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TO ENCOURAGE THE FARMER —GRASSHOPPER FACTS

(R. R. REPERT, Entomologist)

By this time the damage from grasshoppers is diminishing, and by the end of July it will hardly be noticeable.

To reassure the farmers, the following facts are given:

After becoming mature about the end of June, the hoppers during August and September lay their eggs in solid soil, usually in sod land of pastures, along fence rows, or in the grass along creeks. One female lays about 200 eggs. These pass through the winter and hatch in the spring, especially following a warm rain. They continue to hatch over a period of four to six weeks, but after those overwintering eggs hatch, no more young grasshoppers will appear until the following spring. Thus there is but one generation of grasshoppers a year, and after the spring hatching is completed, the farmer need not be apprehensive of other young grasshoppers the same season.

Damage Unlikely in 1925

It has been learned that in some sections tenants, fearing a repetition next year of this season's damage, are signifying their intention of moving to other sections.

There is little basis for this fear. It is unusual to have heavy grasshopper damage two years in succession, as has occurred in 1923 and 1924.

The reason for this is that grasshoppers are usually held to small numbers by various natural causes. Several kinds of flies attack them. The larva or the blister beetle destroys the eggs in the fall. A fungous disease sweeps away great numbers, especially in warm, moist weather.

Only in seasons when conditions favor the hopper and are unfavorable to these various enemies do the grasshoppers multiply to greatly destructive numbers. A great number of grasshoppers furnish an abundance of food for these various parasites, and they also during a year of excessive grasshopper damage, multiply to such numbers that the hoppers are effectively controlled the succeeding year and for a number of years thereafter.

Already these factors are working this season. It is too early to take any definite statement as to how effectively they will reduce the number of hoppers next season. Observations will be made and the facts given to the public late this fall and winter. We feel reasonably safe, however, in assuring the farmers that no extensive damage will occur for the season of 1925, and damage will be restricted to small and isolated areas, such as is reported almost every year from some section of the state or other. These small infestations will be easily reduced by the proper measures, and no great apprehension should be felt regarding them.

No Leaf-Worm in Sight

The leaf-worm has not yet made its appearance in Texas. Our winters destroy all stages of this insect in our state, and infestation always progresses from Mexico northward. This situation in the Rio Grande Valley is being closely watched and, to date, none have crossed into Texas. Farmers of central and northern Texas may feel reasonably safe from this insect during the month of July at least. However, they should be fully prepared with poison and equipment, to fight it as soon as it appears. Information concerning approaching damage will be given the public as soon as we learn of such.

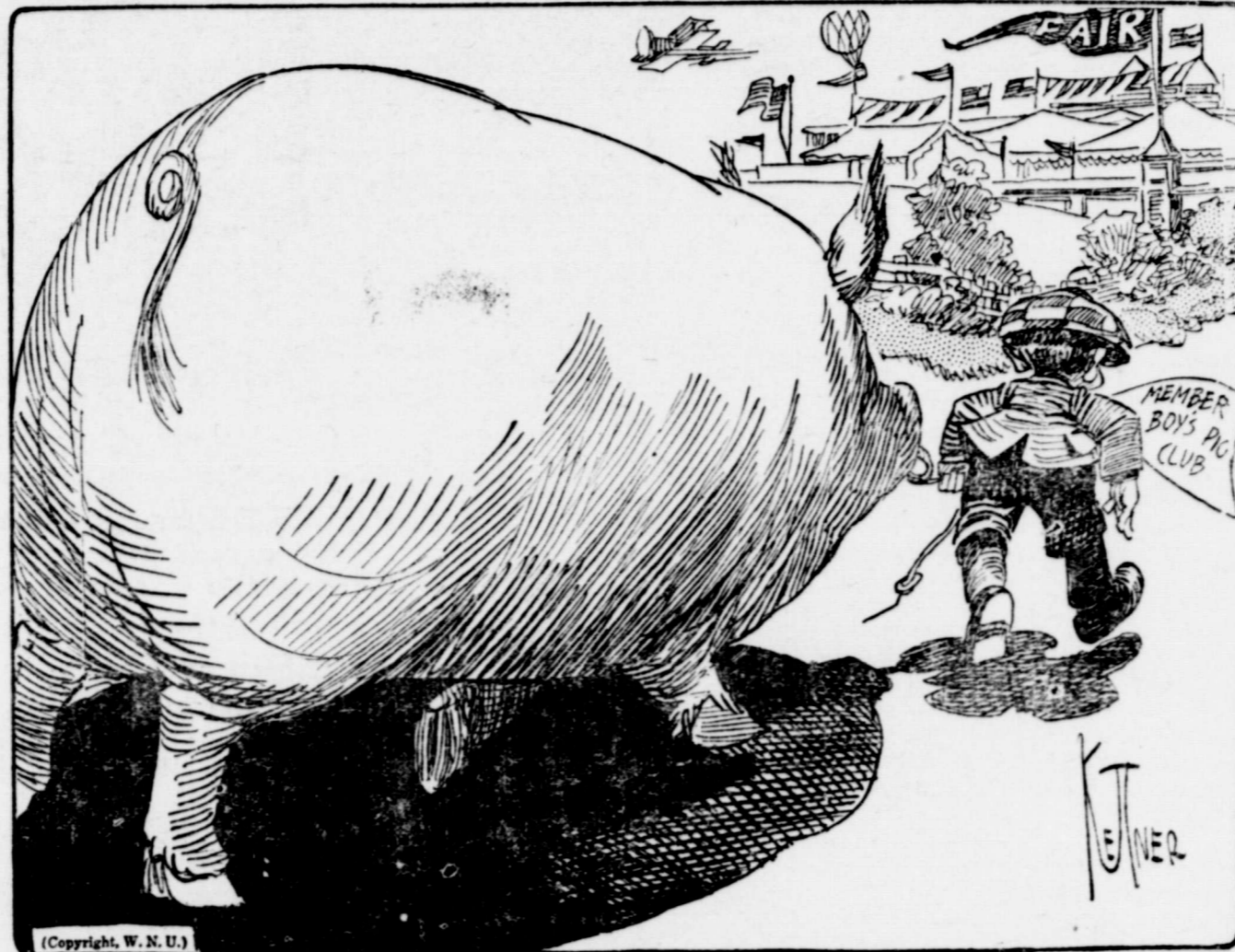
OLD TIME BASKET PICNIC JULY 24th.

at old picnic grounds on Katemy creek. The Brady Band will furnish music throughout the day. Good speaking at 11 o'clock and in the afternoon. Come and bring your dinner. 1-tp

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Allert and daughter, Viola, and son, George, of Gonzales, were in Mason, a few days this week, guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Larimore. Mrs. Larimore and Mrs. Allert are sisters.

State Comptroller, Lon A. Smith, who is now a candidate for railroad commissioner, and R. E. Scott of Austin, were in Mason Tuesday meeting the voters of this city.

First Prize or Bust



STUDENTS OF TEXAS U. REQUESTED TO APPEAR EARLY

Austin, Texas, July 17.—All new students of the University of Texas will be requested to come to Austin this fall two days earlier than the regular matriculation period in order that the new advisory plan proposed by the faculty may be initiated. The students will be expected to attend a series of conferences on questions regarding registration, student self-government, the causes of failures of freshmen, ideals of the University, and other kindred subjects. The freshmen will be expected to report on September 20, before the matriculation period begins on Sept. 22. University officials feel that freshmen should be told as much as possible about the University before they enter, and it is hoped the advisory system will eliminate many of the difficulties confronting the first-year class.

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS FARMERS' SHORT COURSE FROM MASON COUNTY

County Agent Marschall informs us that some thirty men, women and Club Members have signified their intention of attending the annual short course at the A. & M. College this summer. They will leave here early on the morning of the 27th of July and will go in cars and truck. They will camp out in the tourist park, provided for same at the College. Several interesting courses are provided for the Club Members and grown folks for the five days short course. If one is interested in soils and farm crops, beef cattle, care and feeding of hogs and other live stock or breeding and care of poultry, dairy products etc., they can follow a five days course dealing with these subjects in consecutive order. These courses are absolutely free and we are informed that the total expense of the trip will not exceed \$1.00 per person, thus time and money spent in attending this course will be wisely spent.

County Agent Marschall would be glad to give any information on these courses and would like to have the names of all who may want to join the crowd at an early date so as to make all necessary arrangements in advance.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Schuessler and little daughter, La Belle, left Sunday for San Antonio and San Marcos to be away several days. Miss Willie Mae Grosse will return home with them after having finished a six-week course at the San Marcos Normal.

H. F. Fritz, of Bell County, is in Mason visiting in the home Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson.

MASON MADE MORE BEAUTIFUL BY REMOVAL OF C. H. FENCE

Our thriving little city has advanced another step in beautification and this has been brought about by the removal of the old and dilapidated fence around the court house yard. For several years this has been an unsightly fixture, but owing to the fact that the county did not have sufficient funds to build some kind of protection around the yard the fence was left. On Monday morning of this week practically every business man in Mason assembled and went before the Commissioners court and requested that they be given permission to tear the fence away and this permission was granted, and within one hour the fence was entirely torn away practically every business man and other citizens who happened to be in town, joined in helping remove the fence.

As the yard now stands it has no protection from stock passing through town or from cars being driven upon same, but it is to be hoped that the pride of the people of Mason county will not permit them to drive their cars on the lawn or permit their stock to go in the yard when driving them through town.

Just as soon as the county has sufficient funds, the commissioners court will have a concrete walk or curb around the yard.

CORNER CAFE SOLD TO TWO MEN FROM PONTOTOC SECTION

The Corner Cafe in Mason which has been operated by Rubin Kothmann for the past few months, was sold last week to Messrs. Britton and Jones from Pontotoc. These gentlemen took immediate charge and are operating the cafe on the same high standard it has been operated upon heretofore.

These gentlemen are enterprising business men and Mason welcomes them into its business circle and wishes for them unbounded success.

BASE BALL GAME

Crystal City and Mason will play ball next Tuesday, July 22, on the local diamond at 3 o'clock.

Miss Katherine Brown returned to her home Wednesday after having visited for a few weeks with her aunt, Miss Lillie Wheeler. Miss Wheeler accompanied her home for a visit.

Lindsey and Jack Brown came home Monday after a few weeks visit with their aunt, Mrs. G. C. Crosby, of Eldorado.

Mr. Tibbs, of Runge, is here this week visiting in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Albert Lee.

GOVERNOR PAT M. NEFF AND PARTY VISITED MASON TUES.

Governor Pat M. Neff accompanied by his daughter, Miss Hallie Maude, and members of the State Highway Commission and State Parks Board Committee arrived in Mason Tuesday morning just one hour later than schedule time, but when the party did arrive, there was an immense crowd of people from all parts of the county gathered at the court house to extend the party a hearty welcome.

Owing to the fact that the party was behind schedule time their program was not carried out in full, and the first on program was a talk by the Governor. He was introduced by County Judge John T. Banks. The Governor spoke for almost an hour explaining the purpose of the State Parks System and stressing emphasis on the absolute necessity of these State Parks. Gov. Neff stated that he was quite anxious for Mason to have one or more state parks within its county.

After the Governor had finished talking, Attorney Carl Runge who acted as master of ceremonies, introduced Mr. D. E. Colp, chairman of the State Parks Board, and this gentleman talked for only a few minutes explaining the necessary steps to be taken in securing a State Park and at the end of his talk he called for some one to donate fifty acres or thereabouts for a park site, but no one responded, and Mrs. J. W. White and Mrs. Carl Runge were nominated to serve as chairman of a park committee for Mason County. Mrs. Runge withdrew in favor of Mrs. White, and Governor Neff appointed her as permanent chairman of such committee.

After this some one hundred watermelons which were ice cold were cut and served to the Governor's party and all others present. The visiting party was highly pleased with the hearty reception extended them by the good people of Mason who always know how to do things just right.

After the Governor and his party had eaten freely of those good old Mason county watermelons they were given several large one to take with them on their journey to Brady. They left Mason for Brady at exactly twelve o'clock.

By all means Mason should take advantage of this opportunity to establish a state park here. It will be necessary to secure about fifty acres of land within one or two miles of town, and the land should be located near some creek that a swimming pool might be provided. The State will make all improvements on the land. There had been only two sites donated to the board before they reached here Tuesday, one at Boerne and one at Kerrville. Let's get busy and get the land for this park site, and if no individual wishes to donate such a site, then it is up to the town to buy it.

JUNCTION DEFEATS MASON IN BALL GAME LAST FRIDAY

The local baseball team journeyed over to Junction last Friday where a picnic and barbecue was being held, and played the team of that place and were defeated six to two. The team of our neighboring town got revenge for the defeat administered to them here on the Fourth when the locals took a game from them by a score of seven to two.

Will Speak for T. W. Davidson

Senator J. W. Thomas, of Belton, will speak at the court house in Mason on Wednesday, July 23, at 8 p. m. in the interest of T. W. (Witt) Davidson, candidate for governor.

MASON PEOPLE GO TO JUNCTION

Quite a number of Mason people went to Junction last Tuesday to attend the picnic held at that place. Everybody reports a most enjoyable time. There are also several people from Mason attending the big celebration at Cedar Hill, twenty-five miles above Junction, today and tomorrow.

Miss Betty Tribble is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schmidt.

for the highway to Del Rio was to be let. He will rejoin the party in a week at Sanderson.

PARK BOARD SEES FORT MASON SITE

Governor Neff Meets Citizen Who Endorses Every Act of Executive

Brady, Texas, July 15.—Governor Neff and the State Park Board arrived at Brady for dinner Tuesday and were guests of the chamber of commerce.

At Junction the citizens have under consideration in the donation of a tract of 500 acres for a state park. Before reaching Mason Tuesday morning the party was met a mile from town by a committee headed by Judge Runge and escorted around the city to view Fort Mason's remains. Robert E. Lee and General Longstreet, before the civil war were young officers at this fort. Standing the steps of the courthouse the governor delivered a stirring address on the desirability of the state having breathing places every hundred miles. He prefaced his appeal with an educational address in which he told the assembly that no matter how much money the state spent for education every penny was well invested.

"I have now served the people of Texas as their governor for three and a half year," said the governor, "and have but a few more months to remain as your servant. During that time I desire to do everything within my power to make Texas a better state in which to live. I shall do my best to encourage the wealthy landowners to donate park sites which shall be memorials to their memory forever. I have been asked if I favored the division of Texas. Never. If we have a park system along with our good roads the boys and girls of Texas can visit all over the state every summer. Instead of going to California or Colorado or to Europe our citizens can see Texas and enjoy it."

A short stop was made at London. Here Gov. Neff made a brief talk on park lines. He told his hearers that he was 13 years old before he had seen a place as large as London, Texas. From places of this kind came the greatest men and women of America, he said. From the one-room schoolhouse the one-room church and the court house, civilization was built. Defense of the school, veneration of the church and respect for the courts were essentials of good citizenship, he said.

Mason merchants closed shop while the governor's party was in town, and at the court house a band discoursed while, after the speaking the crowd enjoyed a feast of melons and punch. Three park sites were offered at Mason. Only two of which, however, are under consideration.

Major Hutson left the party at Junction for Rock Springs where a contract

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

RELATING TO GRANTING OF CONFEDERATE PENSIONS

Senate Joint Resolution No. 10

Proposing an amendment to Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas to provide that the Legislature may grant pensions to Confederate soldiers, sailors and their widows, who have been citizens of Texas since prior to January 1, 1910, providing that all soldiers, sailors and their widows eligible under the provisions hereof shall be entitled to be placed upon the rolls and participate in the pension fund created hereunder; levying a tax of seven (.07) cents on the one hundred (100.00) dollars valuation of property in this State for the payment of such pension, providing that the Legislature may reduce the rate of pension for such purposes, fixing a time for the election to be held on such amendment and making an appropriation to pay the expenses thereof.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas shall be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 51. The Legislature shall have no power to make any grant or authorize the making of any grant of public money to any individual, association of individuals, municipal or other corporations whatsoever, provided however, the Legislature may grant aid to indigent or disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors, who came to Texas prior to January 1, 1910, and to their widows, in indigent circumstances and who have been bona fide residents of this State since January 1, 1910, and who were married to such soldiers or sailors prior to January 1, 1910, and to indigent and disabled soldiers who under the special laws of the State of Texas during the war between the States served in organizations for the protection of the frontier against Indian raiders or Mexican marauders and to indigent and disabled soldiers of the militia of the State of Texas who were in active service during the war between the States and to the widows of such soldiers who are in indigent circumstances and who were married to such soldiers prior to January 1, 1910, provided that the word "widow" in the preceding lines of this Section shall not apply to women born since the year 1861, and all soldiers and sailors and widows of soldiers and sailors eligible under the above conditions shall be entitled to be placed upon the pension rolls and participate in the distribution of the pension fund of this State under any existing law or laws hereafter passed by the Legislature, and also to grant aid for the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors, their wives and widows and women who aided in the Confederacy under such regulations and limitations as may be provided by law, provided the Legislature may provide for husband and wife to remain together, in the home. There is hereby levied in addition to all other taxes heretofore permitted by the Constitution of Texas a State ad valorem tax on property of seven (.07) cents on the one hundred (100) dollars valuation for the purpose of creating a special fund for the payment of pensions for services in the Confederate army and navy, frontier organizations and the militia of the State of Texas, and for the widows of such soldiers serving in said armies, navies, organizations or militia; provided that the Legislature may reduce the tax rate herein levied, and provided further that the provisions of this Section shall not be construed so as to prevent the grant of aid in cases of public calamity.

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1924, at which all voters shall have printed or written on their ballots: "For amendment of Section 51 of article 3 of the Constitution authorizing the Legislature to grant aid to Confederate soldiers, sailors and their widows who have been a resident of this State since January 1, 1910," and "Against amendment to Section 51 of Article 3, of the Constitution, authorizing the Legislature to grant aid to Confederate soldiers and their widows."

Sec. 3. The Governor is hereby directed to issue the proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State, and the sum of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars or so

SHIPMENT OF 81 CARS OF SPRING WOOL AND MOHAIR

Shipment of the spring wool clip from the warehouses of the Schreiner Wool & Mohair Commission Co., has about been completed, it is announced.

Satisfactory prices were received for all but about 75,000 pounds, which was low grade and defective. That amount was consigned to Boston to be scoured and sold there.

Eighty-one cars were required to transport the shipment which consisted of 2,460,652 pounds. The spring mohair consignments required 32 cars for the 1,007,012 pounds of that staple.

The 113 cars, or 3,527,664 pounds of the spring clips of wool and mohair brought over \$1,813,000.00 to be distributed in Kerr and adjoining counties.

It is expected that the fall clips will total approximately 2,500,000 pounds, bringing the total for the year up to about 6,000,000 pounds sold at this concentration point.

These figures represent nearly a fourth of the total wool and mohair production of the entire State and placed Kerrville at the head of wool and mohair markets in Texas.—Kerrville Mountain Sun.

WHO MAY VOTE

All men and women between ages of 21 and 60 who paid poll tax before February 1, 1924. A person who is subject to payment of a city poll tax, must have paid both county and city poll before he is permitted to vote.

All men and women 60 years of age or over on January 1st, may vote without poll tax receipt or certificate of exemption.

Minor reaching Majority: All men and women who have become 21 years of age since January 1st, or who will become 21 on or before date of election may vote without poll tax receipt or certificate of exemption, provided they are not resident of a city of 5,000 or more population, and if otherwise qualified to vote.

A qualified voter must be a citizen of the United States, must have resided in the State one year and in the county six months, and must vote in the precinct where he resides at the time of the election.

The blind, deaf and dumb, those who have lost a hand or foot, and all who are totally disabled from performing manual labor, may vote without poll tax receipt or certificate of exemption.

FEDERAL TAX ON TELEPHONE MESSAGES REMOVED JULY 3

The Federal message tax on long distance calls has been removed by Congress and became effective July third.

This means that on your next telephone bill a tax will be charged on those long distance calls which you placed before July 3rd, but on calls placed after there will be no tax.

Users of short haul long distance service are particularly compensated by the removal of this message tax. It was applied on a basis of 5c for each call in excess of 14c and not exceeding 54c. Messages on which the charge was 55c or more paid a tax of 10c per message. This means that there will be a substantial reduction in the cost of short haul business. The present 20c calls will become 15c. All 65c calls revert to their normal base of 55c.

This same tax has also been removed on all telegraph messages, this order going into effect at the same time of the telephone message removal.

Our friend the secretary of the National Automobile Association recently checked the cars at a crossing, and found that the most popular two-passenger car is the Pierce-Arrow and the most popular seven-passenger car is the Ford.—American Lumberman.

A city gentleman writing to the press claims that he managed to put through a call to the North of Scotland in less than a minute. When all the wrong numbers are engaged, accidents like this are sure to happen.—The Passing Show

CHICKENS

If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices.
51-1f J. J. JOHNSON.

much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of the general funds of this State not otherwise appropriated for expenses of publications and election thereunder.

Approved, March 20, 1923.
S. L. STAPLES,
Secretary of State

THE PASSING DAY

By Will H. Mays, Department of Journalism, University of Texas

The movement of the present administration to establish parks throughout Texas is a most commendable effort, and one which will be longest remembered to its credit. Unfortunately there will be a change in the state administration before much progress can be made in securing the park sites and next one may be indifferent about the matter or may be too much occupied to give it the necessary attention. There should be a number of parks in every county in the State and an educational campaign should be conducted to create interest in their proper maintenance. There should, in addition to these numerous local parks, be a few large parks of such attraction and magnitude that the whole State could feel a pride in them.

Most of the cities of Texas appear to have sufficient interest in securing city park sites, though it must be admitted that but few cities are as yet properly keeping up those they have. Very few towns and villages of the State seem to be at all concerned about local parks or to appreciate them as assets to their communities. Of course parks are not so much needed where real estate values are low and almost every home is set on a large, well kept lot, but there is a community need that the home lawn, however attractive, cannot supply. The town park should be made the town gathering place for outdoor amusements and recreation. It is noticeable that the town and villages that have attractive parks have a town pride that is not found in those places where there are no parks.

Every once in awhile some one asks me, "What is the matter with East Texas and why do so many people leave there to locate in sections that are perhaps less favored?" Really there is nothing the matter with East Texas unless it be a lack of community interest and effort. Taken as whole one will not find a biggerhearted people on earth than in East Texas. Their individual and family hospitality is unbounded. As individuals most of them are fairly progressive and enterprising, but in many places unified community cooperation is largely lacking. They do not pull together with the teamlike effort that characterizes most thrifty communities. Each individual, each family is doing fairly well, it is easy to make a living and the advantage to be derived from all working together for the general good is not as clearly felt as it might be.

When the boys and girls grow up, instead of creating thorough community effort, some enterprise or industry for them to engage in at home, the well-to-do old people just let them drift away to those places that are affording better opportunities. The west is hustling and constantly calling attention to what it is doing, and boys and girls leave East Texas homes, not because they are anxious to leave, but because other places give them something to do. That is why so many places are no larger and no better than they were a quarter or a half century ago. Individual effort in East Texas is not strong enough to combat community effort in other sections. It can't do it anywhere. To keep the boys and girls from leaving their home towns and villages the people must work together, not separately to provide something worth while for them to do.

Bad roads have done more to hinder East Texas development than any thing else. Cooperation is negligible where people have difficulty in getting together. The mountainous sections without roads are the most backward countries to be found. West Texas has been fortunate in having good natural roads across unfenced lands and it has profited thereby. When it saw the necessity for building roads the people began getting together to build them. Many places in East Texas are now building roads and wherever they have been built the country and towns are taking on new life, and have a community pride not dreamed of a few years ago. They find it pays to work together and they are beginning to build together in a way to hold their young people and keep them employed at home. The progressive communities and towns are not only holding their own, but they are attracting from less progressive places the young blood so essential to progress and development.

General Dawes says he will "stick to the facts" in the political campaign. That man has simply no respect whatever for tradition.—Chicago Daily News

After seeing a man wearing a pair of those wide-bottomed pants, we apologize to the girls for anything said about their apparel.—New Orleans States.

If you are in need of a Stetson Hat, in most any style, at a reasonable price; a big stock to select from at—Stf..... E. LEHMBURG & BRO.

One should pity the blind, but it is hard to do if the rascal is an umpire.—Altoona (Pa.) Tribune.

Things even up. Europe has finer art galleries, but she can't compare with us in the matter of billboards.—Medford Mail Tribune.

Auto Enamel at—R. GROOSE'S LUMBER YARD



As each home is different—so are its necessities. This applies particularly to pharmacy necessities. One thing, however, which every home insists upon, is QUALITY.

Whether it be prescriptions, tonics, lotions, bandages, perfumery, stationery or soap, our merchandise is always selected with Quality first in mind.

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THE WISCONSIN PLATFORM

Wisconsin delegates to both national conventions presented platforms for public ownership of such utilities as railroads, street car lines and hydro-electric power plants.

This is the biggest contract yet proposed in the way of public ownership program will undoubtedly be supported by all socialistic organizations.

By a strange inconsistency, this platform denounces the failure of the government to deal with the disposition of the naval oil reserves, charging great political demoralization and fraud among governmental departments in handling that one item of publicly owned lands.

Yet it proposes to extend enormously a system of government ownership and operation of great basic industries employing millions of people and creating thousands of new public offices.

The inconsistency of this un-American platform in proposing to put pretty nearly everything in the way of business under political management should be apparent even to a fourteen-year-old intellect.

TELL TRUTH ABOUT

"SUPERPOWER"

Defining "superpower" as a dangerous and misleading catch-phrase unless properly understood, R. F. Pack, vice-president and general manager of the Northern States Power Company, and vice-president of the National Electric Light Association, says:

"Superpower" means the erection of highly efficient steam and hydro-electric generating stations to the extent that the market for electric energy requires them, and it also includes the connection of high voltage transmission systems where it can be shown that such interconnection will result in efficiency and economy and therefore benefit the ultimate consumer.

"Quite a different interpretation of the term 'superpower' is employed by certain government ownership advocates. To them it is a catch-phrase to appeal to the popular imagination and its true meaning is distorted to persuade the public to follow the will-o-the-wisp of government ownership. To further such propaganda, maps and drawings have been spread over the country picturing a complete interconnection of transmission lines from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

"The transmission lines in these pictures cross states, go over mountain ranges and through unpopulated deserts. The lines are drawn without regard to cost of construction, source of power, or market for that power. Dots are placed indiscriminately about these maps to indicate proposed hydraulic developments. Every coal mine on the map is marked with a star to indicate that steam generating stations will be constructed at the mines so as to release half of the coal carrying equipment of the country and reduce electric energy costs to a ridiculous figure.

"Finally, government ownership advocates promise that if their plans as outlined are carried out, 'superpower' will mean more electric service to practically all the farms in the United States. Nothing could be more misleading or have less foundation in fact. The rural problem is distinct and separate from an interpretation of 'superpower' and the electric industry is meeting that problem in a honest, straightforward way by the erection of experimental rural lines in many states, to determine whether electric service can be extended to rural communities on a basis satisfactory both to the farmer and the central stations.

"The question of public or private ownership of electric utilities is being decided purely on its economic merits;

the results speak for themselves. Publicly owned electric companies are generating only 4 per cent of the electric energy utilized in the United States, while the privately operated companies which are owned by hundreds of thousands of the public are generating 96 per cent. It is only ignorance that we must fear, and it is our important duty to acquaint the American public both urban and rural with the truth about 'superpower.'

DO IT NOW

"He cannot read his tombstone when he's dead."
If, with pleasure, you are viewing any work a man is doing.
If you like him or you love him, tell him now;

Don't withhold your approbation 'til the parson makes oration
As he lies with snowy lilies o'er his brow;

For no matter how you shout it, he won't really care about it;
He won't know how many teardrops you have shed.

If you think some praise is due him, now is the time to slip it to him.

For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead.

More than fame and more than money, is the comment kind and sunny,
And the hearty, warm approval of a friend,

For it gives to life a savor, and it makes you stronger, braver
And it gives you heart and spirit to the end;

If he earns your praise—bestow it;
If you like him, let him know it;
Do not wait 'til life is over and he's underneath the clover.

For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead.—Exchange.

THE TELEPHONE GIRL

The telephone girl sits still in her chair and listens to voices from everywhere. Hears all the gossip, she hears all the news, she knows who is happy and who has the blues; she knows all our sorrows, she knows all our joys, she knows every girl who is chasing the boys; she knows all of our troubles, she knows of our strife, she knows every man who is mean to his wife; she knows every time we are out with the boys; she hears the excuses each employs; she knows every woman who has a dark past; she knows every man who's inclined to be "fast"; in fact, there's a secret 'neath each saucy curl of that quiet, demure looking telephone girl. If the telephone girl would tell all that she knows she would turn half our friends into bitter foes; she would sow a small wind that would soon be a gale, engulf us in trouble and land us in jail; she could let go a story (which gaining in force) would cause half our wives to sue for divorce; she could get all the churches mixed up in a fight and turn our days into sorrowing nights; in fact, she could keep the whole town in a stew if she'd tell a tenth part of the things that she knew. Now doesn't it make your head whirl when you think what you owe the telephone girl?—Exchange

ALFALFA HAY WORTH \$10 OR \$30

Method and speed make a lot of difference in the value of the alfalfa hay being harvested. If it is put up right, it is the most valuable feed there is, the leaves being equal in feeding value to bran, but if not handled right and the leaves shatter off and the color fades and bleaches, it is worth comparatively little. Bale your alfalfa and send it to market and you quickly get the rating that means a difference of as much as \$20 a ton in alfalfa hay from the method of harvesting you employ. The market wants that green color that denotes just wilting without bleaching before the hay went into the mow or the bale. It also wants all the leaves on it, which means a concentration of well managed machinery methods that permits the proper and timely handling of every operation. The side delivery rake and the hay-loader usually follow the mower, the climate being the deciding factor as to length of time between each operation. Big areas are speeded up by hooking two hayloaders behind each tractor and hooking up flocks of side delivery rakes and mowers behind single tractors. When one realizes that the difference between right methods at harvesting and careless out-of-date methods means the difference of \$400 to \$1,600 on a 20-acre field of alfalfa more attention will be given alfalfa hay harvest. Get all the leaves and get the bright green.

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HONORING THE FLAG OF OUR COUNTRY RULES TO BE KEPT

A conference of military, naval and civic leaders was called in Washington in June last year and it prepared the following code for civic usage:

1. Do not dip the flag of the United States to any person or thing. At sea the flag may be dipped to acknowledge the salute of another nation.

2. Do not display the flag of the United States with the union (the blue field with the star) down except as a signal of distress.

3. Do not place any other flag or pennant above or to the right of the flag of the United States.

4. Do not let the flag of the United States touch the ground or trail in the water.

5. Do not place any object or emblem of any kind, on or above this flag.

6. Do not use the flag as drapery.

7. Do not fasten the flag so that it will be easily torn.

8. Do not drape the flag over the hood, top or sides of a vehicle or of a railroad train or boat. Affix the staff firmly to the chassis or clamp it to the radiator top.

9. Do not use the flag to cover a speaker's desk or to drape over front of a platform or over chairs or benches.

10. Do not display the flag on a float in a parade except on a staff.

11. Do not use the flag as a ceiling covering.

12. Do not use the flag as a ceiling ed States as a portion of a costume or of an athletic uniform. Do not embroider it upon cushions or handkerchiefs or print it on paper napkins or boxes.

13. Do not place lettering on the flag.

14. Do not use the flag of the United States in any form of advertising nor fasten an advertising sign to a flag pole.

15. Do not display, use or store the flag in such a manner as will permit it to be easily soiled or damaged.

Display of the flag is compulsory at every common school, independent or municipal school in Texas, by bills passed in the House of Representatives March 20, 1918 and in the Senate April 2, 1918, during the fourth called session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature. The statute also requires teachers to devote ten minutes of each day for "teaching lessons of intelligent patriotism," and the duties of citizenship.

Violation of this law are subject to removal from office and fine not exceeding \$500.

OFFICERS MADE SUCCESSFUL RAID HERE LAST THURSDAY

On last Thursday afternoon, the day before the big Fourth of July celebration, Sheriff Allen S. Johnson and Marshal Lewis Foster made a raid in the high weeds near the banks of the river on the north side and secured one prisoner, one still and several gallons of corn whiskey.

The officers received a tip that something out of the ordinary was going on, so they went to the place, made search and located the still. At the time it was discovered, the equipment was in full operation, and the corn juice flowing into a bucket. The officers waited patiently for a few minutes and Oscar Wootan appeared on the scene. He was promptly arrested, and brought with the still and whiskey, to the sheriff's office. The prisoner was placed in jail and the equipment and liquor locked up for safe keeping.

Wootan was given an examining trial and his bond fixed at \$500.00 for his appearance, but in as much as he failed to make bond, he is still in the county jail.

The officers secured a five gallon jug full, another of like size about half full and a gallon bottle about half full. In all probability most of this liquor would have found ready sale on the Fourth of July, but the officers broke into the dividends of this business to a very damaging extent.—Llano News.

CURES FOR RATTLESNAKE BITE

J. H. Wilcox, an old timer suggests two remedies both of them simple and he claims highly efficient.

The first is mud preferably clay mud applied to the wound will draw out the poison. The other is half fill a large mouth bottle with hot water and after making two incisions crossing each through the woud of the bite, invert the bottle over the wound excluding the air. Change the water as it cools, as many times as necessary until it becomes milky. This poison will easily be seen in the water.—West Texas News.

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Friends are people who dislike the same people.—Lancaster Examiner—New Era.

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Cambler Knew How to Repay the Kindness

By AUGUSTUS SHERWIN
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"FIFTY against the dog!" shouted Matteo the marksman.

"Taken," in a mere careless draw came the reply from Arvidi, the gambler.

It was a typical Mexican scene—the interior of the chief gambling den at Truro and a critical stage of the game in progress.

Marvin Howe happened to be present amid the swarthy crew—a floating quantity in the general situation involving warfare, anxious to get North and out of it, and the opportunity just that day with a decidedly favorable change in fortune if he carried out secret instructions given to him.

The position was this: The commandant of the sectional insurgents wished to send a particular message to a co-patriot one hundred miles away. It involved a junction of the two forces. The intermediate forty leagues of territory, however, were occupied by a dangerous enemy. The chief at Truro was surrounded by enemies and spies. He had hired Howe to do some translation and had confidence in him.

Howe engaged to cross the danger line and deliver his message. He was to try and find some free lance who would accompany him and bring back a reply, while he, well rewarded, returned to home, friends and fiancée—Nellie Duryea, the only Nellie in the world to him beyond the unsettled border line.

Howe had thought of Matteo and that was why he was now an inmate of the noisy gambling den.

Howe had found him at the card table pitting his money recklessly against the most daring gambler in Truro. Howe saw his last dollar go. A handsome ring was staked, then his watch and now his most faithful friend and companion, the dog. Everybody who knew Matteo knew also his dog. The animal was tiny, but fearless and very intelligent.

The cards went the rounds again. Matteo lost. Howe saw a strangely desperate glint in his eye as he arose unsteadily from the table. He turned slightly pale. Then he shrugged his shoulders and walked over and kissed the little dog asleep on a pile of newspapers. Straight as a soldier then, he walked from the room.

"It will break his heart to lose his friend," Howe told Arvidi quickly. "May I redeem him?" and he proffered fifty dollars in paper money.

"All right," nodded the gambler and then Howe snatched up the dog and rushed after his master. Howe overtook him at the street door.

"Yours," he said, placing the little pet in his arms.

Matteo stared at Howe in a dazed, uncertain way. Then his fingers gently caressed the dog. His voice broke as he comprehended what Howe had done.

"Amigo," he said, holding Howe's hand in a fervent grasp, "when my fortune turns I shall know how to repay you."

"I can help it turn just now," remarked Howe significantly. He told him that he was authorized to pay royally for his guidance and direction.

"I can pilot you safely," Matteo said—"I am your man."

The morning they left Truro Howe had noticed a man he had seen hanging around the chief's quarters dogging his footsteps. He had called the attention of Matteo to this, who had carelessly asserted that if he was one of the numerous spies in action they "would soon lose him."

However, twice in two days after they had started on the trail they caught sight of a distant figure reminding of the man they had observed at Truro.

It was early in the morning that Matteo suggested a plunge into a near creek before they lit a little fire and cooked their frugal breakfast. They

had disrobed and were disporting themselves in the cool, sparkling stream, when an ominous sound echoed out—

Click!

Then, to the consternation of Howe, turning, he saw a man, the man who had shadowed him in the city, just rushing away with a camera.

"Matteo!" shouted Howe, quickly—"the spy. He has photographed the message on my back!"

"So?" observed Matteo, speedily springing ashore to where his clothes lay. It was to seize his revolver.

Crack!—followed a sure, steady aim. Crack!—a second sharp explosion followed. Dropping the wrecked camera and holding his wounded hand, the spy disappeared.

"The message is written partly in cypher," explained Howe, "but that man might have been able to make it out after close study."

"He is doubtless one of the unscrupulous crowd infesting the province, ready to blackmail, sell secrets or betray his best friend," acceded Matteo.

They reached the end of their journey in safety and the secret message was transcribed.

Matteo returned to Truro with a rich reward awaiting him. Marvin Howe crossed the border, bound for home and his waiting fiancée, pretty Nellie Duryea.

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