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MR. GILMORE IS RIGHT

We wish to commend Mr. Clarence E. Gilmore, chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, for the decision handed down by him last week in the contention of the railroads of Texas for an increase rate of 3 1-2c per 100 pounds on cotton. Mr. Gilmore refused to allow the raise, and thereby has saved the farmers of the state many thousands of dollars. The increase in the rate would have cost the farmers in freight on cotton alone from Lockney between \$1,750 and \$2,500 in the handling of this year's crop.

The freight rates as the people and producer sees them are far to high on all farm commodities at the present time, and there should be a general freight rate lowering on all farm products. The rates are now so high that it is almost impossible for the actual producer to reach the markets at a profit on his commodities, and the attitude of Mr. Gilmore in the cotton rate question meets with the approval of all cotton producers in the state, as well as cotton handling firms. To allow an increase would mean that the extra freight money would be taken out of the pocket of the actual producer, as the cotton buyers and cotton exporters would figure this extra price off the price they paid for the cotton to the farmer.

We understand that the railroad companies contemplate asking for a rehearing in this matter before the Texas Railroad Commission, and we trust that Mr. Gilmore will sustain his former decision in the matter and that no raise will be allowed on cotton shipments between Texas points.

The burdens heaped upon the people by increased taxes and increased

freight rates is becoming a nuisance and there must be a general drive in the near future to lower both of these items, as it has come to the point now where a poor man cannot own a home nor a small man financially can not conduct a business on account of the tax burdens and the high freight rates. The freight rates today are almost too high to enable the producer to ship any commodity, and there must be a halt called some where along the line, and the rate business must be downward from now on instead of upward. The railroad employees are not the only people in the world that must live. There are farmers and common citizens that must also have some consideration in the matter.

Political bees have begun to buzz all departments of the 1926 campaign at this time. There is a possibility that there will be several in the race for county judge at the coming election, two have already signified their intention of entering the district attorney race from Floyd county the next election. Two have announced for the job of district judge of this district so far, both aspirants being from Hale county. There is a possibility of there being some hot commissioner races in the county next year, also contestants for the offices of county clerk and district clerk. We haven't as yet heard any rumors of aspirants for the sheriff's office or county treasurer, but probably there will be announcements made in due time. In the state, the governor's as usual is taking the forefront and many men of light-calibre are pitching their hats in the ring. We certainly do hope that at least one real man will get into the race this year, as it is a shame to advertise to the world that we haven't got a man in the state big enough to be a governor. It has been a long time since Texas has had a real governor. Hog seems to be the best one we ever had, and Tom Campbell was the best in the life of this writer, but since then we don't consider we have had any governor worthy of any mention to amount to anything. Texas is a big state, Texas has some big men, but it seems that big men do not want to be connected with politics in this state, as they are entirely too rotten for decent people to get mixed up in as far as the state chief executive position is concerned. We have been paying careful attention to the announce-

NOTICE

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OTIS HARRIS
 PHONE 133

ments of would-be candidates for governor this year, and we must concede the prospect is no better than it was in the 1924 campaign. Two women in the race, three very small men figuring on getting in the race, and our private opinion is that there is not one of the whole kit-and-bling fit to hold the office of justice of the peace.

IT IS SAD TO NOTE

In the early day you could sight a covered wagon on the horizon, and the joyous yells would go up from the trail blazers, as they knew that a new family was going to join them in their pioneering in this Great Western country. The trail blazers had pulled up stakes and turned their faces toward the sitting of the sun, because they wanted to, and had bid their families good-bye with good will and provisioned for the trip.

Today we have a spectacle in many ways the same as the pioneer days, every day th crowds leading to West Texas and most especially the Plains country are lined with covered wagons, trucks and automobiles, loaded with men, women and children, seeking new homes, a place where they can live and be happy. Coming to a place, a section of the country where they have been told in former years was a great desert, where people could not exist, where you would starve to death if you tried to make a living farming. These people have found that all these tales about the Great Plains country being a desert were untrue, they have found out that there is more good pure water to the square foot on the Plains than there is to the square mile in Central and Eastern Texas, they have found out that you can raise more of any crop you plant on the Plains than you can raise in Eastern or Central Texas, and that by proper farming you can make a better crop every year on the Plains than you can any where else in the state.

It is a sad sight to see scores of these people, who have wasted their lives in other parts of this and other states, renting land, and making crop failure, coming into this section of the country and begging for farms to rent, begging for a chance to make an honorable living, for they have completely starved out down in the state, and have nothing to buy land with, because they stayed down there too long. Other come here trying to trade farm lands where they have left for lands on the Plains, but few men out here care to have farm land back in that country, where if the drouth don't get you the boll weevil will. These people are all good people, most of them are hard working and good farmers, they have been brought to a poverty stricken condition by bad crop years and a mortgage business, they have had to depend upon a cotton crop to pull them out, year after year the mortgage has grown, one year a fair crop, the next a failure, not enough money in the good year to take care of the bad. They have fought a good fight and lost, now they are turning to a country where there can be something raised besides cotton, where if the season is unfavorable for one crop you can plant an harvest another, where you are sure of a feed crop ev-

ery year. Think of it there has been farming in Floyd county for 42 years, and never has there been a total failure. Here if a man fails to raise a wheat crop in the spring, he has plenty of time to raise a cotton and feed crop in the summer, and we never have failed to have enough rain to raise at least one crop each year, and many years we raise both large wheat and feed crops in the same year, and cotton does as well on the Plains as in any other section of the state, making from a quarter to a bale to the acre each year. Then you don't have to worry with the boll weevil up here, Mr. Boll Weevil has no use for the Plains country, he like the cattle tick, don't dare to take a chance on the Plains, it is not suited to his well-being.

The past week more than a hundred good farmers, from North Texas, Central Texas, East Texas, South Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and various other parts of the country have been in Lockney looking out locations. Most of these men are good farmers, but they just staid down in the sticks one year too many. Most of these men want to rent farms, they have not got the money to pay down on a place. They want to move here and live, they want to farm on the Plains. The Lockney Chamber of Commerce is endeavoring to induce land owners to build houses on the larger tracts of lands that are not in cultivation in the county, and rent farms to these men. It is hoped that such arrangements can be made, that at least two or three hundred farm houses will be built, and that many of the tenants of the drouth districts can be located in this section of the country. We believe in giving a man a chance. These people are mostly ambitious and good workers, as very few people come to West Texas who are not ambitious. This country is inspiring to men, to live here two or three years makes a booster of you, makes you look at the world from a better angle, causes you to expand with hope and energy, and to love your home on the Plains, your community on the Plains, and your neighbors on the Plains are just a little bit better, just a little bit more contented, just a little bit happier than any where you have lived. We like to see new families move to the Plains, because we love the country which we call our home, and we know that nine out of every ten families that come here will be happy and contented to live here. Come to the Lockney country, "In the Heart of the Best Farming Section of the Plains."

WE GET AMUSED AT FARMERS

In the printing business our first thought is to procure machinery and type that will take care of the demands that are placed on us for caring for the printing business. If we see that we can make more money and can run our office better, making our family a better living by installing a linotype machine, new presses, new type faces or even skipping numbering machines, we don't hesitate to put them in at once. Some farmers say that the town man does not work long hours, and does not have the things to contend with the farmer does. But you can take the man in any kind of business, that is making a success of it, and he works as many hours and more days than the farmer works. His work may not be manual labor, but it wears him out quicker and he fills his grave generally long before the farmer reaches the end of his row. There are many good farmers, and lots of them have come to make their homes in this section, and there are many poor farmers and lots of them have come to make their homes in this country. We get amused at many farmers as we travel out in the country when we find time to leave, our work for a few hours. Oftimes we will drive up to a house and chat with a farmer, and find that he is not farming, but is merely living in the country. You will find farms right here in the Lockney country where the farmer does not have milk and butter enough to supply his own table, yet there are other farmers paying their grocery bills with the output from a few cows, and further we find farms that have no chickens, yet the American hen is one of the best cash producers on the market today, she is a lady that advertises her wares and keeps the markets steadily in demand for her produce, and the Plains country is one of the best poultry raising places on the entire map, and then again you will find that many farmers do not have hogs on their places, think of it coming to town to buy bacon and lard. On one occasion I suggested to a farmer who had 20 head of blooded cattle that he sell the cattle and buy some milk stock and that he would soon be getting along far better than he was at that time, and the reply was "that I would be a milk peddler." Why bless your heart, I had far rather be a milk peddler, than to have a bunch of no account blooded cattle eating up my feed crop each year, and bringing in no return. Why I know one woman that has cleaned up better than two



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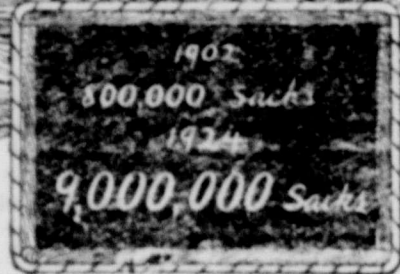
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dollars a day on her eggs all summer, and if her family had used the same method all over the farm why it would have been a waste of time and land to have planted a cotton crop. The little things, as some desire to put it, are the things that make life worth living, and are the things that swell the bank account of the thrifty man. You might laugh at the man who will walk on the dirt road, instead of the pavement, in order to save shoe leather, but if you will call up his banker, you generally find that he has the money to buy all kinds of shoes with. The business of running a farm is just like running any other business—the man who looks first to the money crop is the man that succeeds, and the money crop on every farm on the Plains will be found in the chicken house, the cow shed or the hog pen, for when a man looks to these money crops, he always has a well appointed meal to set down to, he does not have to depend on the paper sack for his nourishment, he does not have mortgages hanging over his head very long for these are the perfect mortgage lifters, and mortgages can not stay where they abound. Then when a

farmer has several good milk cows, a nice flock of chickens and pen full of meat hogs, all the money he gets for his cotton, wheat and extra feed crops is pure-d-velvet. What if you should visit a printing office and the printer didn't have a press or any type, well, it wouldn't be a printing office. What if you should visit a lumber yard and the lumberman didn't have any lumber, well, it wouldn't be a lumber yard. And the same thing is true of any other business, if a man has not got the goods his business is on the bum. Every farmer in this country should have a good supply of cows, hogs and chickens, and if they haven't got them now, they should get them as soon as possible, for brother they are your merchandise in stock, just the same as are dry goods to the dry goods man, groceries to the grocery man, and ink to the printer.

FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF TEACHES SINGING SCHOOL

J. R. Maddox, sheriff of Floyd county, feels he has a duty to perform toward the boys in his jail other than

seeing they get their three meals per day, and do not prematurely get out from under his charge. He has organized a singing class among the inmates of the jail. Each night floating out through the bars may be heard, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder," "When God is Calling the Prodigal," "Rescue the Perishing," "The Church in the Wilderness," and the melodious strains of other religious hymns. That is not all Sheriff Maddox is doing for his prisoners, they are being furnished with needles and thread and they are learning to embroidery, do drawn work and so on, and they are becoming better satisfied with their lot, and in this way there will be men come out of the county jail far better men than they were when they went in. Mr. Maddox is giving these men, by his actions, to understand that because of their degraded condition they are not beyond redemption, and that he has a heart and is willing to "give the man a chance." There will be men who this treatment will not be of any benefit, but there will be others to whom this chance and this teaching will be of untold benefit, and with the changing of one life so that the prisoner will become a man worth while will repay for all those that it does not affect.

TEXAS ROAD UPKEEP BODY TO BE FORMED

Austin, Aug. 26.—Organization of the Texas Road Maintenance Association, will be effected Dec. 3-4 at San Angelo, Joe Burkett, member of the State Highway Commission, said Monday.

All employees of the Highway Commission, county commissioners, county judges and county engineers will be eligible to membership. Burkett said calling of the San Angelo meeting was an outgrowth of the convention of highway representatives of the West Texas district, held Aug. 6 and 7 at Sweetwater. This meeting was called by Burkett, who has direct charge of highway work in West Texas.

Baptist Close Meeting at Lone Star Last Monday Night

The Baptist meeting which had been in progress for ten days, closed at Lone Star church last Monday night. Rev. R. E. L. Muncy, pastor of the church, done the preaching, and a good meeting was the result. Much interest was taken in the meeting and the spiritual strength of the community was greatly renewed.

C. E. Wells and daughters, Misses Ethel and Nona, are spending some time on a touring and fishing trip in Colorado, in company with them are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harper. Mrs. Harper is visiting relatives in Trinidad.

THE PASSING DAY

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The Texas Spirit of Progress.



Those who have watched the development of Texas for the past decade or so must be impressed with the progressive spirit that prevails almost everywhere. A quarter of a century ago a drought as severe as that which has prevailed in a large part of the State would have spread discouragement everywhere. Now it is accepted as an incidental matter, discouraging to be sure, but a condition that will soon pass and be forgotten. Those who are directly and somewhat seriously hurt by poor crops are philosophically figuring in terms of several years and reasoning that, taking a period of several years, the average annual revenue will be all that could be desired. Fortunately the banks nearly all have plenty of money to carry over most of those who need and deserve assistance, and have money left to be used in promoting the industrial enterprises that are starting nearly everywhere.

Irrigation Projects Under Way.

The big irrigation enterprise at Wichita Falls is attracting statewide attention. It not only promises to make for the permanent enrichment of Wichita Falls and the surrounding country, but it is causing people in every part of Texas to study their local conditions to find what can be done in the way of irrigation. It is fortunate that people are easily induced to follow good examples in drift and progress set by their neighbors. If all Texans could be persuaded to go to Wichita Falls and Cisco, or to the lower Rio Grande valley to study irrigation, it would not be long until irrigation would be undertaken wherever it is possible. The land owners of San Saba county are much interested in irrigating the Colorado and San Saba river valleys and have already started a movement to that end.

Texas Towns Are Improving.

Almost every week some half dozen Texas towns vote bonds for street improvements. Breckenridge has an ambitious program for paving streets in some 28 blocks. Athens is organizing local improvement districts to build better streets. Kerrville has voted \$50,000 for street improvements. Nearly all the towns are at work making their streets better. They are trying to do it to keep their streets at all on a par with the highways and country roads. The people are learning that the size of a town has little to do with its desirability as a home—that the comforts and conveniences are the things that count. Many towns have had to bond themselves to the limit to build ample school buildings, but the schools are being cared for, the people are building streets and sidewalks, improving the water supply and otherwise getting ready to live in some comfort.

Looking After the Water Supply.

The drought is teaching some places a good lesson. So long as rains fall regularly many places do not worry about an extra supply of water, but when the rains stop many Texas towns find that they are woefully in need of greater water storage. There are dozens of Texas cities and towns with plenty of water stored for any emergency, but scores of them are not so fortunate, and in a few places water is being shipped and sold as a precious and scarce commodity. There will never be a better time than now to prepare against such a condition ever arising again. Comanche is one of the thrifty places that has recently voted bonds for improving its water supply. An ample water reservoir is to be built near the town.

Properly Caring for the Sick

The announcement that Bowie is to build a \$20,000 hospital again starts the thought that very few places have ample hospital facilities. Just why it is thought more important to properly care for the criminal than for the sick is hard to discover. Most counties have splendid court houses and jails, but very few have proper public hospital facilities. Church and privately owned hospitals are found in many places, but by no means wherever they are needed. Nearly everywhere hospital fees are so high that only two classes can afford to use the hospitals at all—those who are rich and those who are paupers. For that reason the middle class—those who can only afford to pay reasonably—dread any kind of medical treatment that requires hospital service. Every place should see that the sick have suitable hospital facilities and at prices that the masses may be able to use them when they are needed.

Farm-Home Demonstration Agents.

In this day of progressive farming it is hard to see just how any Texas county can afford to do without farm and home demonstration agents. If they know their business and are energetic they are worth far more than they cost the people, and if they do not meet the requirements they can't hold their jobs very long. Often a farm agent's advice and assistance to one farmer is worth more than his entire year's salary. Certainly the home demonstration agents have done much to improve the living conditions of the country homes in the counties in which they have been employed.



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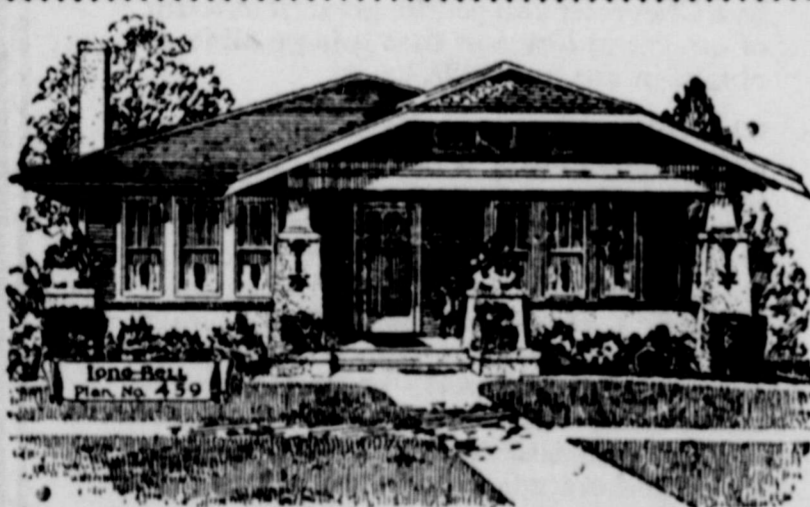
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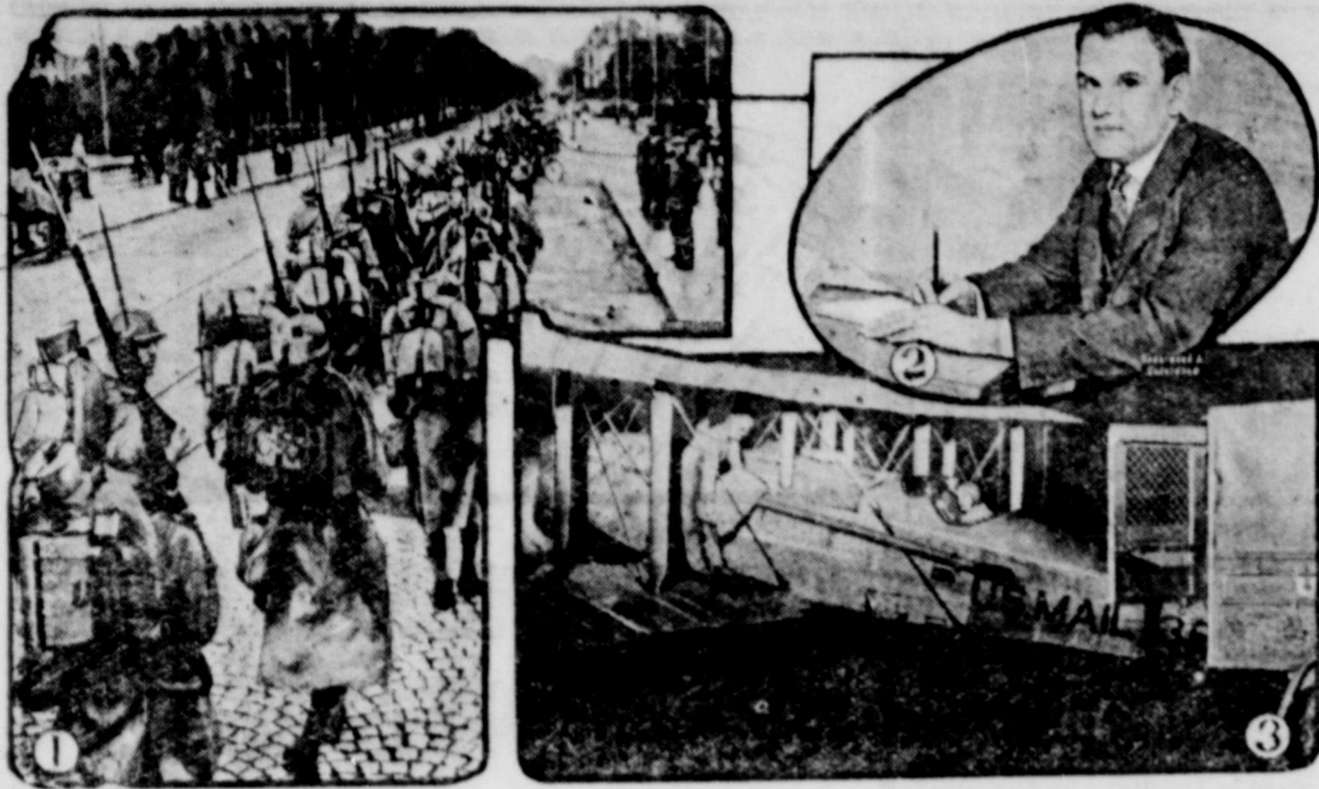
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1—French troops, evacuating the Ruhr, marching out of Essen. 2—Mayor I. F. Quigley of Chelsea, Mass., who was indicted, with 43 others, for conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws. 3—First unposed picture of the night air mail, showing a plane being loaded at Hadley field, New Brunswick, N. J.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

France and Britain Agree on Reply to Germany —Crop Report of Government.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

FRANCE and Great Britain, in the persons of Foreign Minister Briand and Foreign Secretary Austen Chamberlain, have reached complete agreement as to the reply which the allies are to make to Germany's latest note on a security pact for Europe. The text will not be made public until it has been submitted to Italy, Belgium and Japan, and then delivered to Berlin. However, enough of its nature has leaked out to show that it is cordial in tone and calculated to persuade Germany of the friendly intentions of the other nations. Dealing with only a few points specifically, it suggests that the time is ripe for getting down to business, which presumably will take the form first of conversations among the ambassadors and foreign offices. It is hoped the foreign ministers can get together for the final arrangements in September, when the League of Nations is in session.

France still insists on preserving her leadership over central Europe and therefore still demands that the eastern boundaries of Germany, as well as the western, be guaranteed. This is not acceptable to Great Britain, any more than it is to Germany. France also clings to her claim to the right to send troops through Germany to help Poland in case the Poles are attacked by Russia. Germany doesn't concede this and the British are loath to insist on it.

The allies probably will insist that Germany first of all enter the League of Nations. This Berlin is willing to do only with special treatment in respect to Article 18 of the covenant. Also, the Germans will demand that they be given mandates over at least some of their former African colonies. In the retreating last week the government was attacked for "making concessions to the whole world that fail to take into account Germany's national honor." In replying, Foreign Minister Stresemann said:

"As to our right to have colonies I can only state that the first time the question of our entering the League of Nations was debated Germany took the stand that as long as the league distributes colonies and accepts the principle that fully civilized nations have the right to control the less progressive nations, the Germans have the right to be counted among the civilized nations. On this point, too, Germany demands full equality and rights."

BARON VON MALTZAN, German ambassador to Washington, was named to Secretary of State Kellogg the formal request of his government that the United States return the German properties seized during the war and now in the custody of the alien property custodian. The State department's reply must be that it is necessary to await the action of congress in the matter. The properties were seized by act of congress and that body stipulated that they could be disposed of only under congressional authority. Those yet retained are valued at about \$100,000,000.

That Germany would make this claim was expected, but it is probable that it will reopen the whole matter of the collection of American claims on Germany for payment for damages sustained by American citizens during the war, including the Lusitania claims, and for the expenses of maintaining the American army of occupation in the Rhine country. There are many advocates of the proposition that the seized properties should be kept to liquidate these debts, in part. The entire matter is up to congress.

NEGOTIATIONS for the funding of the Belgian debt, now in progress in Washington, were not especially satisfactory last week. Each side put forward a proposition which the other side rejected, so it was necessary to

seek new ground. Evidently, the two commissions were rather far apart in their views on Belgium's capacity to pay, which is the crucial point. There was still no doubt expressed that they would finally come to an agreement. It has been decided that Belgium shall be granted a brief moratorium, but the problems of the interest rate, the annual payments on account of principal and the number of years in which the whole debt is to be retired are yet unsettled.

According to the government press of Rome, Italy hopes the total of her American debt will be made a variable sum, somewhat like the German reparations under the Dawes plan. Ambassador de Martino will soon return to Washington with the proposition that Italy is ready to pay to the limit of her capacity, but that the matter should be considered in the light of possible participation of American capital in Italian private and public industrial enterprises.

UNCLE SAM made public last week his guess at the total of crops that the American farmer will raise this year. At current prices the wheat and corn crops, as forecast, will be worth close to \$4,000,000,000. The Department of Agriculture places the wheat crop at 870,000,000 bushels and that of corn at 2,050,000,000.

The 1,287,000,000 bushels of oats, at farm prices, is estimated at \$416,000,000; the 214,000,000 bushels of barley at \$128,000,000; and the 52,000,000 bushels of rye at \$47,000,000. This would make the five grain crops at close to \$4,500,000,000.

Total for the five grains—wheat, corn, rye, oats and barley—was 5,200,000,000 bushels, or 183,000,000 more than harvested last year and 87,000,000 less than suggested by the report August 1 last year.

The most striking feature in the winter wheat report is the smallness of the Kansas crop, 96,000,000 bushels, the poorest showing with three exceptions in the last 20 years. Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma combined have 121,735,000 bushels, a drop of more than 10,000,000 bushels last month and of 141,000,000 bushels from last year.

A spring wheat crop of 263,000,000 bushels decreased 13,000,000 from July and 20,000,000 from last year. Minnesota, the Dakotas, and Montana have 187,000,000 bushels, a loss of 12,000,000 from last month and 50,000,000 from last year.

A corn crop estimate of 2,050,000,000 bushels represented a loss of 130,000,000 as a result of heat and drought last month, yet the promise is 22,000,000 above the average and a gain of 519,000,000 bushels over last year. The nine big states where the surplus corn is raised have 1,965,000,000 bushels, a loss of 85,000,000 from last month and a gain of 454,000,000 compared with a year ago.

One of the big surprises of the report was the showing in oats, 1,387,000,000 bushels, or 95,000,000 bushels more than last month and compared with 1,542,000,000 bushels last year. The five-year average is 1,328,000,000 bushels.

CHICAGO and the region round about was much stirred last week by the arrest of Col. Will Gray Beach, chief narcotic agent there, and three of his aids, on charges of trafficking in drugs. This action followed close upon a raid in which Kitty Gibbooley, "queen of the dope peddlers," was arrested and a great quantity of dope seized. Later many opium joints in Chicago were raided, and there were fears that a new tong war would break out because members of one tong accused those of another tong of being informers. In the apartment of Colonel Beach were found many Oriental treasures, some radio sets and other articles of value which it was suspected he had obtained in trade for seized narcotics. He asserts they were legitimately purchased by him from addicts. It is alleged that the activities of the government agents in Chicago have smashed a dope ring that operated throughout the country, and that the subsequent revelations will involve politicians, lawyers and policemen in various cities.

ON THE northwest part of the fighting line in Morocco the French, moving northward from the Ouzestan sector, and the Spanish,

moving down from the El Arish region, have effected a junction and started a joint offensive with the purpose of rolling up the right wing of Abd-el-Krim's army and pushing it toward Chechouan. This movement, according to dispatches from Fez, is going far toward destroying the power of the Rif leader, for some of the tribes have told him they will fight no longer outside of their own territory, and others have opened negotiations for peace with the French. It is announced in Paris that Marshal Pétain, the defender of Verdun, is being sent to Morocco to take the supreme command there and to direct a great offensive planned for September. The army of 200,000 has been reorganized by General Naulin, commander in the field, and most of the infantry are being supplied with the new Châtelleraut automatic rifles.

The revolting Druses in Syria, after killing or capturing 817 French soldiers, are now on the defensive, having been driven out of Suedah.

OFFICIALS of the United Mine Workers announce that if the government interferes with the proposed anthracite strike, the union will ask that the authorities first consider alleged wage-cutting in the soft coal fields. In the background is the implied threat to call out the bituminous coal miners.

W. W. Inglis of Scranton, chairman of the scale committee of the anthracite operators, said: "We have feared that, as in the past, the anthracite industry would become the victim of soft coal necessities. Our industry is relatively a small part of the coal industry as a whole. The mine workers' union is dominant in both hard and soft coal fields, and however it may affect the feelings of hard coal producers and consumers, they have always come in for secondary consideration whenever there has been a conflict of interests between hard and soft coal."

PARDON for Warren T. McCray, former governor of Indiana, is urged on Attorney General Sargent in a petition signed by 14 governors of states, seven of the jurors who convicted him and 30 bankers who were victims of his fraudulent transactions. Many other persons also signed the petition. McCray was sentenced to ten years in prison and has served but a year and three months. His long career of service to his state is cited in his favor.

THERE is now little doubt that John W. Weeks will soon resign his post as secretary of war because of his continued ill health. He visited President Coolidge at the White House last week, and while it was denied that he already had resigned, administration officials said there were small chances for his ever resuming his duties in the cabinet. Indeed, Mr. Weeks himself said that because of the condition of his health following his operation last spring he was doubtful whether he would be able to return to Washington this fall, and that it was possible he might not take up his cabinet work again.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE is said to be considering several men for the place of ambassador to Japan, made vacant by the death of Edgar A. Bancroft. Among those mentioned as possibilities are Frank W. Mondell, William C. Boyden, a Chicago attorney, and William M. Bullitt, who was solicitor general for a time under President Taft.

NEW YORK'S mayoralty campaign is interesting the whole country. Mayor Hylan, backed by Hearst, is out after re-election and Tammany has selected State Senator James J. Walker to oppose Hylan in the Democratic primaries. A Republican-Fusion ticket has been made up, headed by Frank D. Waterman, but W. M. Bennett, a frequent Republican candidate in the primaries, announces that he will again try to get the nomination.

MUSTAFA KEMAL PASHA, president of Turkey, has divorced his wife, Laila Hanım, who was one of the foremost feminists of Turkey. At the same time Kemal issued another presidential decree abolishing all the old regulations governing the dress of Turkish women

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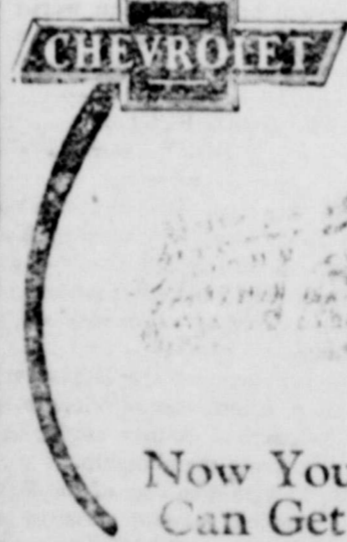
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Gifts That Last

Personal Mention

Floyd Huff and Douglas Watson spent Sunday in Lubbock visiting.
Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Morris attended a camp meeting in Silvertown Sunday.
Artie Baker and Bob Ramsey left Sunday for Dallas on a business trip.
O. H. Medlin and M. L. Penniger spent Sunday in Amarillo sight seeing.
E. R. Harris and R. C. Yarbrough visited in Canyon from Thursday to Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. France Baker of Lubbock were here visiting relatives over Sunday.
M. W. Lyles and family of near Curlew, were shopping in Lockney on Monday.
O. E. Stevenson returned Friday from Dallas, where he had been on a business trip.
Miss Lou Emma Henry spent from Saturday to Wednesday in Canyon visiting friends.
Miss Eunice Walker of Malone, Tex has been here visiting her sister, David Bates.
A. J. White and family have moved to the house of Mrs. E. J. Broyles, in the northeast part of town.
Delmar Ashworth will teach school this year at Mt. Blanco, the school session beginning in October.
Mrs. Jim Tucker and baby of Wortham, Texas, are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. John C. Tucker, this week.
Dr. and Mrs. A. T. Reed and Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Gass spent Sunday and Monday in Girard, visiting.
Garland Brown and family of near Dimmitt were here last week visiting his mother, Mrs. F. E. Brown.
C. H. Wyatt and wife of Anderson County, Texas, are here visiting Mrs. Wyatt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Sparks.
S. E. Mayfield of Abilene was here this week visiting A. C. Shaddox near town, and prospecting with a view of locating here.

Claude Thornton is having a nice bungalow erected on a lot just across the street from the Brewster house, on East Locust Street.
Mrs. Ola Brown of Texarkana, Texas, left last week for her home, after a visit of several days here with her brother, G. S. Morris, and wife.
W. J. Walker of Rush Springs, Okla., is here this week visiting. Mrs. Walker died in Lockney at the home of A. J. Crager several months ago.
Misses Olga and Alice Honea have returned home from a visit at Cleburne, Fort Worth, Breckenridge and Abilene, Texas, and Altus, New Mexico.
J. S. Barnett and family of near Lockney have moved to Plainview, where two of the children will be students in Wayland college the coming term.
Ralph Ashworth and wife of Sherman are here visiting with relatives, and Mr. Ashworth is looking out a location for a tailor business on the Plains.
Ernest Fowler and wife are moving from Muleshoe to Quitaque, where Mr. Fowler will be connected with Wyley Stuart, in the Ford automobile business.
Mrs. Tom McGehee and son Douglas, were in Lubbock Saturday and Sunday. Douglas expects to attend the Tech College at Lubbock this year and they went down to make arrangements concerning same.
Z. T. Riley and Otis Harris spent Sunday in Canyon visiting with Mrs. Riley and other members of the family. Mrs. Otis Harris, who has been visiting her mother for several days returned home with them.
Coy Pinner and two sons, Harvey and Faye, of Rush Springs, Oklahoma, are here this week, looking out a location to move. They state that the crops are a failure in that section of Oklahoma, and they are trying to rent a farm and move here.
Mrs. H. B. Adams, Douglas and Milton, and Miss Clem Blankenship

left Saturday for Ranger. Miss Clem has been here for the past month visiting, and Mrs. Adams and boys returned home with her for a two weeks visit.

J. W. Asher of Palo Pinto county, has been here visiting W. H. Arterburn, and looking at the country. Mr. Asher says he lives in the drouth infested district of Texas, and that there are practically no crops in Palo Pinto county this year.

M. P. McCleskey and family left this week for Eastland county for a visit of two or three weeks. Mr. McCleskey will go on to Mineral Wells where he will spend the time for the benefit of his health, while his family is visiting in Eastland county.

J. H. Jackson and J. J. West of near Stamford, were here this week visiting J. J. Smith, of east of Lockney, and looking out a location to move. These gentlemen state that the Lockney country will be expected to furnish feed for the farmers of Jones county this year.

Mrs. Dewey Floyd, who has been absent from her home for several weeks, having been in the sanitarium at Amarillo for a long time, and at Canyon with her mother since leaving the sanitarium, returned to her home in Lockney Sunday. Mrs. Floyd is much improved, and it is hoped will soon be perfectly well again.

Mrs. J. H. Hohlaus and children returned Sunday from a visit of some time at Texline, with Mrs. Hohlaus' mother, brother and sisters. Kenneth and Virginia, went to Texline about two months ago for a visit, and Mrs. Hohlaus and little Lawrence went up three weeks ago for a visit. Mr. Hohlaus met them in Plainview Sunday.

Mrs. S. S. Welch and children of Dimmitt, are here visiting the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Shackelford.

Mrs. Wallace Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Coleman of Oglesby, Texas, Coryell county, left for their home last week, after a visit of several days with Mrs. Wallace Coleman's mother, Mrs. F. E. Brown. Mr. Coleman was delighted with the country, and expects to move here about October to make his home.

Misses Lula Coleman and Anna Mae Collins are expected home this week from a trip of several months, spent in school at Peabody College, at Nashville, Tennessee, and visits to points in North and South Carolina. While away the ladies visited in eleven different states, and were guests for boat rides and in bathing parties in the Atlantic Ocean.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BUSBY FAMILY

(By John Steven Busby, Sr., Published by request).

At present, so far as I know, I am the oldest member of the Busby family. I was born in Tennessee September 27th, 1845. In my family there were five brothers and one sister—namely, Jim J., Sam S., John S., Will F., Tom R., Chas. L., and Augusta.

Our great-grandfather was Scotch-Irish, born and raised in Scotland, and came across and settled in North Carolina and raised a family of four boys and three girls. From there he moved to Kentucky. In moving from North Carolina to Kentucky they had to pass through the Cumberland Mountains, which in that early day harbored many wild and ferocious animals, among which were large grizzly bears. The trip was made, of course, in ox wagons, which were the only means of transportation at that time.

So when Sunday came they all decided to take a rest and let the oxen graze. During this period of rest the four boys decided they would get their guns and kill a bear, knowing that one was nearby because many fresh tracks were about where the camp was pitched. They found the bear alright; but instead of killing it they wounded it, and all the boys scattered in different directions and ran back to the camp, when three of them arrived at the camp and the fourth didn't show up, they decided to go back and look for him. They found that the bear had caught him and killed him.

The elder member of the family died in Kentucky, leaving three boys and three girls, who married and became separated and lost from each other. One of the boys, my grandfather, Steven Busby, moved from Kentucky to Lawrence County, Tennessee, where my father, Stevanna Bushy, was born, and where I was born.

My two oldest brothers, Jim and Sam, are dead, therefore, as stated above I am the oldest one living. I am now 79 years old. I have raised seven children to be grown and married, four boys and three girls; namely: John Steven, Jr., deceased, and Ella, who is now Mrs. Geo. A. Springer, both children by my first wife, who was Miss Margaret Carrell, and who died sixteen years after our marriage. My second wife was Miss Francis Wooten, who is yet living with me, and who is the mother of my five last children, namely: Horace W., W. Edd, Joe E., Floy, who is now Mrs. Henry Blair, and Edna, who is now Mrs. Thomas Ferguson, all living but Edd,

who died in 1918.

My great grandfather was born in 1745, I was born in 1845, exactly 100 years apart. My grandfaiber was born in 1784, and my son, Horace, was born in 1884, exactly 100 years apart, (a coincident).

I am writing this for my children to refer to.

I have five children, nineteen grandchildren and twenty-three great grandchildren now living—J. S. Busby, Ft. Worth, Texas, May 7th, 1925.

MISS LIVINGSTON EDITRESS OF PETERSBURG STAR

Miss Alma Livingston, daughter of S. J. Livingston of Lockney, and formerly teacher in the school of this city, who has been working in Ralls during the summer months, as linotype operator on the Ralls Banner, has assumed control of the Petersburg Star, a newspaper published for that enterprising little city, and will conduct the paper in the future. For the present Miss Livingston will have the Star printed in the office of The Lockney Beacon, and no doubt as Petersburg grows, and when the railroad reaches the town, she will then establish a printing plant for the paper in the town of Petersburg. Miss Livingston has decided to make the printing business her life's trade, and has spent several terms in C. I. A. at Denton, where she was connected with the publication of the college paper and learned to operate a linotype machine. Miss Livingston is a capable and pleasing young lady, and we wish for her much success as editor of The Petersburg Star.

W. O. W. Lodge Will Hold Ice Cream Supper Next Tuesday Night
The members of the W. O. W. and Woodmen Circle lodges will hold an ice cream supper on the grass lot just west of the O. T. Prickett home on next Tuesday night, September 1st.

All members of the W. O. W. and Woodmen Circle and their families are requested to be present, and the ladies are asked to bring cakes.

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TEXAS NEWS

Application of the Texas railroads for an increase of 2 1/2 cents per 100 pounds on the rate of cotton between points in Texas was denied by the railroad commission recently, in an order issued by the commission.

Proposal to increase the school tax at Edgewood from 80 cents to \$1 on the \$100 property valuation was defeated at an election held there several days ago.

Transfer of highway equipment for division 6 is now being made from El Paso to Alpine, new division headquarters.

The people in a wide section of Brazoria County will decide at an election called for Sept. 26 if systematic cattle dipping will again be resumed.

Three thousand bales of prison farm cotton will be ginned by Sept. 1, according to report made to Governor Ferguson by Walker Sayles, member of the state prison commission, and it is to be concentrated on the ship channel at Houston.

A bid submitted by Will C. Hurs, covering the making of ownership maps for incorporation of the city of Longview and of the Longview independent school district, has been accepted by the city commissioners. The bid amounts to \$4600.

The Texas State fair and about twenty-five conventions, some of which are national, are expected to bring more than one million visitors to Dallas within the next year, the convention department of the chamber of commerce says.

More than 2,000 farm laborers, most of them from drouth stricken counties, have been placed this summer by state free employment agencies, and at the present time there are five jobs available for every applicant, F. R. Crocker, state labor commissioner, stated this week.

Crop conditions in Bastrop County become more unfavorable each day as the extreme dry weather continues, and it is now almost too late for rain to help the cotton crop. The crop will be the shortest known in years, and it is estimated that the yield in the county will not exceed 1800 bales.

The scramble of state departments for more room in the capitol building has run into legal complications. A ruling has been secured by the board of control on its power to allot rooms for the departments and the legal decision is that the board may not move any bureaus from offices it already holds.

A federal employment bureau has been opened at Waco, and other bureaus likely will be opened within the near future at Benton and Greenville. State Labor Commissioner Crocker was notified this week by C. W. Woodman, assistant director of farm labor of the federal department of labor.

Cotton originating in area infected by the pink boll worm where quarantine rules do not permit compression en route when consigned to points in Texas east of Sierrita Blanca, under bills of lading carrying the notation "to be compressed" may, at the request of the owner or shipper, be compressed and fumigated at El Paso for 55c a bale, the Texas railroad commission has ordered.

The Texas & Pacific Railroad has applied to the interstate commerce commission for permission to issue \$2,475,000 for equipment trust certificates to buy new engines and freight cars. It was announced this week. The money to be received will be used toward purchase of \$3,310,250 worth of equipment, including ten freight locomotives, five passenger engines, ten switch engines and 750 gondola type freight cars.

Eight Texas towns have lost a 2c credit on their respective fire insurance key rate. J. J. Timmons, state fire marshal, says the fire insurance commission has penalized Albany, Hubbard, Angleton, Memphis, Meridian, Tahoka, Tenaha and Wellington because of failure of the city fire marshals of these towns to send in required monthly reports. Because of this failure, the key rate for each town was raised 2c.

Ten carloads of cattle were shipped from Gonzales the past week, nine by Johnson and Kelly consigned to Pool of Bay City, and one car by A. E. Floyd consigned to New Orleans market. J. L. Du Bess of Westhoff just over the line from Gonzales County shipped out nine cars of yearlings and two year old steers to San Angelo to grass. The stock range in this county is very bad, there being practically no grass on the range at all.

Contract for the construction of a chapel, dormitory and power house for the Home for Dependent and Neglected Children at Waco has been awarded by the state board of control.

The cotton shippers of Nacogdoches and surrounding territory are gratified with the announcement made from local Representative M. L. Love of the Southern Pacific that special cotton trains would be made up at Dallas and at Palestine each day at 5 p. m. to run to Houston via Nacogdoches and Gallatin over the Texas and New Orleans, reaching Houston at 4 a. m., and giving one night service in the delivery of cotton from all points between Dallas and Houston, and between Palestine and Houston.

FEDERAL RESERVE HELPS FARMERS

How Its Aid to England's Return to a Gold Standard Benefits American Agriculture.

By M. A. TRAYLOR
Second Vice President American Bankers Association.



There has been no more important event for the American farmer and stock man since the Armistice than the recent return of Great Britain to a gold standard. It seems a long distance from the Montana farm to the gold vaults of the Bank of England, but the price the farmer gets for his wheat and cattle depends not a little on that gold.

The farmer sells his wheat to the elevator man and yet the real buyer, in many cases, is an Englishman, a Frenchman, a German, or an Italian. About one-third of the wheat crop is usually sold abroad and this part is a large factor in fixing the price of the entire crop. Between the farmer and the foreign buyer there are many steps. In recent years the most important step has been that at which the foreign buyer has to pay the American exporter, for the international mechanism of payment has been badly out of order because Europe was off the gold standard. It was just as though an English buyer drove up to your farm house, bargained for your wheat and drew up the contract. But when you discussed payment, he said: "I'm sorry I haven't any good United States money to pay you with; I'll have to pay you in my English paper money, which isn't worth its face value in gold. I don't know what it may be worth next week, but that is your risk."

A Deadly Foe of Trade

How many would be willing to sign contracts on this basis? Yet that is the way most of the world's trade has had to be carried on since the Armistice. In practically all countries except the United States the currencies have had no fixed value in gold, but have changed in value from day to day. Whenever one country sold anything to another country, somebody had to take the risk of loss because the value of the money might change before payment was made. Such uncertainty of payment is a deadly foe of trade, and people were afraid to do any larger international business than they had to.

Exports of food stuffs from the United States fell from two and a half billion dollars in 1919 to eight hundred millions in 1923 and the difficulties of European buyers in making satisfactory payment for American farm products was one of the large factors in the drop in the prices of farm products. But now the recent action of Great Britain in declaring that it will again redeem its paper money in gold means that British buyers of American products can pay for them with money which is accepted the world over at its face value in gold. With the return of Great Britain to the gold standard, a majority of the countries of Europe have paper currencies equal to gold.

How Reserve Banks Helped

American bankers have assisted in the British return to the gold standard by giving a \$100,000,000 credit to the British government. But more important than this was the action of the Federal Reserve Banks in granting the Bank of England material co-operation. They placed \$200,000,000 gold at the disposal of the Bank of England for two years, to be used by it, if necessary, in maintaining the gold standard. The readiness of the Reserve Banks thus to co-operate was an important influence in the willingness of the British to take this all important step.

This action of the Reserve Banks was a most constructive step in aid of American farmers and producers who will benefit greatly by the removal of this element of uncertainty from their export transactions. If all the sins of omission and commission charged against the Federal Reserve System by banker, business man, live stock man or political blatherskite in the last five years were true, and practically none of them are, the service rendered commerce and industry by the System in connection with the restoration of the gold standard in so large a part of the world would far outweigh any mistakes that those in charge of the System may have made. No banker, business man or farmer should permit any self serving declaration by favor seeking demagogue to swerve him from a determination to see that the System is maintained for the future welfare of the country.

Fundamentally conditions are very sound and we are doing a very large volume of business, no little part of which is due to the equalizing and stabilizing effect exercised by the Federal Reserve System on the credits of the country. Throughout all the stress of the last five years there have been no times of either stringency or plethora of bank credit. Rates have run along on a rather level keel and in my judgment have had much to do with the stable volume of business which we have enjoyed, and which is quite contrary to the old experience of the aftermath of panics. With a credit structure such as only the Federal Reserve System can guarantee, I feel we need have no apprehension but for the contrary sound optimism for the future.

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The Baptist Meeting

The meeting at the Baptist Church is making progress. There has been eleven additions to the church. Nine of these are for baptism.

We are exceedingly anxious to reach many others that are either out of duty or lost. We thank the Lord for his blessings and crave his presence, as we go forward. May each of us, both saved and unsaved do just the things that please him best.

C. J. McCARTY, Pastor.

Church of Christ Meeting to Begin at Roseland September 12.

There will be a protracted meeting

held at the Roseland school house beginning Saturday, September 12th, for the Church of Christ of that community. Elder C. R. Graves will be the preaching, and everybody is invited to attend these services.

FOR SALE—12 disc Emerson Drill.

Terms.—Geo. T. Meriwether. 49-1fc

Mr. Carter E. Thompson of Post spent Sunday in Lockney as the guest of Miss Jettie Wells.

George T. and A. R. Meriwether had business at Matador today, concerning their new gin plant.

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FOR SALE—Row binder, in good shape.—See Mrs. J. A. Hutchison, Lockney, Texas. 48-3t-p

FOR SALE—166 7-10 acres of land, located 1 mile east and 9 miles north of Lockney, 1 mile from a good brick school building and store. Improvements: 3-room house built bungalow style, good well and wind mill, two good lot fences, granary, car shed, chicken house, and about 30 acres in pasture fenced with hog wire. Price, \$65.00 per acre, \$4,000.00 cash, 6 sulky plow.—See Dr. N. E. Greer.

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WILL BUY First Vendor's Lien notes on good farm land, might consider good Second Lien notes.—J. G. Dougherty, Plainview, Texas. 46-4t-c

I am going to teach music at my home this winter. Phone 87.—Lou Emma Henry. 47-tf-c

FOR SALE—Fordson double disc

AN eighty acre farm for sale, 2 miles west of Lockney, terms reasonable and priced right. Write J. L. Celsor, Sentinel, Okla. 47-4t-p

FOR SALE—Good 12-20 tractor to sell cheap, on good terms.—N. W. Morgan & Co. 45-tf-c

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FOR SALE—2,000 bundles of good Kaffir, cheap for cash.—E. B. Rankin, 10 miles north of Lockney. 45-tf-c

LOST—Roll of bedding, containing 3 quilts with belt around them, either in Lockney or between here and Claude Crossing. Return to Beacon Office.

LOST—Between Lockney and Flomot Saturday, a sack containing girls clothing. Notify Beacon office.

FOR TRADE—640 acres well improved land in Moore county, for land near Lockney.—C. L. Anderson. 49-71t-p

FOR SALE—Pair smooth mouth horses, weight about 1,100 lbs. 1 real good school horse.—H. F. Kidd, 4 1-2 miles west of Lockney. 49-2t-p

LOST—Two horse mules, strayed from Buntin pasture seven miles southwest of Plainview. One bay 14 1-2 hands high, 4 years old. Black, 14 1-2 hands high, 4 years old. These mules were raised at Olton. Will pay ten dollars for their recovery. Notify J. W. Boyle & Son, Plainview, Texas.

COMMISSIONS MAKE TAX RATE 65 CENTS FOR THIS YEAR

Valuation of County Property About The Same as Last Year, Making Tax Collected the Same

At the regular session of the Commissioners Court in Floydada last week, the commissioners set the tax rate of the county at 65c on the \$100 valuation, the same rate that was given last year. The valuations of the county were practically the same as that of last year, making the tax money to be collected this year about the same amount as was collected last year. The taxes will be divided into the following funds:

General fund	25c
Road and Bridge Fund	15c
Special Road and Bridge fund	15c
Building fund	5c
Jury Fund	5c

Total 65c
Tax rates of the common school districts were also set at this meeting. The rate of tax in each district will be the rate that was recommended by the local trustees of each district, and was levied by the Commissioners Court.

Visits of the Stork

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cummings, Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock, a 8 1-2 pound girl. Named Denise.
L. D. McReynolds of Aiken, Saturday evening, August 22nd, a boy.

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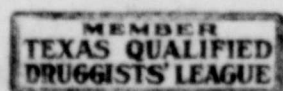
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