

# Mason County News.

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## MASON CO. CLUB MEMBERS HOLD THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

The County Club Encampment has again passed into history and was one of the most successful encampments ever held.

More than ninety boys and girls were present and an equal number of parents enjoyed the occasion, besides some 100 visitors.

Ten free trips to the Short Course at A. & M. College were awarded to the winners in each contest.

The Mason Commercial Club is to be lauded for its hearty support of the cause of agriculture in Mason County. An exhibit of its expenditures for the year, would show that a large majority of its funds go to some agricultural projects. Among them are the free trips offered boys and girls of this county. The annual Live Stock and Agricultural Show, pecan and poultry work, etc.

The competition at the Encampment this year, was exceedingly strong all the way through and in addition to the free trips offered by the Commercial Club, several Clubs offered trips to their members.

The program, as given in a previous issue of the News was carried out and barbecued meat with all the trimmings was served to over two hundred people.

After dinner the prizes and medals were awarded to the following Club members.

The Premier Ranch medal for Live Stock judging was won by Robert Schmidt of the Peters Prairie Club, while the Commercial Bank medal for Poultry Judging was won by Goldie Brewer of the Long Mountain Club.

Free trips to the Short Course were won by the following members:

Goldie Brewer, Long Mountain Club, Poultry Judging.

Alpha Curren, Peters Prairie, Poultry Judging.

Lella Woodward, Double Knobs Club, Apron Making.

Robt. Schmidt, Richard Jordan and Malcolm Jordan, Peters Prairie, and L. Mogford, of Long Mountain, and Andrew Wiedeman, of Hilda, Stock Judging.

The above free trips were offered by the Mason Commercial Club, and the following free trips were offered by their respective clubs:

Dock Teague and Hicks Martin, Katemey, Stock Judging.

Sam Eckert and Leonard Kothmann, Hilda, Stock Judging.

Maurice Kidd and Vera Holcomb, Peters Prairie, Poultry Judging.

Fredonia's Club offered one free trip and this was tied for by Edgar Longley and Milton Willmann.

After the announcement of the winners, County Agent Marshall made a brief talk upon the necessity of co-operation of the parents in making this work a success and he also expressed the thanks of the Club members to the Commercial Club for free trips, to the Mason Concert Band for the concert, to the Extension workers for help rendered, and to C. L. Martin & Sons for the use of the grounds, to Mr. Kothmann, of the Premier Ranch for the use of his Herefords, Dr. Baze for his hogs, Mr. Wm. Willmann for his dairy cattle, Emil Jordan for his chickens and to the parents and friends for the help and encouragement in making the third encampment a success.

## SORE MOUTH OR STOMATITIS

Stomatitis is an inflammation of the mucus lining of the mouth and is produced by irritating feeds, medicines, etc. The symptoms are swelling of the mouth, which is also hot and painful; there is a copious discharge of saliva, and in some cases ulcers and blisters are observed.

For treatment, use a wash, twice daily, of one half ounce of borax or alum to one pint of water. The outside of the mouth should be washed with some good disinfectant solution. Keep a bucket full of fresh cold water near the animal in which it can bath its mouth.

This disease is contagious and sick horses or cattle should be isolated from others. Disinfect the feed boxes, bits, etc., and feed the animal soft feed. Hay should be softened by steaming.

W. I. MARSHALL, Co. Agt.

## Completing the Wall



## "HEART OF TEXAS DISTRICT FAIR" DIRECTORS MET MON.

The meeting of the directors of the "Heart of Texas District Fair" was held at San Saba on Monday with the following directors present: E. E. Fagg, San Saba; T. W. Posey, Brown county; Ed Broad, McCulloch, Roy B. Inks, Llano; W. I. Marshall, Mason county. Gillespie and Menard counties will enter the Heart of Texas District Fair, but the directors from these counties were unable to be in attendance at the meeting Monday.

E. E. Fagg was elected as president of the Association.

San Saba extended an invitation to hold the Heart of Texas District Fair in conjunction with their 20th annual Fair on August 12th to 15th, and the board of directors accepted the invitation.

At the meeting Monday each county entering the Heart of Texas District Fair Association was assessed \$200 to cover the payment of premiums.

Prizes will be first, second and third on county exhibits, and attractive prizes will be offered on cattle, sheep, goats and hogs.

Competition for these prizes will be limited to counties comprising the Heart of Texas District, and every county that enters will be required to pay the \$200 assessment.

Wm. D. Cargill, secretary of the Brady Chamber of Commerce, and promoter of the Heart of Texas District Fair, was present at the meeting and assisted in formulating plans for the Fair.

At the meeting Monday the directors voted that the fair should be held in a different county each year, alternating among the fifteen counties.

It is announced that another meeting of the directors will be held in the near future to receive reports from various committees appointed at the meeting Monday, and at the next meeting final arrangements for the holding of the Fair will be completed. All counties are urged to begin now to prepare an exhibit and take it to the Heart of Texas Fair, that this will be made next to the largest fair in the State.

## SPECIAL AT STAR NEXT WED'DAY

The manager of the Star Theater expects to have the "Bunch Orchestra and Entertainers" here next Wednesday night. The company consists of twenty men and women. Watch for the posters and don't fail to see these people.

## Sunday School Picnic

There will be a joint Sunday School picnic at Art, on June 24th. A program will be rendered in the morning at 10 o'clock. A baseball game will be a feature of the afternoon. Everybody is cordially invited to come.

## GRASSHOPPERS WILL BE PRACTICALLY CONQUERED THIS MO.

A. L. Smith, District Farm Demonstration Agent informs the News that after being in conference with Chas. H. Gable, Federal Entomologist, working in co-operation with Extension Service, in fighting the grasshoppers, reports the following:

1. The grasshopper crises will in all probability reach its height within the next fifteen days. In some counties the infestation is reaching its maximum in certain communities now.

2. All farmers, County agents and other co-operating agencies are advised to keep a close check up on developments.

3. Where the infestation is thick farmers are advised to have a reserve supply of ingredients on hand so that fields may be sown with poison bait in case hoppers migrate in great numbers and start wholesale destruction of crops.

4. When fields are surrounded by pasture grass and weeds and infestation appears to be growing worse farmers are advised to sow a strip from 75 to 100 yards wide around entire field. When shade is available under weeds or trees then places should be sown as the weather becomes warmer.

5. After sowing strip around fields it is not necessary to put out bait again until the hoppers begin passing over and getting out in crops.

6. Mr. Gable believes that a large per cent of farmers are sowing bait too thick and thereby causing a useless waste of money. County Agents are urged to caution farmers in this regard and check up on as many fields as possible especially when only mediocre results are reported.

7. Stick to formulas and do not under any circumstances allow substitutes or changes to be made in so far as it is practicable.

8. The fight must be kept up and it will win.

According to numerous reports coming to the News, the farmers of this county are meeting with satisfactory success in controlling the hoppers. It is hoped this success will continue and that in the end the farmers will be well repaid for their efforts.

## HON. W. E. POPE ADDRESSED CITIZENS OF MASON FRIDAY

Basing his address on the "unutterable and absolutely unnecessary extravagance in the administration of the state affairs of Texas," attacking the so-called school book fraud, hitting the University of Texas as at present administered and conducted squarely in the solar plexus, taking a rap at the way the penitentiary business is managed and going into various other in-

## MASON WILL ENTERTAIN PECAN GROWERS CONVENTION NEXT YR

Mason has been selected as the place for the holding of the convention of the Texas Pecan Growers Association for 1925. Dates for the convention and a program are yet to be arranged for.

A large delegation went to Fredericksburg last Wednesday where the convention was being held, and in a heated contest between New Braunfels and our city, we won.

San Antonio and Houston were also contenders for the convention for 1925, but they were eliminated at the beginning, and it was left to Mason and New Braunfels.

It is reported that more than two hundred delegates were in attendance at Fredericksburg, and as the Association is rapidly growing, it is expected that Mason will have the pleasure of entertaining probably four hundred delegates who will come to the convention here next summer.

An account of the meeting held at Fredericksburg will be found on page 2.

## DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET MONDAY HERE

The Democratic Executive Committee of Mason county met at the court house Monday afternoon with County Chairman, J. J. Hightower, presiding, and C. S. Vedder as secretary.

Seven precinct chairmen were present and the fee for holding the primary elections was set at four dollars for each election.

An assessment for candidates to get their names on the ticket was made, and was as follows:

Sheriff and Tax Collector, \$35; Tax Assessor, County Treasurer, and county clerk, each \$30, and county judge, \$25; Commissioners, \$5, Public Weigher, \$5 and county surveyor, \$2.50.

A committee of four was appointed by the chair to meet on the second Monday in July to arrange the ballot, and the order in which the names will appear.

Interesting details, Hon. W. E. Pope, of Corpus Christi, candidate for governor addressed for two hours in the county court room at the court house here last Friday afternoon. Immediately following his address, Mr. Pope left for Fredericksburg.

Mr. Pope is the second candidate for governor that has spoke in Mason in the interest of his campaign.

The colored ball teams of Brady and Llano met in Mason Sunday and played. The victory was in favor of Brady by a score of 11 to 4. It is reported the Brady team will likely meet the team from Kerrville here some time in the near future.

## TWO WEEKS MORE UNTIL BIG CELEBRATION ON 3RD AND 4TH

Only two weeks from today until opening day of the big celebration on July 3rd and 4th which is being arranged by the Fort Mason Post of the American Legion. For the past several years, the local post has had charge of the celebrations of this nature in Mason and each year they have gained knowledge by experience as to how to make such celebrations bigger and better, and the one for this year promises to be the best ever. More entertainment has already been arranged for, and there are more yet under consideration.

Enough business firms and private individuals have promised to decorate floats to insure that the parade will be the largest and most spectacular ever presented in Mason. The parade will form on the public square led by the Mason Concert Band. All ex-service men whether members of the local Legion Post or not, are expected to march in the parade. Immediately upon arriving at the grounds the Judge's decision on the most attractive floats will be announced at the grand stand.

County Judge Banks will extend the welcome address. He will be followed by Attorney Lamar Thaxton who will deliver a constitutional address.

On the afternoon of the 3rd State Commissioner of Agriculture Terrell will address the audience and explain the workings of his important department. District Attorney Christian will follow Mr. Terrell. Mr. Christian has no opponent for re-election and his address will probably not be along political lines. A feature of the afternoon's program will be an automobile race, the entries being limited to cars of the value of fifty dollars or under. It is expected that this race will be considerably applauded. A potato race and sack race will also be held at this time. Following these the crowd will be entertained by a "Wild West Rodeo" and a baseball game between Menard and Mason.

The free open air pageant, "Texas Under Seven Flags" will be staged at the grand stand on the night of the 3rd instead of the 4th, as heretofore announced in order not to conflict with the fireworks display. Dancing will begin at the platform immediately following the pageant. Excellent music has been secured and a much better platform than last year has been provided.

The 4th will be ushered in by a salvo of bombshells and this will probably be the biggest day in point of attendance. The Brady Chamber of Commerce Band will furnish the music. Many prominent men will speak on this day. Attorney S. C. Rowe of Fort Worth, formerly a resident of Mason County, District Judge McLean of Llano, District Judge R. H. Buch of Fort Worth now a candidate for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas and Judge W. C. Wear of Hillsboro also a candidate for Chief Justice will speak in the morning.

A free barbecue for all will be served at dinner with plenty bread, pickles and coffee.

In the afternoon, Judge Walter C. Woodward of Coleman, candidate for State Senator, Attorney Mark McGee of Brownwood a staunch Legionnaire, Judge N. T. Stubbs of Johnson City, Hon. W. E. Pope candidate for Governor and Dan Moody, candidate for Attorney General will address the audience.

The Rodeo will perform again and there will be another baseball game between Mason and some other team.

On the night of the 4th an elaborate fireworks display will be staged. There are sixty-four pieces in this display, consisting of bombshells, sky-rockets, ground numbers and special devices. This feature of the program will alone be worth coming for. A dance at the grounds will close the celebration of the day.

"The Glorious Adventure" is in a class by itself and justly deserves the attention of every person interested in better pictures. The settings are elaborate and the exteriors lend a great deal of realism. Lady Diana Manners is unquestionably beautiful.—Exhibitor's Trade Review.

At the Star Theater Saturday night.

Carbon paper at News Office.



**FREDERICKSBURG PECAN MEET BEST EVER HELD SAYS LUCAS**

President H. G. Lucas of the Texas Pecan Growers Association and Mrs. Lucas have returned from the meeting of the association recently held at Fredericksburg. The meeting was a great success in every way and the program which was of an elaborate nature was carried out without hitch of any kind.

Fredericksburg citizens through the Chamber of Commerce royally entertained her more than 200 guests.

"Pecan Culture," by A. T. Potts, chief horticulturist of the Texas experiment station; "My Experience in Top Working," by Fred R. Brison, county agent of San Saba county and "The Increased Loan Value of Improved Pecan Orchard," by Judge S. A. Lindsey of Tyler, were among the most interesting papers on the third day's program.

Special features of the entertainment provided by the Fredericksburg chamber and her citizens were a squirrel fry on Monday night, served by the ladies, at which hundreds of squirrels were consumed, and a barbecue served at Klauer's grove on Tuesday evening. The Fredericksburg band furnished music for all occasions, including the business sessions.

Fredericksburg was in gala attire for the occasion, more than a mile of her streets being adorned with U. S. and Texas flags. Every business house and almost all residences were bedecked in flags and bunting.

Prominent pecan culturists attending the meeting included J. H. Burkett, state department of agriculture; Dean E. J. Kyle, A. and M. College, school of agriculture; B. Youngblood, director of extension service; A. L. Pabis, United States entomological laboratory, Brownwood; H. H. Williamson, state agricultural agent; W. H. Cowan, editor Pioneer Pecan Press, San Saba; E. C. Butterfield, Winona; R. W. Fair, Tyler; Ross Wolfe, Stephenville; A. P. Potts, chief horticulturist, A. & M. College; S. A. Lindsey, Tyler; C. F. Ford and W. I. Milligan, Bend; M. W. Holland, associate editor Texas Farm & Ranch; H. G. Lucas, president, Brownwood; Oscar Gray, secretary, Waxahatchie; J. W. Woodruff, San Saba, and John Lee, vice president, San Angelo.

E. C. Butterfield, of Winona, who owns one thousand acres in pecan trees now 15 years old and whose pecan business is one of the big factors in the industrial life of the locality in which he lives. Last year Mr. Butterfield shipped 50 cartons of pecans and received satisfactory prices for the shipments. He also has a large peach orchard and will ship 50 cartons of peaches this year.

C. H. Kearney, a pecan expert, was also in attendance. He has bought recently 1,000 acres of a pecan orchard that had been temporarily abandoned and is re-developing it on an extensive and scientific scale, budding, top-working and putting out new stock.

A. Bruce Brought, another pecan grower of extensive experience, was at the convention and added much to the general interest of the fine program Mr. Brough brought to San Antonio and recently invested in a large area of land near the Louisiana line, in East Texas, where he will set out one thousand acres in pecans. In this connection it is not out of the rules of decorum to say that there were four men attending the convention, who own and have in cultivation 3500 acres of pecan bearing trees. H. G. Lucas, of Brownwood, T. L. Brough, E. C. Butterfield and J. H. Kearney.

Much interest was manifested in the matter of budding and top-working of trees, excellent demonstrations in this work being given daily by Miss D. O. Williams, of Bend, Texas; Frank Williams, of the state department of agriculture, and F. R. Bryson, of San Saba.

The insistent demand for a pecan experiment station of large capacity, to be located somewhere in Texas, was stressed in a number of speeches on the subject, and a committee was appointed to push the demand in every possible way. The demand for this pecan experiment station is in line with the work of the sheep, and goat raisers, in securing stations for carrying on experimental work in their lines also the bee raisers, the citrus fruit people and other industries, that have secured experiment stations. It was stated in this connection that there are in Texas 50 million pecan trees that need attention.

**Next Meeting Place**

One interesting feature developed and that is the continued publicity that has been given to the pecan industry and its general value has at-

**COLEMAN PRISONER IS WIZARD IN ART OF PICKING JAIL LOCKS**

Sheriff Dick Pauley is confronted with the problem of holding a prisoner who seems to hold a master-hand over any lock that he can get his hands to.

Recently Alvin Richardson, held in the Coleman jail on charge of burglary committed at Goldsboro, escaped the jail and is still at large. Sheriff Dick Pauley had reason to believe that Richardson picked the jail locks and that belief is partially confirmed by later developments. A brother, Lester Richardson, was held in jail at the same time. Shortly after Alvin Richardson's escape it was stated inside the jail by other prisoners that Richardson held a diploma from a school of burglary and could pick any lock that he could get his hands to.

A few weeks later Lester Richardson sawed his way out of the jail. He cut his foot badly when he slid down the jail wall onto the ground and with that handicap he was recaptured while resting in the woods about ten miles west of Coleman. Sheriff Pauley then confined him in one of the steel barred cells for safe-keeping.

Tuesday the Sheriff apprehended Lester Richardson outside the cell and in the run-around. The sheriff was non-plussed and discussed the matter with the prisoner. Richardson informed the sheriff that he had picked, or worked, the lock of the cage door, but had concluded not to prosecute his escape any further. Bob Collins, paralytic, who occupies the run-around adjoining Richardson's cell, says that Richardson effected the opening of the cell door Thursday night and had been in and out of the cell at will up to Tuesday. He would shut himself up in the cell whenever the sheriff or anyone else came up to bring his meals.

**How Does He Do It?**

fracted in a favorable way, the attention of big men in several large cities of Texas to the extent that the large cities are bidding for the honor of entertaining the annual convention of the Texas Pecan Growers' Association. Houston and San Antonio both had men on the ground at Fredericksburg to bid for the 1925 convention and for a while the contest was of a lively nature. However after a long contest which finally narrowed to Mason and New Braunfels, Mason was selected as the next meeting place.

**Board of Directors**

The following board of directors was selected:

John G. Lee of San Angelo, E. C. Butterfield of Winona, Ross Wolfe of Stephenville, B. E. Moore of Bend, Chas Mathieson of Fredericksburg, Mrs. Emma Klingman of Lockhart; H. S. Wood of Mason, J. C. Armstrong of Wharton, and John T. Hoff of Comanche.

**Officers Elected**

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

H. G. Lucas of Brownwood, re-elected president.

Oscar Gray of Waxahatchie, re-elected secretary.

Senator T. H. Ringway of San Antonio, re-elected vice-president.

**District Associations**

Two district pecan associations had delegations in attendance and each delegation took active interest in all matters that pertained to the general welfare of the organization and of the pecan industry in general. The Brazos Valley Pecan Association of Stephenville and the Guadalupe Valley Pecan Association with headquarters at Seguin.

**Recommendations**

It was recommended that each member of the board of directors be appointed as the chairman of a special committee suitable to the needs and requirements of his particular district, and that each chairman so appointed adopt such measures for the carrying out the purpose of the committee as might in his opinion be proper. The appointment of these chairmen will be announced by President Lucas within the next few days.

It was recommended that the teachers of home economics in all high schools in Texas adopt plans for showing the value of the pecan from a culinary point of view and also that home demonstration agents of the various counties explain to their clubs the value and importance of the pecan as a food.

President Lucas will also announce in the near future a publicity committee the duty of which will be to place before the people of the towns and cities of Texas the importance and need of setting out pecan trees as shade trees in order to combine utility with beauty and permanency.

The only instrument found in possession of Richardson was a piece of wire about a foot long. Tuesday Sheriff Pauley proposed that he would give Richardson \$5 if he would again open the cell door after being locked in. Richardson said he could do so but it might take him from one hour to three hours to do it and that he preferred not to be seen while working the lock.

Sheriff Pauley called in R. L. England, a local locksmith, and others to witness the closing and locking of the cell door, and Richardson was left alone to his work. The cell lock is a combination affair, closed in a steel case, the case itself being under lock, and is on the outside of the cell wall. The openings of the cell walls are so small that an ordinary person's hand cannot slip through them and the lever which throws the lock requires the strength of a strong person standing outside the cell to move it.

After three hours, Richardson had not opened the cell door and the sheriff and visitors unlocked the double doors of the partition wall of the jail and went inside. Richardson had quit work and was apparently tired and nervous from the effort. He said he had quit because he was tired. The sheriff and visitors opened the steel case which enclosed the lock and found that Richardson had nearly accomplished what he started out to do. The lever of the lock was partially tripped and it was apparent that with more time he would have effected the opening.

Richardson was then interrogated as to whether he could pick the locks of the double-doors of the partition wall of the jail, to which he replied that he could easily do so. The sheriff and visitors then retired through the double-doors after turning the large brass keys and removing them from the locks. Richardson came through the first door with very little delay and as it was getting late the visitors didn't wait for the next performance.

Sheriff Pauley and others who witnessed Lester Richardson's performance are convinced that he, too, may hold a diploma from a school of burglary—which may be termed another phase of higher education. At last account Sheriff Pauley was working his head trying to find a lock that would hold Richardson until the court has a chance to pass on his case.—Columbian Democrat-Voice.

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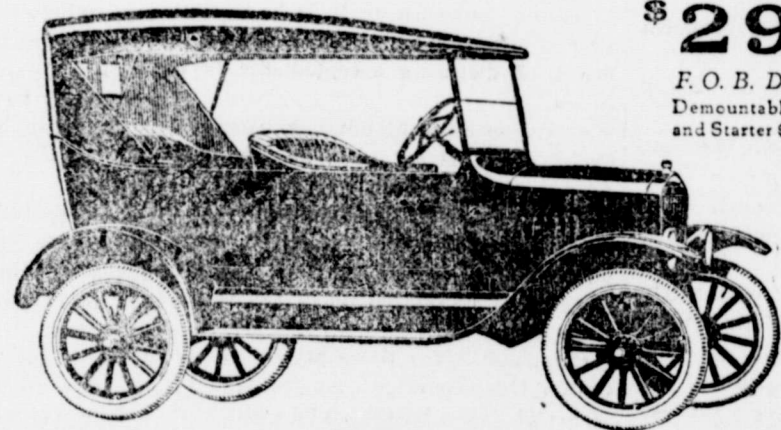
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## NOT MUCH TO KICK ABOUT

As a small property owner laid his payment down at the window he made some sarcastic remark about being fined \$54 a year for living.

"Look here," said the tax collector, "I have heard that before. I want to tell you something. You are getting off light if you only knew it. There was a time when a man went to bed at night wondering how he would live in the morning or have a house over him. People who could do so lived in fortified castles surrounded by big ditches full of water to keep off the plunderers. And even that didn't always get them by. A man never knew when a gang was going to swoop down upon him and take his life and property.

"And they use to have plagues too, and all sorts of deadly diseases that swept the whole country and took the people off like flies in a frost. This was because of bad water, no sewers and bum sanitation.

"Now we are living under protection. You have all of the law of the land back of you. If anybody should try to take your home away from you or disturb you in any way the whole police force, if necessary, would go out there. If they could not do the business the state militia would come out, and if the state militia couldn't clean things up the United States government would send the regulars down.

"You are hooked out onto an A-1 sewer system. You are protected from diseases by a bang-up sanitary service. You have the purest water in the world piped right into your home. If your house should catch on fire there would be a gang of fire-fighters at your door in five minutes with the best fire-fighting machinery that is made. Your children get a fine education in the public schools.

"For all of this you are paying \$54 a year—four dollars and a half a month. What are you kicking about anyway?"

The man on the outside of the window grinned. "You win," he said, "give me a receipt and let me get away from here."—Exchange.

## PENSIONS FOR TEACHERS

A proposal to provide pensions for teachers will be made in the next session of the Legislature, it is said, with the backing of certain civic organizations.

In discussing the proposed teachers pension amendment, the Dallas News says:

"If we're going to have pensions why stop with the teachers? Newspaper men like easy money and an assurance of a comfortable old age, pension them. Farmers have hard times and poor crops, mortgages, boll weevils, grasshoppers, drouth, floods, green bugs, chinch bugs, potato bugs and heaven only knows what else besides. Give the farmer a pension. Mothers need pensions because they bear children, and children need pensions against the time when they have no mothers to draw pensions for them. Let the employer have a go at the Treasury when their work is over, and the unemployed before it is half begun. Broken-down professional men, broken-up homes, broken out geniuses, broken over standards of self-respect and self-support—all these make acceptable occasions for pensions. Let all of us get pensions, all of us swear off our taxes, all of us take a twelve months holiday, all of us abandon the last responsibility to anything or anybody and enter into the new freedom where somebody else is always to blame for everything and somebody else always pays."—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

## GRASSHOPPER KILLED BY FLY THAT SEEMS TO BE DEAD SHOT

Reports from various sections of Brown county are to the effect that a species of fly has showed up in the fields infested by grasshoppers and is making things lively for the hoppers. Farmers, who have paid attention to the matter state that the fly seems to have but one purpose in view and that is to kill the hoppers which is done by stinging the pest just back of the head where the head joins the body and depositing an egg. The sting stupefies the hopper and in the meantime the egg hatches and begins to feed on the body of the hopper with the result that the hopper is soon devoured. It is said that billions of these flies have made their appearance and in some localities the ground is covered with dead hoppers that were killed by the fly. This is no joke, but is reported as being true in all particulars, and so many of the hoppers have been killed by poison and the fly that as a menace the hopper is regarded in some localities as factor of small importance.—Brownwood Banner-Bulletin.

## THE GREAT RIDDLE

The Great Mystery is, not what becomes of us after we die, but why we live at all. Through all the centuries man has sought to penetrate the black curtain and learn what awaits him in the Hereafter.

By the law of cause and effect, the condition in the Hereafter depends on the life we live Here.

All religions of large followings agree that this life is preparatory to what follows after death. This is true from the Christian believing that Heaven awaits him if he behaves and obeys the rules, to the Oriental who fears that if he doesn't live properly on earth he will have to come back and do it all over again.

Life must have a definite purpose. It can not be aimless. Everything has a purpose—even the falling of a dead leaf, to fertilize the soil and send its strength back into the tree from which it came.

Life is a journey between two unknown stations. Life is a training school—a spiritual gymnasium, in which obstacles and temptations are sent to develop our spiritual strength.

We come into this world with certain definite tasks to do. These tasks are in proportion to our natural abilities.

The man who is destined to dig ditches all his life and who does the best he can, is as much a success as the man who leads the people politically or as head of giant industries. The thorough ditch digger, living as a good citizen, is a far greater success than the man, who given great power in life, abuses his power or fails to use it for the accomplishment of good.

Success is not a thing that can be measured by any universal yardstick. It is relative to our natural abilities and opportunities.—Temple Telegram.

## NEWSPAPER CRITICISM

Criticizing the home newspaper is the favorite pastime of a large majority of people.

Like public officials, what it says and what it does are constantly before the public, and its errors are easily detected.

An individual may go through life making one mistake after another, and few will know it; but let your newspaper err in even a small detail, and the critics have a choice morsel to chew.

Newspapers, though mechanical, are human, because they are conceived by human mind and put together by human hands.

They are liable to err as any man or woman and their opportunities for making mistakes may be found in every line—in every word.

A wrong street address, incorrect spelling of names, little inaccuracies may creep into the newspaper's columns, no matter how earnestly the editor and his assistants may strive to be accurate.

All your home newspaper asks is that you be charitable. Make a few allowances for the difficulties that beset the newspaper publisher, and remember always, that nothing hurts a newspaper editor quite so much as to see his mistakes in print.

He has no chance to cover them up. The printed word can't be erased. Don't forget that newspapers are made by human minds and human hands and to err is human.—Argus.

A druggist can truthfully say that a woman's face is his fortune.—Charleston Gazette.

## 'LONESOME SOLDIER' PRESENTS ANALYSIS OF LIFE

(Dallas News.)

Signing his communication "Just a Lonesome Soldier," Sergeant G. H. Gibson, Battery F., Thirteenth F. A., stationed at Schofield Barracks, Honolulu, Hawaii, has written The News requesting publication of a poem in which the soldier presents his analysis of "life" in its many and varied aspects, heading his contribution with the titular query: "What is Life to You?"

To the preacher life's a sermon,  
To the joker it's a jest,  
To the miser life is money,  
To the loafer life is rest,  
To the lawyer life's a trial,  
To the poet life's a song,  
To the doctor life's a patient that needs treatment right along,  
To the soldier life's a battle,  
To the teacher life's a school,  
Life's a good thing to a grafter;  
It's a failure to the fool,  
To the man upon the engine  
Life's a long and heavy grade,  
It's a gamble to the gambler;  
To the merchant life is trade,  
Life's a picture to the artist;  
To the rascal life's a fraud,  
Life perhaps is but a burden  
To the man beneath the hod,  
Life is lovely to the lover,  
To the player life's a play,  
Life may be a lead of trouble  
To the man upon the dray,  
Life is but a long vacation  
To the man who loves his work;  
Life's an everlasting effort  
To shun duty to the shirk,  
To the earnest Christian worker  
Life's a story ever new,  
Life is what we try to make it,  
Brother, what is life to you?

## OLD GRAY MARE BAND WILL BE TAKEN TO CONVENTION

Dallas, Texas.—The name of Mrs. Miriam M. Ferguson, wife of former Governor James E. Ferguson, has been certified as a candidate for governor by the state democratic executive committee. It was the first time in history that the gubernatorial candidacy of a woman was certified in Texas.

Efforts to strike the name of Barry Miller of Dallas from the list of candidates for lieutenant governor, failed. The attempt was made because it was said Barry delivered speeches in favor of George Paddy for United States senator at the last general election.

The committee approved suggestions that the Old Gray Mare Band of Brownwood be sent to the New York convention and urged individuals, chambers of commerce and other civic organizations to contribute to the necessary funds.

The committee declaration with reference to the band reads:

"That individual Democrats and Chambers of Commerce in Texas subscribe funds for the sending to the New York national convention of the Old Gray Mare Band of Brownwood of which R. Wright Armstrong is director as a State institution calculated to most happily advertise the State."—Brownwood Bulletin.

## TRAGEDY OF WASTED LIFE

"There is no tragedy like a wasted life. I pity the man with all my soul who when ready to step into his grave is forced to look upon a wasted life, forced to look back upon a black forbidding career, a selfish, grasping, greedy life; a life which has always been devoted to his own interests, which has not taken others into consideration. Such a man has never known the joys of real living, the satisfaction that comes from unselfish service and consideration of others. Happiness must be shared."—Selected.

It will soon be time to waste sympathy on husbands left at home during the summer.—Life.

A living wage is what the other fellow should be able to live on.—Columbia Record.

Many of us live expensively to impress our friends who live expensively to impress us.—Columbia Record.

Those stories about fish climbing trees in New Zealand probably grew out of some tourist's seeing a bird in a tree sitting on a perch.—Nashville Southern Lumberman.

The quantity of bone used in the making of Mah Jongg sets inclines us to believe that the Chinese must have found a cemetery in which all the dead politicians are buried.—Columbia Record.

Subscribe to the News today.

The fellow who butts his head against the stock market knows why it is called a White-Slir Sing-Name.—text it called Wall Street.—Charleston Gazette.

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Candidate cards at News Office, \$5 per 1,000.

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E. O. Kothmann, V. P. Kinney Eckert, Ass't C'r.  
C. P. Kothmann, Ass't. Cash.

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# CHAS. DOELL

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Our truck makes regular rounds every morning. Have the driver leave ice at your home.  
On Sunday the factory is open until 10 a. m., but the truck does not run.

## Mason Ice & Power Co.



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THAT ARE FRESH AND PROVIDE THE WHOLESOME NOURISHMENT EVERY HOUSEWIFE WANTS IN THE FOODS SHE PREPARES.

WE CARRY THE MOST COMPLETE LINE OF VEGETABLES AND FRUITS TO BE FOUND IN MASON. ALSO A WELL SELECTED LINE OF PACKING HOUSE PRODUCTS. WE SLICE YOUR MEAT ACCORDING TO YOUR DESIRES WITH OUR NEW SLICING MACHINE AT NO EXTRA CHARGE PER POUND.

PHONE 80

# J. J. JOHNSON



# Society

## Schulze-Pruel

An impressive home wedding was solemnized at the Methodist parsonage at Wright City, Mo., recently when Rev. Daniel H. Schulze, of St. Charles, Mo., and Miss Amelia S. Pruel, of New Truxton, Mo., were united in holy wedlock. Rev. W. O. Schulze, brother of the groom, officiated.

The groom received his B. A. degree from Central Wesleyan College of Warrenton, Mo., this June. He is a son of Rev. and Mrs. G. Schulze, of Grit, and is well known in parts of Mason county especially in the Hilda section where he was reared. He went to Warrenton four years ago to attend the college from which he graduated. His present achievement promise for him a bright future in his chosen vocation.

The bride, formerly, also was a student of the same school, having taught school for several years. She is well qualified for the position which she is called to fill.

The bride was becomingly attired in a delicate blue tulle crepe dress trimmed with silver lace, and the groom wore a navy blue serge suit.

Immediately after the ceremony, Mrs. W. O. Schulze served strawberries, ice cream and cake to those present.

On Friday night a reception was given the couple at the home of the bride's parents at New Truxton, Mo.

Rev. Schulze is pastor of the Fourth St. Methodist Church of St. Charles, Mo., where they shall make their future home. They will be at home to friends at 532 North Benton Street, after June 18th.

## Woman's Missionary Society

The Woman's Missionary Society held its regular social and study meeting with Mrs. S. A. McCollum, Mrs. Ben Jordan assisting.

The Bible lesson was read by Mrs. E. Hamilton.

The subject, "Work and Play", was discussed in a very interesting manner by Meses. H. King, Ed Smith, Robert Hofmann, Eli Jordan and Jas. Brown.

During the social hour means and plans for our Boy Scouts were planned. Those present to enjoy the afternoon were Meses, Will Land, Robt. Hofmann, Eli Jordan, Ben Jordan, H. King, L. King, B. King, Allen Murray, Gibbons, Thos. Murray, Chas. Grote, Sam Hoerster, E. Kothmann, E. Schroeder, Jas. Brown, Wm. Spittlerber, E. Hamilton, Otto Schmidt, Callie Baze, Jennie Reynolds, Misses Minnie McCollum, Bessie Rice and Rev. Gibbons.

## B. Y. P. U. Program

Not in the clamor of the streets  
But in ourselves are triumph and defeat.

Song.

Prayer.

Song.

Daily Bible Drill, Mrs. E. Banta.

Violin Solo, Maggie Metzger, accompanied by Violet Vedder.

Introduction, Alva Beach.

Sanctification, meaning dedication, Ruby Jordan.

Sanctification a continuous process, Ella Mae Metzger.

Sanctification not a sinless process, Willie Mae Doell.

Special Song, Genevieve King.

Sanctification in the sense of growth and also topic five, Maggie Clark.

The work of the Trinity, Coralea Tinsley.

Violin Solo, Maggie Metzger, accompanied by Jack Garrett.

The Christian Must Co-operate, Beulah Beach.

Talk by Bro. S. W. Miller.

Song.

Benediction.

## Dinner Party

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Eckert entertained with a dinner last Sunday evening at their lovely country home. A delicious four course dinner was served to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Eckert, Mrs. Walter Lefeste, of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Eckert and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jordan and son, Miss Lillie Eckert, and Wilburn Lemburg.

Mrs. Roscoe Runge reports that the Girls Camp fund has a balance of \$460 above expenses. Total receipts for the camp amounted to \$132 and total expenditures were \$127.60. Anyone wishing to see an itemized account of the expenses, may do so by looking in the camp book which is at the High School Building.

# From Our Early Files

## FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From Mason News, June 18, 1909: Tom Foster and outfit were here Saturday on their return to Llano from Menardville where they took 300 steers which Mr. Foster sold to parties there.

R. H. Jones, of Nettleton, Ark., is visiting his sister, Mrs. S. W. Skelton, whom he had not seen for 19 years.

Will Lemburg and family returned home Wednesday from a visit of several days in Menard County.

J. P. Bevel, wife and daughter, arrived here Saturday from Bronte where they have been residing a year or more.

Marriage Licenses: Mr. Dave Dobbis and Miss Fay Fannagan; Mr. McGee and Miss Dona Stone.

On last Thursday evening, the spirit of S. F. Bridges was called from its tenement of clay to that mysterious realm beyond. He was 74 years of age. Three children survive: Chas. Bridges, Mrs. J. W. White and Mrs. J. F. Schaeff.

H. L. Weeber returned home last Thursday from attending the funeral of his brother, Wm., in Caldwell county.

Mrs. D. S. Bratton died June 12, aged sixty-six years. Five children survive.

Miss Elsie Bogusch is home from Austin where she has been attending school.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones, a girl on the 14th; to Mr. and Mrs. Kate McKay, a girl on the 14th.

Mrs. Will Bickelbach and children went to San Angelo last week where they will likely locate. Mr. B. will remain here for a few weeks.

J. H. McLean, of Austin, was here Wednesday.

Our specialty—the little folks, Omar Studio, Ricks Hotel.

Robin Bernhard, a former Mason boy, but who is now conducting a grocery store in Fredericksburg, was in town Tuesday, meeting old friends.

Special prices on Women's Hosiery. OLIVER BARIETY STORE.

Our specialty—the little folks, Omar Studio, Ricks Hotel.

J. J. Dent was over Tuesday from Kerrville, mingling with friends and attending to business.

The Oliver Variety Store opens Sat. June 21.

OLIVER BARIETY STORE. Women's Fashion Suits..... 45c

For real photos, we deliver the kind they all like. Omar Studio, Ricks Hotel.

SALE ON HATS AND DRESSES

We will offer at reduced prices, this and next week, our stock of hats and dresses.

THE HAT SHOPPE.

Our stay will be short, so don't delay, or you will miss a chance you have been waiting for. Omar Studio, Ricks Hotel.

Wooden Butter Molds..... 19c OLIVER BARIETY STORE.

Miss Dixie Fay Hey went to San Antonio last week for a couple weeks visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmidt, and little son, of Dallas, are here this week visiting relatives and friends.

Chas. Bogusch and family, of Brenham, are here this week, visiting relatives and friends.

Heavy 10-qt. aluminum dish pans 99c OLIVER BARIETY STORE.

Misses Estella Hofmann, Helen Jordan and Ruby Kettner were house guests the past week of Miss Florence Geisweidt at her pretty country home.

The Oliver Variety Store opens Sat. June 21.

Mrs. Fred G. Winkel, of Waco, arrived in Mason this week, and is visiting in the home of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Winkel.

Mrs. Bertha Montgomery and children left Sunday for Mt. Pleasant for a few weeks visit.

Double flat Extension curt'n rods 25c OLIVER BARIETY STORE.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From Mason News, June 23, 1899: M. L. Bouldin was over from Brownwood Monday.

Mrs. Ida D. Allen returned Saturday from Waco where she attended the convention of the Christian Endeavor.

Charley Mangham will move to Galveston in August to engage in the commission business.

Miss Lois McKnight has been visiting in Austin.

The infant child of Elbert Moseley died Sunday night at the home of W. H. H. Coefer.

Miss Ruth Hamilton and little Miss Ethel Alberson entertained a number of young friends last Thursday.

W. E. Ayers last week sold the place he recently purchased from A. J. Boston, to Henry Behrens for \$2,000. Mr. Ayers will look out a location farther west.

Miss Hettie Todd celebrated her birthday Wednesday with a lot of good friends to enjoy the occasion with her.

J. W. White went to Llano Thursday to meet his sister, Mrs. Hilda Hodgson of Gonzales, who will visit him a few weeks.

Tom Elliot and wife have returned to Menardville and are beginning to rebuild their home lost in the flood. Otto Kooch returned Saturday to Austin, after a pleasant outing of a couple weeks in this section.

Miss Mollie Holmberg left Wednesday for Hutto to visit the family of H. J. Rosenberg.

Mrs. J. W. Baxter left Monday for Liberty Hill to join Dr. Baxter who has decided to locate there.

Mr. St. Clair, the photographer from Brady is coming to Mason for a few days stay, and will arrive here on the 20th, to open the Omar Studio at the Ricks Hotel. No doubt there are many people in Mason who will take advantage of the opportunity to have pictures made.

Silk top Boudoir caps..... 25c OLIVER BARIETY STORE.

Rev. D. G. Hardt and family left Monday for Big Wells, where he will assist his brother in conducting a revival meeting. After the meeting they will go to Yancey for a short visit with Rev. Hardt's father.

Our stay will be short, so don't delay, or you will miss a chance you have been waiting for. Omar Studio, Ricks Hotel.

Huck towels 18x38..... 19c OLIVER BARIETY STORE.

The Sunday School picnic which was to have been held at Long Mountain tomorrow, has been called off, owing to the large amount of work the farmers have on hand.

Steel strap Hinges, 5 inches..... 15c OLIVER BARIETY STORE.

J. H. Jones, accompanied by C. A. Lange, of Llano, and H. A. Lee, of Austin, were in town Monday. Mr. Lee and family are visiting in the Jones home near Castell.

HOW'S THIS?  
HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will do what we claim for it—rid your system of Catarrh or Deafness caused by Catarrh.  
HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE consists of an Ointment which Quickly Relieves the catarrhal inflammation, and the Internal Medicine, a Tonic, which acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces, thus assisting to restore normal conditions.  
Sold by druggists for over 40 Years. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

# The Oliver Variety Store

## Opening Day

### SATURDAY JUNE 21st

#### COME AND SEE US

### CLEARANCE SALE OF PRINTED CREPE AND LADIES SHOES

BEGINNING SATURDAY, JUNE 21

Printed Crepe, values up to 85c..... 40c  
Printed crepe, value up to \$2.50..... \$1.00  
Canton and Rashanara Printed Crepe, value up to \$3.75..... \$2.00  
Ladies' Oxfords and Pumps, value to \$7.50..... \$3.75  
Ladies Oxfords and Pumps up to \$4.75..... \$2.25

## HOFMANN DRY GOODS CO.

# SPECIAL SALE

## On Soap

### SATURDAY, JUNE 21st

5 BARS CRYSTAL WHITE SOAP 25c, AND ONE BAR CREME OIL OR BORAX WASHING COMPOUND FREE

20 BARS CRYSTAL WHITE SOAP FOR \$1.00  
5 BARS CREME OIL OR 5 PACKAGES BORAX WASHING COMPOUND FREE

COME AND BUY A BOX OF SOAP, AND GET EITHER 25 CREME OIL OR BORAX WASHING COMPOUND ON OUR SPECIAL DEAL!

FOR ONE DAY ONLY

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**BUTLER MARKET**  
One door north Larimore & Grote's Store. Will appreciate a portion of your trade.  
CHOICE MEATS, PORK, SAUSAGE, PACKING HOUSE PRODUCTS, BREAD, ETC.

**The City Meat Market & Bakery**  
W. A. ZESCH & SON Props.  
Located in the Bridges Building, one door east of Louis Schmidt's Store

**CENTRAL MARKET**  
WARTENBACH & SMITH, Props.  
CHOICE MEATS ALWAYS ON HAND—BEEF, PORK, SAUSAGE HANDLE PACKING HOUSE PRODUCTS. ONE DOOR WEST MASON NATIONAL BANK

**CHICKENS**  
If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices.  
St-tf **J. J. JOHNSON.**

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

You'll enjoy seeing the picture shows at the Star Opera House on Friday and Saturday night. Show starts at 8:15 o'clock.

Gates' Super-Tread Tires and Tested Tubes. Sold by Otto Schmidt. 13tf

**THE HOME GUARDS**  
Livergard and Lungardia  
LIVERGARD is the New Laxative we can not improve; excels all others. When a Laxative is needed, makes laughing babies of puny ones, keeps old folks young.

LUNGARDIA has no equal for Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat; unsurpassed in removing deep Coughs of long standing. One trial convinces. Lungardia Co. Dallas, Texas. For sale by Mason Drug Company.—Adv.

**CEMENT**  
\$1.25 per sack delivered anywhere in town. 10 cents back for good sacks. Special prices on large amounts.  
6-tfc **WM. SPLITTERBER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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The News is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary:

**For State Senator, 25th District:**  
HON. WALTER C. WOODWARD  
J. A. THOMAS

**For Representative Texas Legislature, 86th District:**  
ROSCOE RUNGE

**For Judge, 33rd Judicial District:**  
J. H. McLEAN  
N. T. STUBBS

**For County Judge:**  
J. H. JONES  
JOHN T. BANKS (Re-election)  
BEN HEY  
GLENN W. SMITH

**For Tax Assessor:**  
M. L. WEBSTER  
T. O. REARDON  
W. O. BODE (Re-election)  
ALFRED KUHLMANN  
BEN E. HASSE  
ALSON BEHRENS

**For Sheriff and Tax Collector:**  
ALLEN MURRAY.  
CHAS. LESLIE (Re-election)  
R. W. WHITE  
H. W. KELLER

**For County Treasurer:**  
S. J. THORNE.  
ALVA TINSLEY  
L. F. JORDAN  
GLADYS E. LORING  
C. H. GARRETT  
O. H. ROBBINS.  
A. M. WIER

**For District and County Clerk:**  
R. E. LEE, (Re-Election)

**For Commissioner, Prec't. No. 1:**  
E. W. KOTHMANN

**For Commissioner, Prec. No. 2:**  
T. M. BUTLER (Re-election)

**For Commissioner Precinct No. 3:**  
G. W. HERRING  
BEN RANDENBERGER

**For Commissioner, Prec't. No. 4:**  
D. A. JORDAN

**For Public Weigher, Prec't. No. 1:**  
CHAS. BECK  
H. PUCKEY, (Re-election)

**E. W. KOTHMANN FOR COMMISSIONER**

E. W. Kothmann, this week, makes his announcement as a candidate for the office of Commissioners Precinct No. 1. Mr. Kothmann is now filling this office upon appointment of the Commissioners court. He states that will serve, should he be elected, to the best interest of the people in his precinct, and earnestly solicits their influence and support.

Candidate cards at News Office, \$6 per 1,000.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**GERMAN M. E. CHURCH**

Quarterly Conference this week. On Friday evening at 8:15, Rev. B. E. Breighan will preach, and after the services, business meeting will be held.

On Sunday communion services, Rev. E. F. Schuessler, of Seguin, will preach in the morning.

In the evening union services will be held at the M. E. Church, South, and will be conducted by Rev. E. F. Schuessler.

**REVIVAL MEETING**

Conducted by Rev. L. S. Richardson, of Brownwood, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Z. E. Parker, with Bro. S. W. Miller, singer, will begin Friday, June 13th. Services night and morning in tent, east of square. 2t

**GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.—E. A. Loeffler, Supt.  
Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

Prayer Meeting every Tuesday night at 8 p. m.  
English services on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays at night.

REV. J. W. A. WITT, Pastor.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Services by Rev. Wood every 2nd and 4th Sundays. A cordial invitation extended to everyone to attend.

**M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH**

Preaching Service at Mason first and third Sundays at 11 a. m., and every Sunday night at 7:45.

Sunday School at 10 a. m.—Chas. Grote, Supt. Mrs. Eli Jordan, Supt. of Cradle Roll.

Senior League at 4 p. m.—Prof. Doble, president.  
Intermediate League at 3 p. m.—Miss Bessie Grote, manager.

Mrs. Rob't Hofmann, president of the Woman's Missionary Society.  
Preaching service at Bethel every fourth Sunday at 11 a. m. and 2:30 p m Sunday School Supt., Arthur Prater.

Preaching service at Loyal Valley every second Sunday at 11 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Ben Kidd Sunday School Supt.

Preaching service at Grit Friday night before the first Sunday in each month and every third Sunday at 3 p. m. Starks, Sunday School, Supt. Nichols Charge Lay Leader.  
G. T. GIBBONS, P. C.

**CATHOLIC**

Services every first Sunday.  
Mass at 10 a. m.  
Sunday School from 2 to 3 p. m.  
Rosary, Sermon, Benediction from 3 to 4 p. m.

Any question concerning Catholic Church or its teachings will be courteously answered at the afternoon services.  
Everybody welcome.  
JOS. F. DWAN, Pastor.

**BAPTIST CHURCH**

Services every 2nd and 4th Sundays, both morning and evening.  
Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.  
Z. E. PARKER, P. C.

The Oliver Variety Store opens Sat. June 21.

...We are sure to save you money on your Groceries if you will compare our prices with others.  
Stf..... **E. LEHMBURG & BRO.**

Just received a shipment of the Famous Hole Proof hose in the newest shades. If you once give them a trial you will buy no other.  
Stf..... **E. LEHMBURG & BRO**

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**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,**

If you want printing, we can do it for you and we take pains in turning out neat and attractive work. Get our prices on letter heads, note heads, statements, bill heads, envelopes, wedding and society stationery, THE NEWS OFFICE,  
Latest Novels at Mason Drug Co.

**KURT MARTIN SUSTAINS PAINFUL INJURIES ABOUT HIS FACE**

Kurt Martin, one day last week, sustained painful injuries about the face, and narrowly escaped the loss of his eyesight.

He was rehabbing a wagon wheel and upon pouring the hot metal into the wheel it came in contact with some water and the metal flew up and covered his face and some of it entered his eye.

He was immediately brought to town from the Block House Ranch, and medical attention was received. At last reports he was doing as well as could be expected, but the injury is still quite painful.

**POISON MASH FOR GRASSHOPPER**

(By R. R. Reppert, Entomologist)

While the poison mash advised for grasshoppers is obtaining generally good results, we have several complaints that it was ineffective. In every one of these instances we have found that directions in mixing and applying in some respect or other had not been carefully carried out. In one case, the farmer had allowed the druggist to convince him that calcium arsenate would do as a poison instead of the white arsenic. Be sure that what you get is "white arsenic" or Paris Green.

In another instance the bran mash had been put out in piles over a small part of the field. The poison mash we have advised has been used for many years in many states and under all conditions and secures the best results when sown thinly and evenly over the entire infested area. Don't think that you have unusual conditions that require a departure from our recommendations.

In still another instance water taken from a barrel formerly containing creosote stock dip was used to mix the mash. The odor of creosote in this water was so pronounced as to repel the grasshoppers. Lemons are used to attract the insects to the bait, and the use of such water serves to neutralize this attraction.

Other mistakes are doubtless being made on various farms. The above instances will give point to our statement expressed in our former letter, to "Mix and apply the bran mash exactly as directed, leaving out no part". We may add "and putting nothing else in".

Another thing to be said in connection with this formula is that results, as indicated by dead grasshoppers, should not be expected too soon. Very few grasshoppers die from the effects of the poison the first twenty-four hours, and it will not be until the second day that a great many dead grasshoppers are found. They will continue to die from the effects of poisoning for a week or more.

**NOTICE TO MR. STOCK-RAISER**

I am making trips to San Antonio two and three times a week and will haul your calves, sheep, goats and hogs to San Antonio at 50 cents per hundred. Prices reasonable on all freight both ways. I am personally responsible for all freight that goes on any of my trucks.  
15-2tc **J. J. JOHNSON.**

We have a few broken sizes in Men's Suits to close out cheap. at—  
Stf **E. LEHMBURG & BRO.**

Good brooms ..... 48c  
OLIVER VARIETY STORE.

**SALE ON HATS AND DRESSES**

We will offer at reduced prices, this and next week, our stock of hats and dresses.  
**THE HAT SHOPPE.**

Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, etc., always high in quality and low in price at—  
Stf..... **E. LEHMBURG & BRO.**

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The most complete stock of ladies and children's slippers in the city of Mason, at lowest figures.  
Stf. **E. LEHMBURG & BRO.**

Let us figure with you on some new Hincolum for your dining room.  
Stc **E. LEHMBURG & BRO.**

Chas. Hoerster and family were here the past week-end from Waco to visit Mr. and Hoerster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hoerster.

All kinds of produce bought and sold. All kinds of chicken feed at—  
10-tfc. **LEE SMART**

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**Marriage Licenses**

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Rex Lavelle stopped the News man on the streets the other day and told him he was recently summoned to serve as a petit juror in the Federal court at Austin, but that the judge of said court was kind and considerate enough to excuse him upon his plea of having all he could do to control the grasshoppers at this time.

We represent the Sunshine Laundry of San Antonio. Basket closes Tuesday night; returns Friday.  
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Men's Furnishings

Dorman McMillan is in Dallas this week on business.

Mr. Jacob Schuessler has the thanks of the News for a sack of the finest Irish potatoes we have seen grown in this country.

"The Glorious Adventure" is a splendidly done picture. At times it is gorgeously beautiful. Lady Diana Manners is altogether acceptable as a screen heroine, a charming, gracious, beautiful young woman.—New York Evening Mail.

At the Star Theater Saturday night.

The Oliver Variety Store opens Sat. June 21.

**SOME GOOD RECIPES FOR BAKING COOKIES**

**Children Need Something When They Get Home From School.**

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The old-fashioned cookie jar has a place in every home where there are growing children, for the custom of giving the children milk and a few cookies in the middle of the afternoon, when they get home from school, is based on a real need of their active young bodies. Growing children, especially those between twelve and twenty, are using up so much energy that an extra little meal of this kind is necessary to supply a sufficient number of calories. This is not the same as the tabooed habit of "eating between meals." It is a meal in itself, with a justifiable place in the day's menu. Particularly in the case of those who carry a sandwich lunch is that after-school meal valuable; if there is no way for the child to have a hot dish at



Some Good Simple Cookies.

noon the milk may be heated or served in the form of cocoa. Wholesome cookies to go with it may be made by any of the recipes below, furnished by the United States Department of Agriculture:

**Plain Rolled Cookies.**

(About 60 Cakes.)

- 1 cupful sugar
- 1/2 cupful shortening
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoonful vanilla extract
- 2 cupfuls sifted flour
- 2 tea spoonfuls baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoonful salt
- About 1/2 cupful milk

Cream together the sugar and shortening; add to this the well-beaten egg, the vanilla extract and the flour, sifted together with the salt and baking powder. Add sufficient milk (or water) to form a dough just stiff enough to roll on the board without sticking.

**A WHOLESOME SWEETMEAT**

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**Fruit and Nut Confection.**

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Wash, pick over and stem the fruits and put them, with the nut meats, through a meat chopper, and mix thoroughly. Roll out to a thickness of about one-half inch on a board dredged with confectioners' sugar, and cut into small pieces. If this candy is to be kept for some time, the pieces should be wrapped in paraffin paper.

The twinkling feet of time are moving on. What is there in bank for YOUR old age?

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## Salmon Fights Her Way to the Spawning Beds

A Chinook salmon entering the mouth of the Columbia river in the month of March or April is a strong swimmer, weighing anywhere from twenty to eighty pounds.

She has fed fat on sea food and her egg sacs may contain from 1,500 to 6,000 eggs. The flesh of the salmon is bright pink, almost red, and is full of oil. When she leaves the sea and heads upstream, her last meal has been eaten.

The fatty tissue in the body is the fuel for the long trip and the food that nourishes the eggs.

An all-powerful instinct has taken possession of the Chinook, for day by day she heads slowly on toward the spawning bed. It is a journey of perhaps a thousand miles and with many obstacles to pass; the trip may take from four to six months.

The trail of the Chinook leads past endless lines of gill-nets, the wire fences of fish traps, the barriers of set-nets and fish wheels, the dangerous entanglements of seines, deadly whirling baits, spears, and other ingenious devices, to say nothing of the many natural and artificial dams.

But the Chinook never loses sight of her mission in life. In the long struggle over innumerable obstacles, her body may be attacked by fungus and disease, her fins may be half worn off, but she keeps on heading up stream between rock walls where the torrent boils until at last she is at home on the gravelly bars of the head waters.

By turning and twisting, she wallows out a nest in the sand and gravel and in the final effort of life lays her eggs. Her mate is close behind. He keeps other fish away.—W. L. Finley in Nature Magazine.

## Snuff Habit Dying

Offer a woman of today a pinch of snuff, and she will be quite as much offended as a Victorian dame by the offer of a cigarette. Yet a century ago the invitation would have been accepted without demur.

In those days the taking of snuff was at once a pleasure and a ceremony. An elaborate ritual surrounded a practice smiled on by the highest in the land. George IV had his King's Morning Mixture and his King's Evening Mixture, his King's Plain and his King's Carolee. Queen Charlotte took snuff, so did the Princesses Charlotte and Elizabeth. And for a long time a snuffbox had been the usual gift of the sovereign to those he delighted to honor.

But now—! Only recently it was announced that a snuff mill at Juniper Green, Middlethian, had shut down after more than 200 years of honorable industry "owing to the decline of the snuff habit."—London Answers.

## True Bohemian Life

Most of us students in Paris were poor. I had \$50 a month allowance, but I roomed with a fellow who had only \$20 for everything—and he made it do.

We lived in the rue de Douai in Montmartre. The room, six flights up, with a trapdoor for a window, was furnished with two iron cots and very little else. I remember we used champagne bottles for water. For all this we paid 30 francs a month. No heat, of course, and in winter the cold was unspeakable.

One night I got an idea, and, taking my blanket, started across the icy, red-tiled floor to get into my roommate's bunk. In the middle of the room I ran into someone. It was he coming to sleep with me! We laughed and went out and bought a roast chicken and a bottle of wine. It did not take much to start a party in those days.—From "Seven to Seventy," by Edward Simmons.

## British Wit

That British humor can be as exaggerated as that of the typical American gag is proved by the following from a London weekly. A meeting of the district council was in progress to consider a complaint about the muddy state of the roads in the outlying dis-

tricts. One of the councillors said: "Gentlemen, I was walking by the road in question the other morning when I saw a man's hat on top of the mud. I touched it with my stick and was astonished to hear a man's voice from beneath. 'My friend,' I said, 'It's a bit thick there, isn't it?' 'It ain't all,' came the answer, 'an I'm on the top of the bus!'"

## Fireproof

A rich manufacturer of asbestos took a house just across the street from a sweet-spirited old lady, and his family proceeded to enjoy itself in what seemed to her a very worldly fashion. The old lady was never known to speak ill of anyone, even when her neighbors raised a racket all Sunday. She only said: "Dear me! They must have great faith in their asbestos."

## With Fire of Indignation

Friend—Saw you taking home a new cook two evenings ago. How is she turning out?

Subbuhs (in disgust)—The worst ever! About the only thing she can do is to make one's blood boil.—Boston Transcript.

## Aside From That

Author—Have you read my new book?

Friend—Yes.

Author—What do you think of it!


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"This went on for several months after I was married until, one time when I was having a bad spell, my husband suggested that I try Cardui. I said I would try it, so he got me a bottle at the store and I began to take it.

"It seemed like I improved from the very first dose. When I had taken one bottle I was very much better. I did not cramp so hard the next month and I ate and slept better. I was not nearly so nervous, either. I thought Cardui was fine, so I continued the treatment until I had taken five bottles, at which time I felt completely well. I had no more

cramping spells at all, and my health was as good as anybody's. I am feeling fine now and I give all the credit to Cardui, for I had been suffering for years before I took it."

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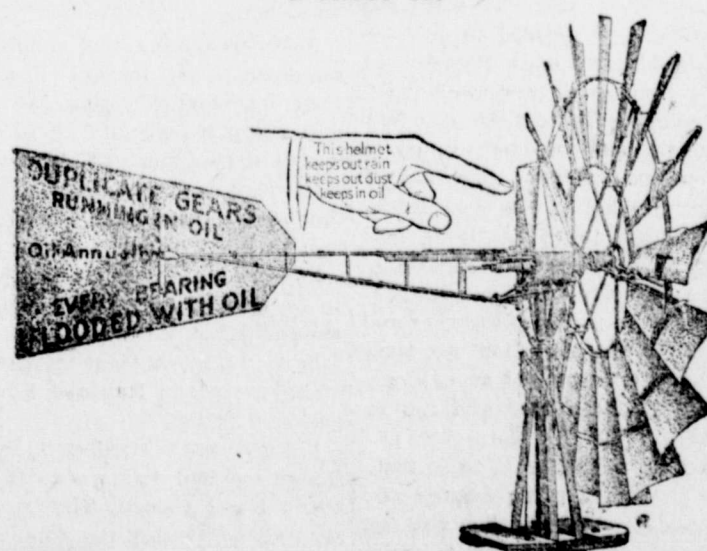
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**MASON COUNTY BOY WINS FIRST IN ESSAY WRITING; REARDON**

Frantz Reardon, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Reardon, and a student of the Union school the past term, has brought distinction to Mason County by winning first prize on essay writing, in county, district and state. For winning first in county he was awarded a gold medal, in district, a gold medal, and in State, gold medal and scholarship to the State University. Besides this he will hold the Anna Webb Blanton Loving Cup for one year.

Frantz is fifteen years of age, and has two more years to finish high school. He also has the distinction of being the first boy to ever win the essay writing contest; in every instance heretofore, a girl has won in this contest.

For the benefit of News readers, we herewith reproduce the essay written by Frantz:

**How I Spent Last Saturday**

Saturday morning I got up at five o'clock, dressed, and then ate breakfast. It was a cloudy day and raining slowly. I did not know what to do that day but as I was feeding the horses my mother called me to the telephone.

It was my schoolmate, Ray Durst, who is about my own age. He asked me what I was going to do that day and I told him I did not know yet. I suggested that we go hunting, and he was eager to go. We decided what time to meet and then rang off.

At seven o'clock I reached the place we had decided to meet and sat down to wait for Ray. I had an ax, Rex, who was my dog, and something to eat with me. As I was waiting for Ray to come I heard Rex barking furiously, about one hundred yards away. I picked up the ax and ran in that direction as rapidly as I could. He was standing at an old stump wagging his tail, and barking.

About this time I looked around and saw Ray coming, also his dog Ginger.

"Ho, there, what you got?" he asked. "I don't know. But Rex acts as if it was something rather large." I answered.

We went to cutting on the stump and soon had a small hole in it. Ginger stuck his nose in the hole, but jumped back suddenly. I saw that his nose was bleeding, and realized it was a coon in the stump.

"We've got a coon," I said. "And it's a big one, too".

By that time Ray had gotten through chopping the stump, so we went about the hardest task. That was to get the coon out of the stump. I had a little rope with me so I made a loop in the end of it and dropped it in the hole of the stump. For several minutes I worked there and finally got the rope around the coon's foot.

Ray and I both pulled hard before we could pull the coon out, but finally he came out. When he hit the ground the dogs landed right on top of him. The rope was jerked out of my hand when they started fighting, but it made no difference.

Ginger was said to be the best coon dog in Mason County, and he proved it. In about five minutes he got a hold on the coon's neck and held it till the coon quit struggling.

I picked the coon up and Ray got the gun, which he had brought, and the ax, so we went back to where my things were. When we reached the place I could not see a thing there.

"Do you suppose some one stole them?" Ray asked. "I don't know, but they're gone that's one thing."

About that time I heard some one laughing and we saw Gleason Kothmann come out from behind a tree with my things. He told us he had heard us talking over the telephone that morning, and decided to go with us. He had his two dogs, Pepper and Jack, with him, so we were well fixed.

Ray wanted to go to Leifeste's pasture, but Gleason wanted to go to Eckert's pasture. Finally they said I should decide where to go, and I told them we would go to Leifeste's pasture, because there were more varmints there than any place I knew of.

We got all of our things together and started off in the direction we were going to hunt. Gleason had come horseback so we tied the food and the ax on the saddle, then led the horse. Old Pepper got started off on a fox's trail, and soon the other three dogs joined him. For about one hour they ran the fox and finally treed him about a mile from where they had started running.

We soon had the fox and were ready to start on. I asked Gleason what time it was, as he was the only one who carried a watch. He looked and said it was half past eleven. We decided it was time to find a place to cook din-

**MASON CO. PEOPLE URGED TO SAVE SPECIMENS FOR FAIR**

County Agent W. I. Marshall, has just returned from San Saba where a meeting of the board of directors of the Heart of Texas Fair Association was held on Monday. Mr. Marshall is very much encouraged over the prospects for this Fair, and states it promises to be next to the Dallas Fair in many respects.

Mr. Marshall feels quite confident that Mason County will carry off first premium on agricultural exhibits, provided the farmers of the county cooperate in the collection of this exhibit.

It is urged that every farmer in Mason county who has a good specimen of any farm product, bring it in to Mr. Marshall.

The News feels quite confident that the farmers of Mason County will take unusual interest in this matter, as it will be a big opportunity to advertise Mason County and a chance to prove that Mason County is the "Home of Diversified Farming".

This is everybody job, and in order to make it a big success it will be necessary to have the team work of the county in order to win.

Have you any oats, wheat, rye, barley, corn, etc. Be sure to set some aside for the exhibit to be taken to the Heart of Texas Fair at San Saba on August 12th to 15th.

**BOY EVANGELIST WAS VISITOR IN COLEMAN; TOURED STATES**

After a tour of seven Southern States and attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta, James N. Tidwell, aged 13, evangelist, stopped in Coleman last Friday en route to his home in Miles. He was accompanied on the trip by Rev. Scott W. Hickey, pastor of the Baptist Church at Miles.

Young Tidwell spoke in many churches on the trip, making 24 talks in 36 days. Asked how the boy became a preacher at such an early age, Rev. Mr. Hickey said:

"About 18 months ago we called for volunteers to pray and the boy responded; he kept it up and did so well that shortly we invited him to the pulpit and he began preaching; he wants to be an evangelist.

Young Tidwell is number 19 in a family of 21 children and began reading the Bible so early that at the age of six he had read it through. He is a confirmed reader, but in spite of it the boy in him will crop out. While stopping at the Democrat-Voice Shop he buried himself in the comic supplement of the D-V, and did not speak to any one unless he was first spoken to.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

**BALL GAME SUNDAY AFTERNOON**

The Mason baseball team will play the Llano team on the local diamond Sunday afternoon. This is the second time these teams will have met this season. The previous contest resulted in a victory for Llano, and it is believed the locals will get revenge in the game here Sunday. A good crowd is expected to attend.

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ner so we called the dogs in and went to find a place where we would not get wet.

Ray soon picked out a place under a large overhanging rock. It was hard to get a fire started, because the wood was all damp. I got out the things for dinner which consisted of the following things: bacon, eggs, bread, and some cake. Gleason fried the bacon and eggs while Ray and I prepared the other things.

Soon everything was ready and we sat down to eat. I asked the grace and then we started eating. As we only had one plate we all had to eat from it, but we managed to clean up everything that had been fixed. We fed the few scraps there were left to the dogs and set about to clean things up.

It soon started pouring down rain, so we decided to return home, because we could not do much more hunting that day. Gleason went in the direction of his home and Ray and I in the opposite direction.

We got rather tired carrying all the things we had but we reached home about three o'clock. The rest of the evening we passed the time away by playing dominoes, as I had decided to spend the night with Ray.

After we had eaten supper we sat around the fire and talked until time to go to bed. Ray and I went to his room and were soon in bed sleeping peacefully after a hard day's hunt.

**FREDERICKSBURG WILL CELEBRATE 4TH OF JULY**

The American Legion of Fredericksburg is making elaborate preparations for a mammoth celebration on Independence Day. For the past five years the Louis Jordan Post of that city entertained from four to five thousand people.

Cannon shots will announce the celebrity at five o'clock in the morning, and at six o'clock the 20 piece band will open the days program at the court house Park. A public band concert is arranged for at ten o'clock and by one o'clock the thousands of citizens and visitors will be entertained with music, singing, speaking, ball game, broncho bursting, negro battle royal, etc., at the Fair Grounds.

**JUNE 1 LIVESTOCK REPORT—TEX.**

With timely rains falling over practically all of the range country, the spring weeds maturing and giving place to more sustaining summer grasses, cattle are doing well and putting on flesh rapidly. The demand for registered and grade stocker cattle is stronger and the prices received are more satisfactory than a year ago. A large crop of calves, lambs and kids is growing off well with losses nominal. On June 1 approximately one-half of the wool clip had been sold and shearing was drawing to a close. Among the hopeful signs in the June 1 report of the U. S. Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates are the increased demand for stocker cattle, the trading in ranch lands, the prospect of a good corn crop in the North, the better condition of the money market and the high condition of stock and range.

A decline of 2 points—to 93 per cent is noted in the condition of the range since May 1; last year a decline of 3 points occurred. Lack of rain was felt in many localities on the Plains as well as in the West and West Central districts, but since the first this condition has been largely corrected. Under the favorable moisture conditions in the other districts the range there has improved over what it was a month ago.

The condition of cattle is 92 per cent as compared with 93 per cent a month and a year ago. During May of last year a decline of 1 point was likewise reported. It is expected that most cattle will fatten earlier than last year, particularly if rainfall does not fall during the month. Shipments of fat stuff are numerous, especially from the south, and many calves and dry cows are moving out at fair prices. Large numbers of steers are being shipped from the east and coast districts to Southwest and West Texas for restocking, also from West Texas to the Plains. Steer buyers report young stocker steers as hard to get; a marked shortage seems to prevail in high grade Herefords.

**COURSE IN TYPEWRITING**

Mason High School officials are planning to offer next year a course in typewriting, open to seniors, juniors and sophomores. As machines are expensive, a fee will have to be charged, amounting possibly to \$1.25 per month. Students in the three classes mentioned who desire this course, should notify Supt. S. N. Dobie at once, in order that he may know how many typewriters will be required. 1tc

**Advertisement)**

The News is informed that Guy Green, a Mason county boy, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Green, received his B. A. degree at the State University this spring. Guy has been appointed instructor in geology at the University, for this summer and for the term of 1924-25. During this time, Guy will also do work toward securing his M. A. degree.

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I am agent for the Fredericksburg Nursery, and will solicit your orders for anything in this line. Prices right. Will appreciate your business.  
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**AN ALL DAY AND ALL NIGHT PROGRAM OF FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.**

**FREE BAND CONCERT AT COURT HOUSE PARK AT TEN O'CLOCK. AFTERNOON PROGRAM AT FAIR GROUNDS.**

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at our boot and shoe shop. Our shop is equipped with up-to-date machinery, insuring prompt and satisfactory service.  
It will pay you to look our boots over, and to have us do your shoe and boot repairing.  
**FRANK POLK, PROP.**

**STAR OPERA HOUSE**  
FRIDAY NIGHT  
NO SHOW  
SATURDAY NIGHT  
**"THE GLORIOUS ADVENTURE"**  
Lady Diana Manners  
SHOW STARTS AT 8:15 O'CLOCK  
**Admission: 15 & 25 Cents**

**CUT GLASS JEWELRY SILVERWARE**  
**YOUR CHOICE AND OURS**  
Every piece of goods you select from the store is chosen twice, by us first, then by you.  
We choose with expert knowledge from a wide range of quality or design that you may have an assortment of quality goods to select from.  
**J. S. KING, Jeweler**  
WATCH REPAIRING GLASSES FITTED JEWELRY REPR'G

**"Don't Be Shocked"**  
FOR ALL FORDS  
\$32.92 PER SET OF FOUR INSTALLED  
GUARANTEED PROTECTION AGAINST BROKEN SPRINGS  
The best shock absorber ever made for a Ford car.  
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FOR SALE—The very best, practically indestructible Rubber Garden Hose. None better, at Ed Henrich. 2tp.

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

Aluminum Percolators—6 cups.....79c  
**OLIVER BARIETY STORE.**

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**DEERING BINDER TWINE**  
Treated against insects; no bug will cut it.  
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