figures taken from cost records of five states and will be found fairly accurate when applied to this section of the country.

Yearly horse maintenance cost:	
Interest on investment (6 per cent on half value).....	\$3.60
Depreciation (based on ten year working life).....	\$12.00
Harness depreciation.....	\$4.22
Shoeing.....	1.50
Feed.....	\$90.89
Labor.....	\$33.80
Miscellaneous.....	\$1.30
Total.....	\$147.31

Horse value at \$120.  
 Cents 40c per bu; corn, 60c per bu; hay, \$16 per ton.

Yearly Maintenance of \$1000 Tractor.	
Fuel & Lube (cost per day).....	\$4.47
Interest on investment (6 per cent on half value).....	\$30.00
Depreciation.....	\$150
Repairs.....	\$50.00
Labor.....	\$20.00
The latter four average \$3.33 per day.	

This is an average cost per day for 75 working days in a year, \$7.70.

With feed and fuel figured at the above figures:  
 Plowing with two horses costs \$2.25

per acre.

Plowing with 3 plow tractor costs \$1.20 per acre

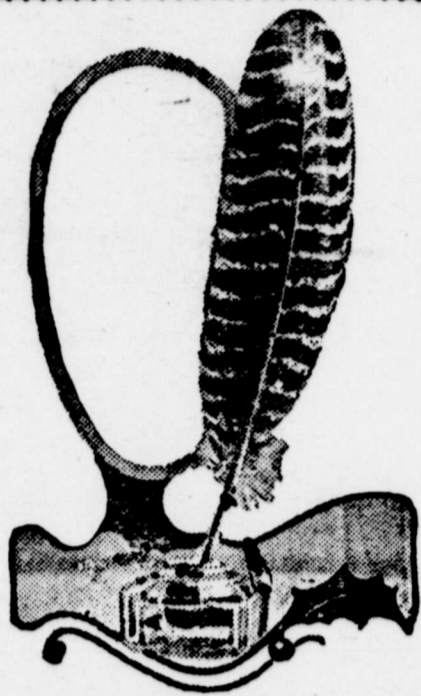
W. I. MARSHALL,  
 County Demonstration Agent.

### DON'T

Forget the oldest and best sewing machine. Repair clocks, stoves and guns. All work guaranteed.

TOM MILLSAP

### A Decorative Pen



For the writing desk or as a companion piece to the guest book, a pen with a feather quill for a handle makes a beautiful gift. Natural feathers are as marvelous and beautiful in their markings as flowers and those in neutral colors can be tinted if one wishes to brighten them. Many kinds of feathers, including those of the ostrich, are used for these decorative pens and they make a gift suited to every grown-up.

### For Little Garments



Hangers for wee garments make a lovely gift for young children, especially when they look like dolls. Here two are dressed up to represent a girl and a boy doll and a third is simply covered with ribbon and decorated with ribbon flowers. Little celluloid doll heads, wide and narrow satin ribbon and wire hangers with a little ingenious sewing are all that is needed for the doll hangers.

Back to the Picture Language.  
 A newspaper for English tourists abroad has a very ingenious scheme for showing exactly what attractions certain hotels have to offer. If there is an elevator in the hotel a picture of a small boy in uniform is shown against the name of that hotel. A garage is indicated by a picture of a motor car, lawn tennis courts by a racquet, and so on. The scheme is quite a useful one, for it enables the tourist to see at a glance exactly which hotel would suit him best, and thus saves him wading through a whole lot of advertising matter.

### Fruit From Cacti.

The newest achievement of Burbank, the plant wizard, is the production of cacti that bear fruits beautiful to the eye and with flavor resembling those of peaches, muskmelons, pineapples, etc., yet sufficiently unlike to render them appetizing novelties. They are very sweet, containing from 12 to 16 per cent of sugar.

These fruits may be eaten fresh or put up as sweetmeats. They are of various colors, and their juices, particularly of the red ones (which are of brilliant hues), are utilizable for coloring ices, jellies and candies.

### Tightwads.

Some men hang onto a dollar as though it were the last one they're ever going to see.

Typewriter ribbons, 80c. News Office.

# WINTER CLOTHING

We have an excellent line of SWEATERS, MACKINAWs AND OVERCOATS—UNDERWEAR Shoes and Hosiery For every member of the family. Inspect our line. Our low prices will please you.

## E. LEMBURG & BRO.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

I have opened a garage and auto repair shop in the Morrow Building on the east side of the square.

I am prepared to give you the best of service on repair work and overhauling jobs.

Let me supply you with your Gasoline, Oil and Grease needs.

All work guaranteed to give satisfaction.

I solicit a share of your business.

CLYDE HUCKABAY.

Mrs. Dan Curren, of the Kutenay section, underwent a surgical operation Sunday morning at the Deaver Hotel. Mrs. Hoting is nursing her and we are informed her condition is improving nicely.

### GIVE US YOUR ORDERS

If you intend to subscribe for any magazine or newspaper, we will appreciate receiving the subscription. It will cost you no more to let us send it in and we will receive a small commission from the publishing company. We will be glad to handle your order whether it be large or small.

MASON COUNTY NEWS

### SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID

The following have made subscription payments to this great weekly since our last report	
Aug. Leifste	1.50
Mrs. Christillis	1.50
S. J. Thorne	1.50
W. C. Lemburg	1.50
Edwin Lowgren	1.50
Miss Annie Mogford	1.50
Wm. Bober	1.50
Rev. M. Heinrich	1.50
W. R. Bode	3.00
Glenn R. Murray	1.50

We thank you Who's next?

### 30 FOR YOU AND 30 FOR ME

After December 1, our posted notice will be strictly enforced. Remember, this means you. All previous hunting permissions have terminated. If you desire to be reported it will be your own decision.

Respectfully,  
 CHRISTIAN LOEFFLER  
 J. H. WEIDEMANN

Eagle Brand Typewriter Ribbons, 80c at News Office.

# SECOND HAND

## FORD CARS AND TRUCKS

On hand and listed with us for sale at prices that are right.

Call at our shop and look them over.

L. F. ECKERT GARAGE

# TURKEYS! TURKEYS!

We are now in the market for fat turkeys for Xmas market.

We think it advisable to market your Turkeys to get out freight shipments to Eastern markets, as you might hold them back too long.

# MAYHEW PRODUCE CO.

MASON - - - TEXAS

**THE DALLAS NEWS**  
THE NEWSIEST, THE BEST, THE MOST RELIABLE—  
THAT'S ALL.  
SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED BY THE MASON COUNTY NEWS

NORTHWEST OF SQUARE PHONE 12

**MAYO'S GARAGE**  
Star Garage Bldg.

We carry a complete line of Auto Repairs and Accessories of all kinds.  
Highest grades of Lubricating Oils and Greases.  
Automobile Repairing and Overhauling a specialty. All work positively guaranteed  
**GIVE US A TRIAL**

J. W. WHITE President. E. A. LOEFFLER and A. E. GROSSE, Ass't. Cashiers.

ERV HAMILTON Vice-President. D. F. LEHMBERG Cashier.

**The Mason National Bank**

CAPITAL \$50,000  
SURPLUS \$50,000

Solicits your business, offering prompt, courteous and liberal treatment. Safety Deposit Boxes for rent.

Directors: J. W. White, John H. Geistweidt, E. J. Lemburg, Erv Hamilton, C. S. Vedder, E. A. Loeffler, S. B. Capps, Aug. Kothmann, D. F. Lehmburg

**New Type Faces**

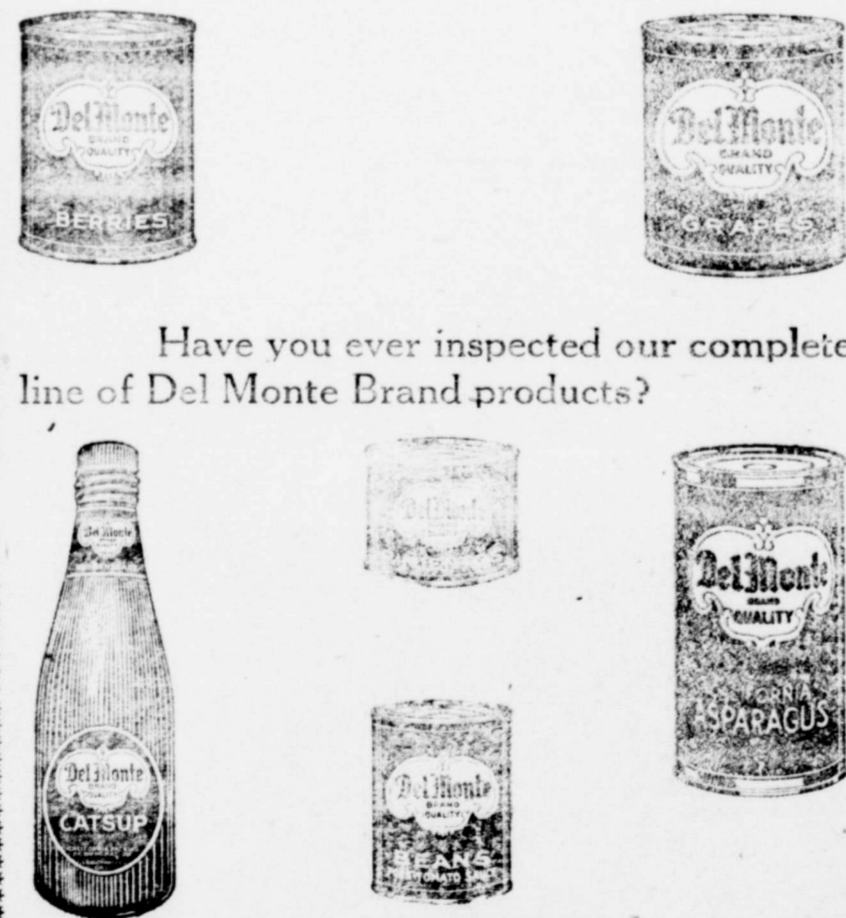
The News has recently added some new faces of job type to its splendid equipment for turning out neat and attractive job printing. We will be pleased to show you some samples of our work and quote prices and estimates on any and all kinds of work from a calling card to a catalog.

W. A. Cunningham and family arrived here a couple weeks ago from Jayton and are now residing on the Starks farm east of town, which Mr. Cunningham purchased a few months ago. Mr. Cunningham was in town Saturday and stated he is busy preparing for a crop and getting straightened out. Mrs. Cunningham is a daughter of Mrs. W. M. Wells of the Fredonia section.

Typewriter ribbons, 80c. News Office.

**Unexpected Company**

Quite often makes it necessary to prepare a meal on short notice.



Have you ever inspected our complete line of Del Monte Brand products?

In our store you will find a great variety of articles suitable for making up a first class meal on an occasion of this kind.

**Mason Grocery Co.**  
"A Dollar's Worth for Every Dollar"  
PHONE 143

**Neff Frees 24 Counties From Tick Restrictions**

Austin, Tex.—Governor Neff Wednesday signed a proclamation releasing twenty-four counties from tick restrictions and placing them in the free area, effective Dec. 1, following the announcement that the federal government would take similar action, effective Dec. 10. These counties still will be protected by quarantine regulations the entrance of cattle from infected areas. The counties released are: Bandera, Blanco, Brazos, Edwards, Fannin, Freestone, Gregg, Harrison, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Lee, Morris, Real, Red River, Robertson, Smith, Titus, Travis, Upshur, Williamson and Wood and that part of Comanche not now in the free area, also the northern parts of Milam, Leon and Anderson.

Governor Neff also approved and filed with the secretary of state the new rules and regulations promulgated by the live stock sanitary commission in connection with the bureau of animal husbandry of the United States department of agriculture. It was on recommendation of the Texas live stock sanitary commission that the proclamation was issued, transferring the several counties into the free area.

**WAR FINANCE CORPORATION APPROVES 57 ADVANCES**

Washington.—Approval of 57 advances for agricultural and live stock purposes aggregating \$2,505,000, was announced Sunday by the war finance corporation as follows:

Nebraska, \$221,000; Montana, \$217,000; Colorado, \$540,000; Wisconsin, \$17,000; Illinois, \$50,000; Kansas, \$13,000; Minnesota, \$100,000; North Dakota, \$117,000; South Dakota, \$222,000; Iowa, \$691,000; South Carolina, \$87,000; Texas, \$131,000, and Georgia, \$9,000.

**Convicts Pardoned by Governor.**

Austin, Tex.—Of the 58 convicts pardoned by Governor Neff during his recent tour of inspection of the prison system, 29 were white, 27 were negroes and two were Mexicans. In commenting on the persons he pardoned, Governor Neff stated that the records of each one had been investigated by him and in every case, with the exception of one or two, they were convicts who had been serving a long term and their prison records for the past several years had been clear.

**Negro Mobbed at Ballinger.**

Ballinger, Tex.—After overpowering Sheriff Flynt of Runnels County, Robert Murtore, a 15-year-old negro boy, was taken from the officer by a mob and tied to a tree Wednesday and his body riddled with bullets. Murtore had been placed in the county jail following his arrest on a charge of attacking and mutilating the body of a 9-year-old white girl.

**Cattle Tuberculosis Fund.**

Washington.—A total of \$3,000 of the federal fund for eradicating tuberculosis among cattle allotted to California has been transferred to Texas, the allotment for the latter state having been exhausted, according to information obtained Monday by Representative Hudspeth and Representative Jones from Secretary of Agriculture Wallace.

**Pecans Drop at Gonzales.**

Gonzales, Tex.—The pecan market has taken a considerable drop during the past few days. The early part of last week the nuts were bringing from 13 to 15 cents per pound, and Saturday the buyers were only offering 10 1/2 to 11 cents. The bulk of the pecan crop is gathered.

**Aligrette Feathers Seized.**

Laredo, Tex.—At a point on the Rio Grande banks just east of Laredo mounted inspectors arrested a Syrian who had just crossed the river from Mexico and seized a package containing one pound and one ounce of aligrette feathers, valued at more than \$2,000 retail.

**Augusta Fire Damage.**

Augusta, Ga.—Nearly one-half of the 700 block of Broad street and the entire eastern side of the 200 block of Jackson street, both in the heart of Augusta's business section, were destroyed by fire Monday, with a total loss of about \$2,000,000.

**More Lawyers in Philippines.**

Manila, P. I.—One hundred and fifty-six more lawyers, including three women were authorized recently by the Supreme Court to enter practice in the Philippine Islands. Out of 360 candidates who took the examination before the court, 156 passed.

**Longfellow's Last Son Dies.**

Boston.—Ernest Wadsworth Longfellow, 76, artist and last surviving son of the poet, Longfellow, died Tuesday, after a protracted illness.

**ASSETS OF THE TEXAS A. AND M. COLLEGE SYSTEM**

Assets totaling \$6,360, 037.75 in the A. and M. College of Texas system available for research and instruction of students are shown in the report of the audit for the fiscal year ending August 31st, just completed by the Wright Audit Company of San Antonio and filed with President W. B. Howell. The report shows the following distribution: Senior A. and M. College, at College Station, \$1,272,271.94; Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, the main station of which is located at College Station, \$3,135,492; John Tarleton Agricultural College at Stephenville, \$488,140.00; Grubb's Vocational College at Arlington, \$307, 339.50; and Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College for Negroes at Prairie View, \$661,299.91.

**Forest Fire Near Palestine.**

Palestine, Tex.—A forest fire has been raging for the past few days a few miles east of Palestine. The farmers are fighting the flames by building backfires.

**Women Postal Workers.**

Washington.—Women postal employees will not suffer a change of status or lose any rights in the service by marriage. Postmaster General Hays announced Monday.

**Subscribe for the News today.**

Mrs. A. P. Polk and granddaughter, little Miss Evalyn Carter, returned home last Thursday from Houston, where they spent several weeks visiting in the home of Mrs. Polk's sister, Mrs. John Johnson. The Johnson family resided in Mason a few years ago and Mr. Johnson will be remembered as a mechanic who conducted a garage in this city just east of the Mason House.

The Mayhew Produce Company and other local buyers have been buying a great many turkeys the past week for the Christmas trade. We are informed the price has been ranging from 27 to 30 cents per pound.

S. C. Brockmann has been making some improvements and additions to his residence, having added two rooms and a sleeping porch to the rear.

Underwood and Remington ribbons at News Office for 80 cents.

Rev. A. E. Rector, of San Antonio, and Presiding Elder of the Kerrville District of the Methodist Conference, was in Mason a short time the first of the week. He visited the various pastors of his charge in this section. Rev. Rector is well known in our midst and is remembered by many of the older people as pastor of the local church a good many years ago.

**CORROGATED IRON ROOFING**

I have plenty of corrugated iron roofing in stock and owing to a recent decline in the prices, can make you some interesting quotations. See me for your needs.

Rev. W. H. Gage, pastor of the local Baptist Church, returned home Sunday from Dallas, where he had been as a delegate from this place to the seventy-third annual conference of the Texas Baptists.

Tanlac's best advertising comes from people who have actually used it. Mason Drug Company.

Napoleon Allen was in Mason Saturday mixing and mingling with friends and former acquaintances. He stated he had been visiting his mother, who resides north of town, since the Thursday preceding.

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**PUMPKIN PIE A "LOST ART?"**

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Generation is Familiar Only  
With Poor Imitations.

Sum ov our best and most ener-  
getic quill jerkers hav writ essays  
on the "Lost Arts," and hav dld com-  
paratiffly well, but they hav over-  
looked several ov the missing articles,  
whitch I take the liberty, (in a strikly  
confidenshall way) tew draw their at-  
tenshun to.

"Pumpkin Pl."—This delitesum  
work ov art lz. (or rather was) a  
triumphant conglomerashun ov baked  
doe, and biled pumpkin.

It waz diskovered during the old ov  
the moon, in the year 1680, by An-  
gelica, the notable wife of Rhehobam  
Beecher, then residing in the rural  
town ov Nu Gullford, state of Con-  
nekticut. . . .

This pl, Immedately after its discov-  
ery bl Angelica, proceeded into gen-  
eral use, and wuz the boss pl, for over  
a hundred years.

In the year 1833 It was totaly lost.  
This pl haln't bin herd from since.  
Large rewards hav bin offered for its  
recovery by the governor ov Connekt-  
cut, but it haz undoubtedly fled for-  
ever.

Sum poor Imitashuns ov the blessed  
old original pl are loafing around, but  
pumpkin pl az it waz. (with nutmeg in  
it) is no more.—Henry W. Shaw  
("Josh Billings").

**Rest Was Coming to Him.**

A territorial battalion was on  
parade. After the usual inspection the  
colonel gave the order to march. The  
band struck up a lively air and the  
battalion moved on; but a trombone  
player on the left of the front rank  
stood still, causing the band to cease  
playing.

The colonel, riding up to the man,  
exclaimed furiously: "Move on, man;  
move on. What on earth are you stop-  
ping for?"

"Be alsy, sor; be alsy," said the  
man; "I've got ftfteen bars rest."

**It is the Indian Summer.**

It is the Indian summer. The ris-  
ing sun blazes through the misty air  
like a conflagration. A yellowish  
smoky haze fills the atmosphere, and  
a filmy mist lies like a silver lining  
on the sky. The wind is soft and low.  
It wafts to us the odor of the forest  
leaves that hang wilted on the drip-  
ping branches, or drop into the stream.  
Their gorgeous tints are gone, as if  
the autumnal rains had washed them  
out. Orange, yellow and scarlet, all  
are changed to one melancholy russet  
hue. The birds, too, have taken wing,  
and have left their roofless dwellings.  
Not the whistle of a robin, not the  
twitter of an eavesdropping swallow,  
not the carol of one sweet familiar  
voice. All gone. Only the dismal  
cawing of a crow, or the chit-chat of  
an idle squirrel, the noisy denizens of  
a hollow tree, the menflicant firlar of  
a large parish, the absolute monarch  
of a dozen acorns.—Longfellow.

**Criticising a Compliment.**

"Your constituents say that you are  
the man of the hour."

"The time suggested is too long," re-  
plied Senator Sorghum. "A states-  
man who really understands the sub-  
ject under discussion can say all he  
has to say in fifteen minutes."

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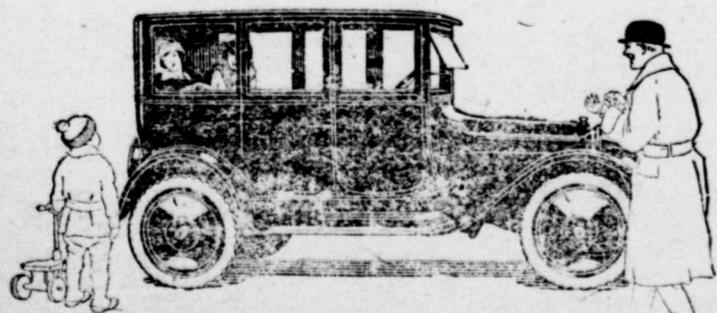
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**MUST HAVE A MORTGAGE**

(From Forbes Magazine)

An old negro had just closed nego-  
tiations with a real estate dealer for a  
small farm and was told to bring his  
money to the office and get his deed.

"Yas, sah, I'll fetch the money, but  
I'se gwine to want yo'all to gimme a  
mawgagge on dat land and yo'll to keep  
de deed."

"No, John," the dealer replied, "the  
land will be yours without any incum-  
brances, and what you want is a deed."

"No, sah, what I wants is a maw-  
gagge."

"Why do you want a mortgage,  
John?"

"Caus' de las' piece of land I owned  
I had a deed and a white man had de  
mawgagge, and de white man he took  
de land—yas, sah, gimme a mawgagge."

**Fresh cement at R. Grosse's.**

**NO PERFECT MAN OR WOMAN**

Newspaper or magazine stories of a  
"perfect man" or a "perfect woman"  
are not to be taken literally. More  
than 150,000 examinations conducted  
by the physicians of the Life Exten-  
sion Institute have failed to disclose  
a single "perfect" human being. In-  
stead, nearly 60 per cent were found  
to have physical defects or impairments  
requiring systematic medical or surgi-  
cal treatment. The defects of less than  
1 per cent were "slight." Nearly 40  
per cent needed immediate treatment  
of some sort. Human beings are a good  
deal like motor cars.

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Messrs. Ed and Wes Smith and Mrs.  
D. G. Brillhart and little daughter re-  
turned home Sunday from a visit of a  
few days to San Antonio. Mrs. Brillhart  
had the little girl vaccinated while in  
San Antonio as a precaution against  
the small pox epidemic, which has been  
prevalent in Missouri, in which State  
they reside.

Herbert Gamel was here a few days  
the past week from his ranch in the  
Harper section. He stated the rain of  
last week did not fall in his country.  
Mr. Gamel says rain is being needed  
very much in and around Harper to  
improve range conditions and to put  
out stock water.

**Acetylene Gas Light Plants**

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information on acetylene gas lights.  
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plate installing a plant.  
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F. LANGE.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Setwart were  
through Mason last Friday, en route to  
Brady for a visit of a few days with  
relatives and friends. They spent only  
a short time in Mason. Mr. Stewart,  
who is ranching near Sonora, stated  
that range conditions were very bad  
in his section and said he had not had  
any rain since last September. He in-  
cidentally remarked that wild game  
was scarce in his section this year.

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STRAYED—Heifer yearling, from residence in town. Red and white spotted, marked crop the left. Last seen going towards Post Mill. Notify Walter Linnisay. 39-1f.

FOR SALE—Good second hand buggy. See L. F. Jordan. Phone 116. 38-1f.

FURNITURE FOR SALE—A few pieces of second hand furniture at bargains. Apply at Methodist Parsonage. 28-2tp.

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See the Watkins man when in need of extracts, Flavors, Baking Powder, Spices, Medicinal Preparations, Toilet Articles, Furniture Polish, Pencils, Sewing Machine Oil, Fly Oil, Insect Powder, Stock Dip, Stock and Poultry Tonic. 38-1f. L. F. JORDAN, Phone 116.

LOST—Between Mason and Kerrville, a Collie bitch about 9 or 10 months old, grayish brown color and looks very much like a wolf. Will pay reward for recovery. Notify E. W. Bode or leave word at News office. 37-1f.

Give me your next job of vulcanizing I guarantee my work. Otto Schmidt. 39-1f.

FOR SALE—Ford truck, 1920 model, at about a third price. A. C. DYE. 34-1f.

WANTED TO BUY—Two hundred young pullets. Apply to J. W. White. 33-1f.

FOR SALE—A new shipment of telephone batteries. See me for your battery needs. Prices right. W. F. Lawson, phone man. 32-1f.

If your windmill or piping needs repairing, call Louis Brockman, phone 908-P-13. 22-1f.

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Reduction on Shorts and Bran at Mayhew Produce Company. Bran \$1.50 and Shorts \$2 a sack. 32

I am always in the market for fat hogs and chickens. Get my prices. J. J. Johnson. 31-1f.

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Watkins' Goods for sale at E. F. Stengel's Store. 38-1f.

## NEWS HAPPENINGS

### What Has Transpired This Week the World Over.

#### AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Short Mentioning of Interesting Happenings From Day to Day Throughout the World.

#### WASHINGTON NEWS.

Russia appeared at the Washington conference Sunday in the arrival of a special deputation from the Far Eastern republic of Chita to lay before the powers at Washington the plea of that government for assistance in securing immediate withdrawal of Japanese troops from Siberia. Other purposes of the visit of the delegation, according to its members, are to open trade relations with foreign countries and to obtain recognition for the Chita administration.

Unemployment in the United States continues to show a steady, though slow, decrease, according to monthly reports to the labor department from its studies in 65 industrial centers. The department announced Sunday that 7428 of the larger concerns in the country had more men on the payrolls on November 30 than on October 30, or an increase of almost one-half of one per cent.

The bill creating a commission with power to fund the indebtedness of foreign governments to the United States will be considered in the senate as soon as congress reconvenes, and passed as expeditiously as possible. This was determined at a conference of President Harding and senate leaders at the White House Thursday. The senators were Lodge, Curtis, Penrose and Watson.

Approval of eighty-five advances for agricultural and live stock purposes, aggregating \$3,147,000, was announced Wednesday by the War Finance Corporation. The loans include: Louisiana, \$294,000; Georgia, \$97,000; North Carolina, \$125,000; South Carolina, \$88,000 and Texas, \$55,000.

An increase of about \$160,000,000 in public debt during the month of November was announced Saturday by the treasury. At the end of October the public debt stood at \$23,459,140,496.49, compared with \$23,619,085,725.87 on November 30.

#### STATE AND DOMESTIC NEWS.

An order restraining John L. Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers of America, et al, from "suspending or removing from office any of the officers of district 14 or of the various local unions under jurisdiction of the district" was issued at Kansas City, Mo., Sunday by Judge Samuel A. Dew in Jackson County circuit court. The petition for the order was signed by Alexander Howat, deposed president of district No. 14, now serving a term in the Columbus (Kan.) jail with August Dorchy, vice president, for violation of the industrial court laws of Kansas, and other

#### CHRISTMAS TREES

I will be able to supply you with a Christmas tree if you want one. See W. W. Wartenbach or phone Smart's Meat Market. 39-2f.

#### district officials.

The Arbuckle jury disagreed and was discharged at noon Saturday at San Francisco, Cal. The jury foreman reported that the final ballot stood ten to two with the majority for acquittal. The jury was brought into court at its own request and reported a disagreement and asked that it be discharged. The case was set for re-trial January 9.

Robert Bradley Hawley, president of the Cuban-American Sugar Company and a representative from Texas under the McKinley administration, died Wednesday at his home in New York City of acute indigestion.

A 15 per cent reduction in the wages of deep water seamen will be put into effect January 1, several of the largest steamship owners of New York declared Thursday.

The entire amount of the \$125,000 in gold which disappeared from the vaults of the Pacific liner Sonoma en route from Sydney, Australia, to San Francisco has been recovered.

Lula Mayfield, grand champion of the International Live Stock Show, was sold Thursday at Chicago, Ill., at \$1.10 per pound. The heifer, a cross-bred shorthorn Angus entered by the University of California, weighed 1,220 pounds. Last year's champion sold at \$1.75 a pound.

The movement to establish a million-dollar foundation as a national tribute to Enrico Caruso and his art was started in New York City this week.

#### FOREIGN NEWS.

Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, convicted draft evader, through his mother, Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll of Philadelphia, Tuesday filed suit in the supreme court of the District of Columbia for return of property valued at \$750,000 seized by the government.

A new spirit of co-operation between England, France and Italy, which would have the warmth of the entente cordiale of 1914, is urged by the French press as the outcome of the Lord Curzon speech in London and the anti-French demonstrations at Turin and other Italian cities.

Henri Landru, who has been on trial for more than three weeks in the Assizes Court at Versailles, France, charged with the murder of ten women and a boy, was found guilty of murder in the first degree. Landru was sentenced to die by the guillotining.

### Christmas Candles



This year's candle shades made of gay silks or of crepe paper are shown in such variety that every one may be pleased. Sparkling silver tinsel strays over some of them, adding a holiday glitter to the pretty colors through which the light gleams. A shade decorated in this way is shown at the right of the two pictured. At the left a foundation of plain paper is covered with ruffles of crepe paper in two alternating colors, in this case white and green, and has daisies made of paper set about it.

#### Too Bad.

An ardent angler took a friend fishing. He knew nothing about the gentle art, but was set up with all the necessary tackle and a nice, comfortable seat on the bank.

The experienced hand started fishing a few yards higher up the stream.

Presently the novice said: "How much do those red things cost?"

"I suppose you mean the float?" said the angler. "That only costs about twopence."

"Well, I owe you twopence," said the novice. "The one you lent me has sunk."—London Tit-Bits.

#### Sifting Out the Fleas.

It is known that plague is carried from one person to another by fleas and that these fleas normally live on rats, but Major F. W. Cragg of the Central Research Institute, Kasauli, India, asserts that only certain species of fleas are to blame, and he is now making a special study of all the varieties of fleas in India in an endeavor to find which is really the guilty one.

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"Black Beauty," a Vitagraph all star special production, will be shown at the Star Theater on Wednesday, December 28th.

Extraordinary difficulties were faced and overcome in visualizing "Black Beauty," but the one which at first were looked upon as the greatest turned out to be the least. The first question raised was, "Can horses be trained to perform exactly the action of Anna Sewell's book, so that the story in pictures can be accurately and faithfully told?"

After long continued and patient experiments, it was found that for the most part no training would be necessary, as all the action of horses in the wonderful book is natural to them at certain times under certain circumstances. The fact that the action is natural, spontaneous, is an important part in the greatness of Anna Sewell's immortal work. The filming of this action, therefore, became largely a matter of time and patience, and complete success was attained at last.

The problem of presenting "Black Beauty" as a screen drama of the strongest possible appeal, with a gripping, thrilling story, was more baffling. Mr. and Mrs. George Randolph Chester, who prepared the screen version, were unwilling to take any liberties in altering the text or changing the form of a work regarded with reverence by millions of readers. The problem was pondered for weeks before the inspiration came.

In the story as originally written a

number of human characters are mentioned, and dealt with in the "Autobiography of a Horse" in their relation to the equine characters. It is related how George Gordon met death in the bare hunt, but the consequences of this tragedy in the lives of the humans were, of course, unknown to Black Beauty. Squire Gordon drove Black Beauty to town and back, under great difficulty and danger, on "a stormy day." Black Beauty told of the trip and its adventures, but could not tell why the trip was taken, for he did not know, except that it was "on business."

Mr. and Mrs. Chester, in preparing the screen version of "Black Beauty," have told this human story, intense and compelling, in scenes alternating with those of "Black Beauty's Story." The "Indoor Story" never conflicts with nor overlaps the "Outdoor Story" which Black Beauty tells.

The result is Anna Sewell's story, as she wrote it, in pictures, and in addition the strong human interest story of Jessie Gordon, Harry Blomefield and the other persons in the book.

The pictured production of "Black Beauty" ends with a thrilling horse race, along rough roads, over rock walls and hedges, through fields and meadows, to avert a shocking tragedy which threatens Jessie, Harry Blomefield rides Black Beauty, completely recovered from the effects of his hard life as a cab horse.

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LANIMORE & GROTE.

Ben Pluerneke has been absent from the E. Lemburg & Bro. Store this week, due to severe trouble with his teeth, several of which abscessed and necessitated lancing. We are informed he is some improved, but is still unable to resume his duties as clerk.

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## BAND CONCERT

FRIDAY NIGHT, DEC. 16

The Mason Concert Band will give a concert at the Star Opera House on Friday night, December 16th. The concert will be given in connection with the picture show and an admission of 15 and 35 cents will be charged.

The picture to be screened on this occasion is

"THE JUCKLINS"  
Featuring Monte Blue

The show starts at 7:15, but the band concert will start at 6:45 and continue intermitently throughout the evening.

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