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## L. O. DUNN DIED WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Prominent and Esteemed Midland Ranchman Succumbs to Attack of Appendicitis.

Though quiet, unpretentious, modest in all his walks of life, there is perhaps no cowman in all the great Southwest of more favorable prominence than was our esteemed citizen, L. O. (Olie) Dunn. Last Sunday he was stricken by an attack of appendicitis, and on Monday he was brought into town for medical aid. His condition was extremely serious. An operation was a faint and only hope. It was performed. The sufferer died Wednesday evening at 8:30. Funeral services today at 3:30 p. m., conducted by Rev. J. W. Cowan, pastor of the Methodist church.

Olie Dunn was esteemed most highly by everybody. We never heard an ill word spoken of him. He was a real man. He never married, but spent his life caring for the wants of loved ones, father, mother, sisters, nephews, nieces, etc., a number of whom he has been father to, bringing them up to manhood and womanhood, and starting them substantially in life.

Deceased was 47 years of age, would have been 48 the 20th of next December, and most of these years he spent at or near Midland. As a citizen he walked upright before his fellows, and Midland feels that she has sustained an irreparable loss through his death.

Hundreds will attend his funeral this afternoon, and in the hearts of all there rests a deep and inexpressible grief that he is no more. The Reporter joins hosts and hosts of friends in a profound expression of sympathy to all those who are so sorely bereaved by his death.

## TO KEEP BORDER BOYS ON BORDER

Some time ago, recently, a number of Midland citizens signed a petition, requesting Congressman Thos. L. Blanton to do what he could to keep the border boys on the Mexican border, urging that they are now familiar with the duties there and calculated to render better service than would boys strange to the border. In reply to this petition W. J. Moran had the following from Mr. Blanton, under date, May 11th:

"My dear Mr. Moran:  
"I am in receipt of a copy of the resolution of date May 8th, addressed to the Secretary of War, and signed by yourself and many other of the good citizens of Midland, asking that a part of the divisions of cavalry to be assigned on the Mexican border be composed of the boys and young men of West Texas.

"I have had this matter up before with the departments and you may rest assured that I shall give the same my hearty support and use every effort to have this action taken.

"Will you kindly advise the other citizens who signed the petition with you, of the contents of this letter for it will be impossible for me to write them all, as we are now considering the \$1,800,000,000 revenue bill, besides many other matters of importance."

## BERT STRINGER TO ENLIST AT ABILENE

Bert Stringer, until recently employed by B. W. Floyd, on the ranch 20 miles southeast, left this week for Abilene, where he will enlist in the army, in the event that his examination is right. He is one of Midland's right clever boys, and The Reporter joins other friends in wishing him a valorous career as a soldier and a safe return home.

## MIDLAND COLLEGE GRADUATE RECITALS

Several Programs of Interest by the Graduating Pupils Rendered Past Few Days

Contributed to the columns of The Reporter this week are comments upon several programs rendered in the college auditorium, the first being on May 8th. We publish the several in the following:

Miss Iris Estes

On Tuesday evening, May 8th, Miss Iris Estes, a student of Midland College, gave her graduate recital in oratory at the Christian church.

The program consisted of four scenes from Justin Huntly McCarthy's "If I Were King," and Miss Estes handled this story in a remarkably pleasing and skillful manner. The subject matter afforded an unusual opportunity for character study and the reader did not fail to seize it. Her interpretation of each character was full and sympathetic and she most ably portrayed each in a charming and natural way.

Miss Estes is a student of Miss Lera Lucile Brown, instructor of oratory in Midland College. She has a host of friends here who congratulate her upon her present achievements and who predict for her much success in this art. Her very successful program is a worthy compliment to herself and also to Miss Brown and her department.

Miss Bessie Irene Reynolds

Miss Lera Lucile Brown, instructor of oratory in Midland College, presented Miss Bessie Irene Reynolds in graduate recital Thursday evening, May 10th, at the Christian church.

Miss Reynolds entertained her audience with a delightfully varied program, in which she proved herself a reader of marked adaptability and breadth of emotional quality. In the dramatic monologue, "Behind the Curtain," Miss Reynolds became for the time the terrified little widow, hysterical with fear at a pair of boots left by mistake behind a curtain in her bedroom. In Lan McClaren's "Afterwards" she gave a wonderfully pathetic account of a man's delayed realization of his wife's true worth. And in her concluding number the reader gave a pleasing impersonation of Eleanor Abbott's delightfully vivacious and child-like character, "Molly Make-Believe."

Miss Eunice Allen

Tuesday evening, May 15th, Miss Lena Holland, director, presented Miss Eunice Allen in piano recital. Miss Allen played a variety of selections, which showed her great ability. She possesses a combination of the qualities found in a finished pianist and was master of every selection rendered. Her work is a compliment to her effort and to those of her capable and efficient director, Miss Holland. Following was her program:

Etude—Kullak.  
Berceuse—Godard.  
Two Larks—Leschetizky.  
To Spring—Grieg.

Miss Nellie Elkin, reader, and Mr. N. R. Henry, baritone, assisted with the program, giving several numbers.

Miss Leona McCormick

Miss Lera Brown presented Miss Leona McCormick in "Strongheart," Wednesday evening, May 16, Christian church auditorium.

Miss McCormick read three cuttings from Strongheart which give the story complete. Throughout she was master of the work and had her audience in the spirit of the story, going from the wild forest scenery to the college campus, to the parlor, the excitement of the football game and back to the forest.

The ability of this young lady will, coupled with her ambition, carry her

## Promoting the New Town of Fasken



COL. RUFUS J. LACKLAND

Col. Rufus J. Lackland, of Fort Worth, the famous real estate auctioneer, who will handle the big opening auction sale of lots in the new town of Fasken, on the Midland & Northwestern railroad on Wednesday May 30th, arrived in Midland last Monday and begun making arrangements for the big sale. Col. Lackland says from present prospects he expects to have a big crowd at the sale as the general consensus of opinion is that on account of the splendid location of Fasken, its good, shallow water and rich land for farming purposes, it will make a good town, and business point, as it will command a trade territory for quite a distance in all directions. Fasken is located in what is known as the "C" ranch north pasture at mill No. 53, being 32 miles south of Seminole and 32 miles north of Midland, at about half way between Midland and Seminole. We understand that the new townsite is very attractive and has been laid out in an expert manner. All lots have been staked and numbered and the streets are being graded. Many business men have already

been looking for location and it will only be a few days after the sale until the sound of hammer and saw will be heard on every hand, and to be succeeded by the hum of business life.

The track is now within a few miles of Fasken and will be there before the opening sale. Mr. Sydney C. Lackland, who has charge of all his brother's advertising, is also in the city and in active charge of the advertising campaign for the sale. Sydney C. has the reputation of being the best real estate advertising expert in the south. That he is a firm believer in printer's ink in both the newspaper and other printed matter, is evidenced by the way he handed out copy for space in this office. His double page advertisement in this issue will testify to his liberality, and he says it is up to him to produce the crowds at the Colonel's sales, and he knows just how to go after them to get the best results.

The newspaper is his favorite route.

NOTE—Well here is hoping that the new town of Fasken will form a bright star in West Texas' crown and we think it will—Editor.

on in this field of work in which she excels already.

A very large and enthusiastic audience spoke for the popularity and ability of the young reader.

## Midland College Announcements.

Friday evening, 8:30, May 18, College Auditorium, the Fine Arts recital under direction of faculty of Fine Arts department.

Saturday afternoon, 4 to 6, May 19, City Drug Store, Art Reception, Fay Goodwin graduating.

Sunday evening, 8:30, May 20, Christian Church auditorium, the Commencement Sermon, delivered by J. T. McKisick.

Monday morning, 10, May 21, Col-

lege auditorium, Senior Class-Day program.

Monday evening, 8:30, Faculty Reception, College parlors.

Tuesday morning, 10, College auditorium, Commencement Address, by E. M. Waits, Pres. T. C. U., Fort Worth, Texas. Awarding of diplomas.

## PAINFULLY HURT BY OVERTURNED AUTO

Our townsman, Ed Eriksen, was painfully, though not seriously, hurt one day recently when his auto struck a curbing and turned over. He has been confined to his bed, though his injuries are not considered very serious.

## FIRST TWENTY-FIVE MILES COMPLETE

It is Offered That First 25 Per Cent of M. & N. W. Bonus is Now Due

After many ups and downs, and for a long time, apparently, most of them down, the dream of the Midland people is now about to be realized. The first 25 miles steel have been laid, and the first installment of 25 per cent of the notes, executed by the people of Midland, is now due and payable to the committee, who are authorized to collect the same, as per agreement and the condition of the notes.

The benefits that will accrue from the building of this line of railway to the people of Midland cannot be over-estimated. The road will open up some of the finest agricultural country in the State of Texas, underlain with shallow water that some day will be brought to the surface and used for irrigation purposes, thereby insuring a bountiful crop every year, regardless of whether it rains or not, and the supporting of a dense population.

On account of the unsettled condition of affairs in Europe, and the scarcity of all kinds of provisions, prices are going skyward for the necessities of life. It is doubtful yet if the prices have reached the high water mark, on account of our country being engaged in war with the Teutonic people, and the question of food stuff is the paramount issue with the American people. This line of railway opens for settlement a section of country that has been retarded in development on account of transportation facilities, and with such transportation facilities assured by the building of the Midland & Northwestern Railway, it will only be a short time until thousands of happy homes will greet the eye of the visitor in this section of the country.

The fertility of the soil is unquestionable. The farmer has demonstrated his ability to raise all kinds of farm products. The climate is ideal. The "C" ranch is opening up for settlement 60,000 acres in small tracts for settlers on the northern part of the ranch, which is conceded by everybody who has been in this section of the country to be the best large body of agricultural land that they have seen in their travels throughout the West.

The management of the railway company expects to have the road built into the town of Fasken by the 25th of this month. The town of Fasken, located in the center of this large body of rich, agricultural land, is going to be opened for settlement by the "C" ranch people, thus insuring for this town a brilliant future, and ere long it will be one of the most thriving towns in West Texas.

The railway is going to push on to Seminole at the earliest moment possible. On account of the unsettled condition of the business world it has been found difficult, yet the proper handling of the necessary material will make it possible. This has not been accomplished in as rapid a manner as the railway people would like to have had it done. However, every effort is being used to get the road to Seminole at the earliest date possible. —Contributed.

## A MIDLAND BOY CAPTAIN IN NAVY

In commenting from time to time upon Midland boys who have joined various departments of military service, The Reporter had not learned that Dr. Jesse Flaunt, son of Mrs. W. C. Cochran, this city, had been one of the first to volunteer. He is now a captain in the medical department of the navy, and is active in the Atlantic fleet. We wish him noble service, honor, and safety.

## MIDLAND BOYS IN NEW MEXICO GUARDS

Ten of Them Left Last Tuesday night for Albuquerque, N. M., to Enlist

Ten of our boys left last Tuesday night for Albuquerque, N. M., there to enlist with National Guards. They were H. S. Glenn, Ben Stanley, Rorie E. Cowden, W. F. Roberts, Clyde Barron, Will Snodgrass, Drif Shepherd, Otis W. Ligon, Noel Cowden and W. R. Hyatt. Two others, we understand, will leave today for the same place and purpose. These are E. F. Hornaday and H. H. Hunter, both teachers in the Midland public school and Midland College, respectively.

All these young men, each under 30 years of age, are fine specimens of manhood, and will be heard from substantially if called upon in defense of their country.

They expected to leave Tuesday on No. 5, and it was so reported. As a mark of appreciation of their and of their hardy and adventurous patriotism, an immense crowd was at the depot to see them off, among the crowds the high school students. However their transportation had been delayed, and of necessity they had to await the night train. The boys were somewhat chagrined at the demonstration and they not being able to leave. They need not feel badly about it, though, for every one understands, and feels toward them the deepest pride in their enlistment.

The boys wished us to thank everyone for the demonstration. They are deeply grateful, and to feel that they are leaving so many friends and well-wishers will ever be a spur to them in a noble purpose. Brave boys! Go on where duty calls, and be assured that in the hearts of those you leave behind there lingers a prayer that "God be with you till we meet again."

## CANCELLED ORDERS FOR T. & P. CARS

J. E. (Boog) Scott, of Coleman, has been a distinguished stockman visitor to Midland this week. He was here a good many days, waiting for cars to ship 1000 yearlings bought of Bryant & Elkin Bros. Naturally he failed to get cars, finally gave up in disgust, and wired for accommodations from the Santa Fe at Lamesa. The Santa Fe seems able to render service at all times, the T. & P. at no time. Agent Henderson, of the T. & P., who is doing all he can to relieve the situation, thinks there is prospect soon for better service, though we are unable to learn upon what he bases his hopes.

Many other stockmen have been seriously handicapped lately on account of car shortage, and Midland, too, is being seriously hurt in a business way.

The Scott shipment is but one of several that have lately been trailed through from Midland to Lamesa for shipment. Patience; but, "How long, Lord, how long!"

## SISTER DIED IN NASHVILLE TENN.

A message was received here last Friday morning stating that Mrs. Pruett, sister of Mrs. F. E. Rankin, of this city, had died in Nashville, Tenn., the result of an operation. Mrs. Rankin was with her sister at the time of her death. Mrs. Pruitt will be remembered by many Midland friends, whom she made during her visit here last year. The Reporter tends sympathy to Mrs. Rankin and other bereaved relatives and friends of the deceased.

Mrs. Spencer Jowell returned this week from a three weeks' stay in Maclin, very much improved in health.

## AFTER YOUR BUSINESS

Young men, you should see the beautiful line of shirts which we have just received. Some beautiful patterns in Fibre and Silks, ranging in price from \$2.00 to \$6.00

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The beautiful WRIST-WATCH given by LINZ BROS., of Dallas, to be awarded by the Mothers' Club in the Dress Contest, is on display in our window.

## Organdies and Laces for Graduation Dresses

Sheer Organdies in both plain and fancies, white and colors, 40 to 48 inches wide, at 25c, 35c, 45c, 50c and \$1.00 the yard, at this Cash Store.

Dainty Valenciennes Laces, from one quarter to an inch and a half wide in new designs—with insertions to match—at 5, 7 1-2, 10 and 12 1-2c at this Cash Store.

### 25 Skirts on Sale Saturday and Next Week

These are all new styles and selected at random from our stock, which is larger than we want it to be, and offered at a sacrifice of every cent of profit and more. Be sure to see these special values—Saturday and next week.

### Sale of Boys Blouses and Shirts

We were fortunate in being able to buy one lot of about 10 dozen of Boys Shirts and Blouses, in sizes 4 to 14, at very much under price. These are in Sport styles and high collar styles—some long sleeves, some short and on today's market prices, these are worth at least 75c. For Saturday and next week we offer this lot at each 45c

**Gifts for the Graduates:** Dainty Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs, Fans, Silk Hose, Japan Art Bead Necklaces, Ear Screws, Silk Underwear, Mesh Bags.

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### SUGGESTIONS IN BUSINESS REVIEW

Christian Science Monitor Points out Obstacle to be Overcome in U. S. War Procedure

Now that practically the entire world is looking to the United States for a very large part of its foodstuffs and other supplies, this country is beginning to feel its responsibilities. Likewise it is beginning to realize its shortcomings and handicaps, comments the Christian Science Monitor in a review of the present business situation. So far as men and money are concerned, there is an abundance for war purposes; but the big problem is that of providing supplies and an adequate system for their distribution. How to accomplish this end without disrupting business is the question of the hour. Although the country has just entered the war, and although transportation facilities have not yet begun to feel the demand that will be made upon them for the moving of troops and provisions, the rail-

way systems of the United States are today experiencing the greatest car shortage in their history. If this is the situation at a period of the year when traffic is usually light, it is not difficult to imagine what it will be like when the crop-moving season is on, and when, in addition to the hauling of grain to market, the railroads will be called upon to handle enormous Government business.

From the beginning of the present period of business activity the railroads of the United States have shown an inability to take care of the heavy freight business that has been offered them, in a way profitable to themselves or satisfactory to the public. They were short of freight cars, and were not financially able to buy as much additional equipment as they needed. The result was the restraining of industrial activity, higher prices for coal and other commodities needed by the public, and a general hampering of business. Now the situation appears to be that, even though the United States were able to produce all the foodstuffs and other supplies its own people and those of Europe require, it is doubtful if the crops could be delivered, unless some adequate and speedy remedy should be found to meet the transportation

shortcoming. It would not do to sidetrack general business while the Government's requirements were being disposed of, and the Government would not agree to such policy.

It might be wise if the Government were to spend \$100,000,000 or \$200,000,000 in the purchase of freight equipment, to be rented to the railroads until such time as the railroads could repurchase it from the Government. It would be an unusual procedure, but it was also an unusual procedure for the Government to undertake the construction of 1000 ships for the purpose of providing adequate means for shipping foodstuffs and munitions to the Allies across the Atlantic. The construction of 100,000 or 200,000 freight cars would greatly relieve a situation which promises to be exceedingly serious next fall. Work on them would have to begin at once if they were to be ready when most needed.

From the many inquiries that have been made by investors, the prospects are that the forthcoming Government bond issue will be a success. There is a strong opinion in some quarters that, instead of it being a 3 1-2 per cent non-taxable issue, the bonds should be taxable and the interest rate increased. The reason given for

this is that the low rate of interest will attract chiefly the wealthy element and large estates, which thereby will escape taxation, whereas, the small investor may not feel that he could afford to dispose of holdings paying a better return in order to purchase the bonds.

### OUR KANSAS CITY MARKET REPORT

Best Beef Stuff Received Were Pulp Fed Steers From Colorado and Western Nebraska

Cattle receipts of 14,000 last Monday at Kansas City included 2300 head of stock cattle that passed through Sunday, but that left a liberal number, and a heavy run at Chicago weakened buyers here, resulting in a slight decline on some of the steers, many of the steers steady, butcher cattle and stockers and feeders strong. Thirteen thousand hogs sold 10 lower, top \$15.75, and four thousand sheep sold strong, Arizona lambs \$16.

The best beef cattle here were pulp fed steers from Colorado and Western Nebraska, 18 cars of these selling at \$12 to \$12.25, best natives here at \$11.75 to \$12, short fed natives \$10.50 to \$11.50, light weight cattle without much flesh \$9 to \$10. The supply of pulp cattle was 35 cars, about one-half as many as on recent Mondays. Few are in sight for later this week, and the supply of that kind will be very light after this week. Butcher cattle hold their strength, the search for substitutes for steers at this season always resulting in high prices for cows, heifers and bulls. Good cows sell around \$10, bulls up to \$10, heifers \$11.35, veal calves up to \$13.50.

Stockers and Feeders Six loads of stock steers sold at \$10.30 the first thing this morning, a strong price, and fancy stock heifers at \$10.25. Few stock steers sell under \$8, and stock cows commence around \$7. Feeding steers sell at \$9.50 to \$10.50, a few fleshy steers in the last week up to \$11.25. Prices are 25 to 35 higher than a week ago, with a very good demand.

Hogs A good run at Chicago today weakened the situation, and sales here were 10 lower, top \$15.75, medium weights up to \$15.70, best light weights \$15.40, bulk of sales \$15.00 to \$15.70. Supplies here are augmented by daily arrivals of shipments of hogs from Western range states, California, Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado consignments having become regular incidents. These hogs are generally light weight, but that class is meeting a good demand from bacon makers, and sales of hogs 150 pounds and upwards average 10 to 25 higher than last week. Pigs sell at \$11.50 to \$13.75 in most cases.

Sheep and Lambs Choice woolled lambs sold up to \$17.60 last week, and lambs of that grade would bring more money today, if there were any offered. Arizona and California spring lambs each reached \$16.50 last week, some Arizona not quite as good here today at \$16. Texas is the big disappointment, sending only very small supplies of common sheep, and few goats. One double deck of Angora brushers, 67 pounds average, sold at \$9 last week. Twenty thousand brusher goats would be required to fill orders already held

J. A. Rickart, Market Correspondent.

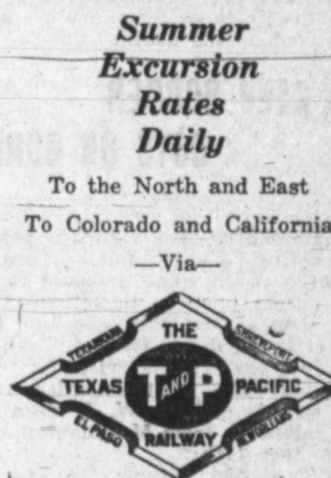
### WAR TAX WIDEST EVER FACED BY U. S.

The new war tax bill was ready for congress last Wednesday, proposing probably the most extensive and greatest line of taxation ever faced by the American people.

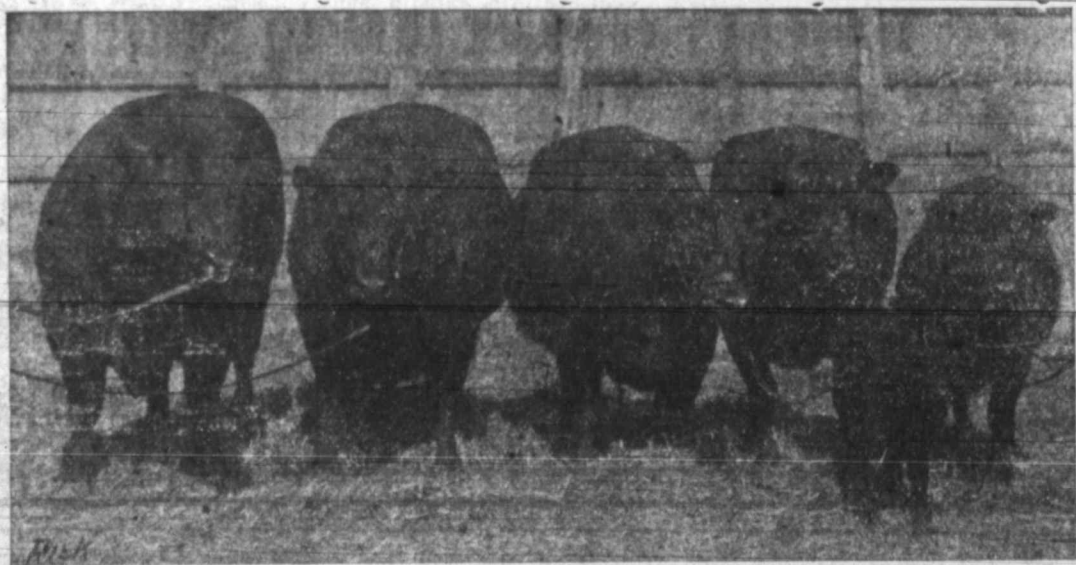
Doubling of normal income tax rates, with reduction of exemptions and increases of surtaxes on great incomes; absolute elimination of all articles on the tariff free list with the imposing of a minimum duty of 10 per cent and a horizontal increase of 10 per cent on all now taxable articles, together with increases of taxes on internal revenue and new taxes which reach to the remote departments of business and household life are proposed to make up a yearly income of \$1,800,000,000.

Increases on postage rates include newspapers, which it is proposed to charge on the parcel post zone system; mailing charges for papers of average circulation, it was said, would be increased many thousands of dollars yearly.

The new taxes include levies on life and fire insurance; on household electric light bills, telephone bills, railroad tickets, admission to amusements, club dues, automobiles and practically everything that enters into the life of a family.



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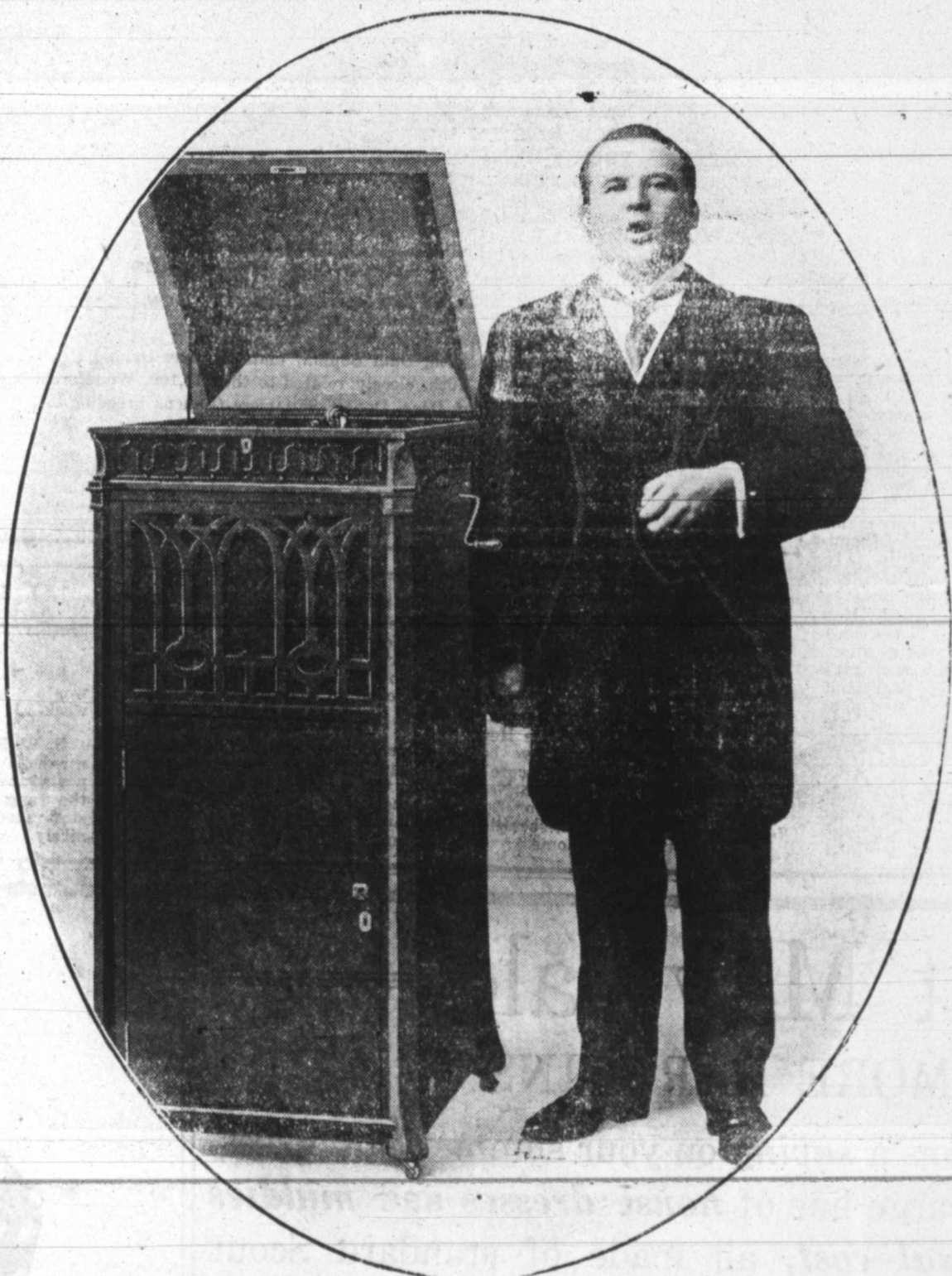
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A PRAYER

Our Father who art in Heaven; we come to Thee, remembering that Thou hast taught us that vengeance is Thine and that Thou art a present help in time of need. So we pray to Thee the Most Wise, outwit our enemies. We pray not that Thou wouldst take them off of the earth, for we

would not plunge a soul into torment, but we pray that Thou wouldst enlighten them. Turn their thoughts to mercy and to Thy example on the cross. Or we would ask Thee, Thou who rulest the earth, whom the winds and the sea obey, show Thy power on earth by commanding the winds to turn them back, or a starless darkness to frighten away those that would

come to destroy us. If it be Thy will, order that these things be done. Forgive us for the wrongs we do and if our bodies are destroyed, into Thy hands we would commend our spirits. —A Subscriber.

Mrs. Ralph Barron returned home last Sunday from Terrell, where for two weeks she visited her mother.

L. L. Jester, a retired banker from Dallas, was in Midland the first of the week, and on his way to visit his brother, H. W. Jester, in Andrews County.

R. E. Wright, who ranches near Eunice, N. M., was here Tuesday, on his way to Corpus Christi to pay a visit to his father.

## REV. BURKETT TO PREACH SERMON

Selected by Graduating Class: Will Preach Sermon in Baptist Church Sunday A. M.

Rev. J. C. Burkett, so well and favorably known here, has been selected by the graduating class of the Midland high school to preach the commencement sermon next Sunday morning. Rev. Burkett was for 12 years pastor of the Baptist church, and, since going away some four years ago, has been called to Midland innumerable times to perform marriage ceremonies, conduct funerals or to partake of some family reunion with its joys. He is now pastor of the thriving church at Simmons College in Abilene where he has accomplished a monumental work. His address Sunday will be a treat for all his former friends and admirers, as well as a source of inspiration to this class of young people who are just entering a broader, fuller period of life with its intense joys, changing fortunes an inevitable vicissitudes.

Literary Address

Hon. T. T. Garrard, district attorney will deliver the literary address, Friday night. Mr. Garrard is a graduate of the law department of the University of Texas, and is an orator of unusual ability.

## NEWS OF FT. WORTH-EL PASO HIGHWAY

Occasionally some misguided patriot insists that now is not the proper time to provide funds for the promotion of public enterprise, such as the construction of better highways, etc. The usual reasons given are the unsettled business conditions and the higher taxes we are liable to assume. In answering these friends, they should be referred to the monthly report of the Dallas Reserve Bank, issued on May 1st, which says in part: "While the crisis of our international affairs was reached April 5th with the formal declaration of war against Germany, the effect of this condition and the subsequent developments have not seriously interfered with business in this district. On the other hand, the opposite condition seems to obtain. Prior to the declaration of war there was an atmosphere of uncertainty in various enterprises, and an undertone of caution prevailed. This condition, though still slightly apparent in some quarters, is certainly not as pronounced as expected." Commenting further the report says: "The banking situation is practically unchanged. Deposits are heavy, and a number of banks report large reserves. War has apparently not affected building. While building permits decreased slightly in number in March, they showed 35 per cent increase in valuations. Labor continues well employed. Postoffice receipts a 14 per cent increase for March over the same month in 1916. Wholesale trade continues in large volume. Collections generally are good. There is a strong tendency, wholesale grocers report, for consumers to over-buy." The report ends with the following paragraph: "Failures in Texas for January, February and March were 99, with liabilities of 1,064,832.00. For the same period of 1916 the total failures was 199, with liabilities of \$2,716,433.00."

History shows that when our farmers received high prices for their products and there was a minimum amount of unemployment, times have always been good. He are now facing a period where these conditions will prevail for some time to come. We may have higher taxes but they will not fall heavy except upon the consumers of luxuries. If you don't want good roads, do not try to hide behind the above subterfuges, but try to give better reasons. If you are in favor of good roads, think the situation over quickly, and then go ahead doing your part of the good work. W. B. Starr, Secy.

## BURGLARS ARE BUSY IN NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Several burglaries have been committed lately in neighboring towns, and from the variety of goods taken it appears that the work is being done by parties who intend to offer the goods for sale. In a letter to the Midland Mercantile Company a firm at Merkel describes goods taken from their store as follows:

"The goods obtained from us were mostly ladies' ready-to-wear, such as fancy plaid silk skirts, crepe de chine waists, a black traveling bag and one pair of shoes. If you hear of any peddlers selling anything in the above line we would appreciate an investigation of the articles, as they are liable to make an effort to dispose of the goods in that way."

## HALFF HEREFORD HEIFERS ARE SOLD TO WALLACE

The Reporter has been requested to discontinue Mr. Half's registered Hereford heifer advertisement. Mr. Half advises us that the heifers are sold to Captain Wm. E. Wallace, of this city, who knows a bargain when he sees it. Captain Wallace has also made some sales this week, further mention of which will be made as soon as we can get the details.

## THE "SANDSTORM" NOW READY FOR DISTRIBUTION

We take pleasure in announcing that the "Sandstorm," the annual of Midland College, will be ready for delivery Tuesday, May 22nd. Those wishing copies may secure them from the City Drug Store. Staff

Mrs. J. H. Adkisson and daughter, Miss Bee, left last Tuesday for their home in Detroit, Mich., after spending several months in Midland, guests of Dr. C. H. Tigner and family. Mrs. Adkisson is a sister of Mrs. Tigner.



WE'VE an Arrow Shirt for every function and for every sport—made in the good Arrow way of fabrics that wear and colors that will not fade.

The Arrow label on a shirt stands for service and satisfaction.

\$1.50 and \$2.00

## ARROW SHIRTS

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Cleaning and Pressing  
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## BLACK CATTLE ARE TAKING THE DAY

A sale made this week by G. F. Cowden & Son was very complimentary to these breeders. The order came from Aaron Brice, of Crowell, Texas, and it was a mail order proposition, the buyers leaving it up to the Messrs. Cowden to make the selection. He wrote:

"Am sending you check for bulls. I want good, well grown two-year-old bulls, ready for service now. I have 125 two-year-old heifers, and would like to have as large, well developed two-year-olds as you can send me. The black cattle are beginning to take the day here. Yours," etc.

The writer wanted four head, and Messrs. Cowden, as is their custom, sent crackerjacks.

Mrs. Rowena Gentry, who for seven years has been a very highly esteemed teacher in the public schools of Midland, left last week for Pecos, where she took charge of the postoffice, accepting the vacancy of her deceased husband, Judge Geo. N. Gentry. Many friends in Midland sadly regret her departure.



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 FRIDAY, MAY 18th, 1917  
 OLD GLORY'S MESSAGE

(The lines that follow herewith were written by Rev. J. S. Bowles, who, four years ago, was pastor of the Methodist church of Midland. He is now pastor at Brownsville. The Reporter appreciates the thrilling patriotism of these lines. Many other Midland friends will. Editor.)

Our country's flag to every race,  
 While waving there in gentle grace,  
 Secure within its graceful folds  
 To human hearts a message holds;  
 A message that should steel the heart  
 To do a faithful freeman's part  
 In this dread hour, when storms arise  
 And midnight dark on once bright skies.

Old Glory speaks of Freedom's birth  
 To the enslaved of all the earth;  
 She speaks in accents loud and clear  
 Of dawning day from darkness drear;  
 The day, the bright, the shining day  
 Of death to monarch's servile sway,  
 When heard no more the serf's sad groans,  
 But crumbling crowns and trembling thrones.

Hark! Hear the sound against our shores!  
 The wind's wild rush, the surf's sad roar!  
 While yonder sea, once calm, at rest,  
 As sleeping child on mother's breast,  
 To fury lashed by war's mad cry,  
 And mountain waves roll mountain high.

And reeking tubes with thund'rous roar  
 Would Freedom sink to rise no more  
 E'en now, while wild winds madly roar,  
 And surf beats wildly on our shore,  
 There sleeps beneath the mountain wave  
 The innocent, the true, the brave  
 Victims of treacherous brood,  
 Whose hearts were gorged with human blood;

They calmly sleep in coral reef  
 The last long sleep, the sleep of death.  
 Let coward shrink from country's call,  
 Recoil from war cloud's darkling pall,  
 Which now hangs blackly o'er the world  
 Where Freedom's flag was first unfurled;

But let the brave march to the field,  
 With Spartan shield there locked with shield;  
 On country's altar kindle fires,  
 Like noble sons of noble sires.

Unfurled that flag! Long may it stand,  
 The pride of our united land!  
 Unfurled that flag! Priceless worth,  
 The emblem of our Freedom's birth!  
 Where human hearts long to be free  
 In every land, on every sea,  
 Let Stars and Stripes still lead the way,  
 A fire by night, a cloud by day.

IN A NEW LIGHT

The Reporter had not thought of Col. Roosevelt's military aspirations in just the light that they have recently been presented editorially by the Dallas News. A new phase of it is offered. Psychological considerations, comments the News, have been urged as the chief reason for sending the Colonel to France at an early day, and considerations of the same kind can be advanced to support the action of the House conferees in insisting on the elimination of that section of the Selective Draft Bill that would have authorized him to organize a volunteer force for that purpose. In other words, there are good psychological reasons for indulging Colonel Roosevelt's impatience to get on the battle line, and equally good psychological reasons for denying his desire to go at the head of a volunteer force. Once Colonel Roosevelt began the organization of a volunteer force, his activities would become the overshadowing feature of the news in so far as it related to our military preparations. The magazine and Sunday supplement writers would swarm to Colonel Roosevelt's recruiting camp, and the country would be regaled with columns daily. Nothing he did would be thought too trivial for extended text and ample pictorial illustration. We should have a repetition, but on a much larger scale, of what happened when Colonel Roosevelt organized the Rough Riders, whose activities then and afterward resulted in the shedding of more ink than blood. Meantime, from the training camps where the army that we must rely on would be in process of organization we should get such scraps of proxy news as the crowded columns of the papers might now and then tolerate. The activities of Colonel Roosevelt and his division would get a publicity out of all proportion to their importance.

The moral effect could not be other than bad. Colonel Roosevelt and his personally chosen followers would at once be established in the popular imagination as the super-heroes of the Nation, and those hundreds of thousands of young men who must constitute the weight of our military effort would be made to feel the full consciousness of the fact that they were conscripts. They would feel, and with abundant occasion, that the sacrifice they were called on to make went unappreciated and all but unrecognized. Furthermore, the melodramatic treatment which the efforts of Colonel Roosevelt and his men would receive, both in periodicals and on moving picture screens, could have no other effect than to cause a misconception in the popular mind of the gravity of the situation. The imagination of the country would be seduced into envis-

aging a tragedy as a frolic. If a conscripted army is a democratic army, an aristocratic division can not be put into it without humiliating and impairing the morale of the mass. Colonel Roosevelt's offer of his services to the country is, of course, praiseworthy in the highest degree, and that fact ought to be recognized by giving him a high command in the first troops that are sent. But he has shown that there is an alloy of personal ambition in his offer, and this can not be gratified without doing injustice to tens of thousands no less devoted than he is.

In Society



And Events Most Talked About (By M. T.)

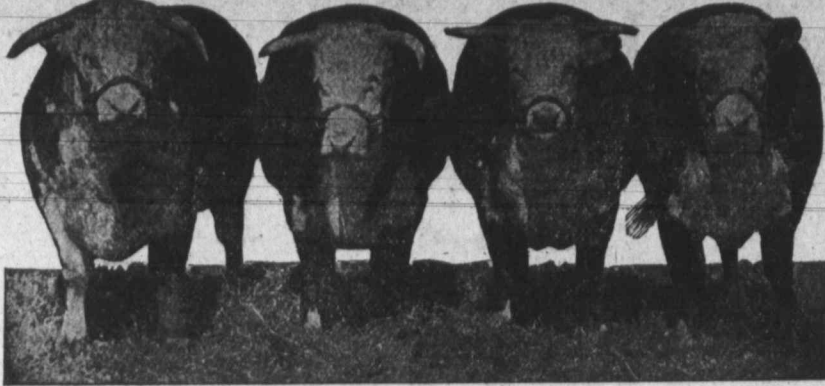
Entertains Wednesday Club  
 Tuesday evening the ladies of the Wednesday Club and their husbands were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell when they were very delightfully entertained. A delightful buffet supper of fried chicken, chipped potatoes, olives, tomato salad, hot biscuit and frozen pudding was served. The latter part of the evening was spent in a visit to the Unique to see Marie Doré in "The Lash." These social affairs given by the Wednesday Club ladies during the past year have all proved so pleasant that, no doubt, they will be continued as a part of the regular program.

F. S. M. Club  
 Miss Lorene Edwards was hostess to the girls of the F. S. M. Club Tuesday afternoon, at which time the game of the afternoon was "500," one always enjoyed. When the games were concluded the pin was awarded to Miss Fay Cowden, who had made highest score for the afternoon. The refreshments of cream and cake made a fitting climax to such an enjoyable afternoon. The guests besides the club members were Misses Susie Graves, Ernestine Pollard, Maureen Pollard, Nadine Pollard, Lorraine Davis and Cassie Jackson, of Seminole.

Miss Holt to Graduate  
 The friends of Miss Gladys Holt have received invitations to the commencement exercises of the graduating class of 1917 of National Park Seminary in Forrest Glen, Maryland. Miss Holt is to be congratulated upon her successful completion of the course of study in this well established institution.

Miss Mamie Moran left last Sunday for Hot Springs, Ark., to attend the graduating exercises participated in by her sister, Miss Annie Merle.

## HALFF HEREFORDS



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### HEREFORDS

OF MY OWN RAISING MADE THE FOLLOWING WINNINGS AT THE MIDLAND FAIR, SEPTEMBER, 1916

2-year-old Bulls.....	First on BEAU HOMER
Senior Yearling Bulls.....	First on BEAU HOMAGE
Junior Yearling Bulls.....	First on HECTOR
Aged Cows.....	Second on DOVE
2-year-old Heifers.....	First on EMMA BELLE
Junior Yearlings.....	First on MILLY BELLE
Senior and Grand Champion Bull.....	BEAU HOMER
Junior Champion Bull.....	HECTOR
AGED HERD.....	First
YOUNG HERD.....	Second
SET OF SIRE.....	First

**HENRY M. HALFF**  
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 REGISTERED HEREFORDS  
 150 Head of Breeding Cows  
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BEAU DONALD 95th, Dam Sophia, (Jam of Beau Donald 5th.)  
 BEAU DONALD 10th, closely related to the \$15,100. Woodford 6th  
 BEAU HOMER, of Beau Donald-Sagamore-Glaucus breeding.  
 BEAU HOMAGE, a 2,000 pound Yearling.  
 SAGAMORE, First in Class, Oklahoma City, 1917.

These young ladies have two aunts who are teachers in the Catholic institution of that city. They are expected to return home about June 10th.

MOVED FROM MIDLAND TO DEMING, N. M.

We regret very much to lose Henry Mitchell and family, who have been residents of Midland for a score of years. They sold their home in North Midland and left this week for Deming, N. M. The Reporter wishes them all success in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Ligon returned Wednesday from an extended stay in Temple, where Mr. Ligon has been receiving treatment. We are delighted that he is very much improved and able to be on the streets again.

Elbert Shipp was in this week from his ranch near Knowles, N. M.

Reports the recent sale of nine sections of school land and 300 yearlings to H. L. Ham. He also ordered The Reporter sent to his father at Knowles.

T. J. Hobbs, from near Lovington, N. M., is here this week to visit his brother, J. V. Hobbs, for a short time.

Rev. C. Ragsdale, of Big Spring, was a business visitor to Midland this week.

B. W. Floyd, in this week from his ranch 20 miles southeast of town, reports now an improved condition of the range. He has been enabled to stop feeding and cattle are doing nicely.

## Spring Suits

Our present stock consists of seven Spring Suits, ranging from \$22.50 to \$39.50, sold now at one-half price.

### Coats

Seven Coats ranging in price from \$10.50 to \$29.50; sold now at one-half price.

### Summer Blouses

Voile, Organdies, Crepe de chine and Georgette are to be in favor this season. You will be able to secure these lovely blouses at very moderate prices.

### Special Bargains

HAIR SWITCHES  
 One-half the regular price.  
 REAL HAIR NETS  
 25c regular—2 for 25c.  
 BONE HAIR PINS  
 Six in package, 20c; now 15c.

### American Lady Corset Front Laced

Entire line sold as follows:  
 At \$1.00 in which we have sizes 24, 25, 28.  
 At \$1.25, we have sizes 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29.

### Mme. Lyra Corsets Back Laced Five Specials

One corset, size 26, regular \$3.50, now \$1.75  
 One corset, size 25, regular \$3.50, now \$1.75  
 One corset brocade, size 24, regular \$5.00, now \$3.00  
 One corset brocade, size 28, regular \$5.00, now \$3.00  
 One corset brocade, size 24, regular \$7.50, now \$4.00

### Our Terms are Cash.

# Great May Sale

## WITH MORE BARGAINS

Read every line, it means a *saving* on your summer purchases. We have purchased a large line of *house dresses* and *middies* at prices below the *actual cost*, all made of standard Scout Percalé, fast colors, styles that will appeal to every woman, sold in lots No. 1 and No. 2 as follows:

Lot No. 1 your choice of 5 dozen at . . . . . 75c  
 Lot No. 2 your choice of 3 dozen at . . . . . \$1.25  
 Children's Middies, from 6 to 12 years, your choice of 4 dozen 50c  
 Ladies' Middies, sizes up to 44, your choice of 3 dozen . . \$1.00

### All Trimmed Hats at 1-2 Price

excepting the white and black hats of the present demand which will be priced special as follows: \$3.50 up to \$10.00. A beautiful showing at these special prices. This line will appeal to the Girl Graduates.

### Children's Hats

You have a full stock to select from and at special prices.



### Beautiful Summer Dresses

at special prices. This is an unusual opportunity to purchase a dress at such a reasonable price, considering the handsome materials and late styles employed in their make.

### Summer's New and Stylish Skirts Just Received

Skirts of Khaki Kool, Taffeta, Satin, and Novelty Silks. The prices are very low considering the handsome materials and styles that a trip here for skirts alone would pay for itself.

# THE LADIE'S STORE



## Frolaset

PRONOUNCED FRO-LA-SAY  
 Front Corsets Laced

The odds in styles and sizes on sale as follows:  
 If you find your size and style you get a great bargain.

One corset, medium bust, size 22, \$5.00, now \$2.50  
 One corset, medium bust, size 22, \$3.50, now \$1.75  
 One corset, medium bust, size 31, \$5.00, now \$2.50  
 One corset, medium bust, size 32, \$6.50, now \$3.00  
 One corset, medium bust, size 30, \$6.50, now \$3.00  
 One corset, silk tape side, size 22, \$8.50, now \$4.50  
 One corset, low bust brocade, size 23, \$10.00, now \$5.00  
 One corset, medium brocade, size 25, \$30.00, now \$15.00

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**Dr. L. C. G. Buchanan**  
Practice Limited to  
**DISEASES OF EYE, EAR,  
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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION, PROVIDING FOR AND RELATING TO THE CREATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS.**

Senate Joint Resolution No. 12  
Proposing to amend Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto at the end thereof another section to be known as Section 59, declaring the conservation and preservation of all the natural resources of the State of Texas are public rights and duties; providing for the creation of conservation districts, declaring such districts bodies politic and corporate, defining the authority of such districts, and conferring upon the Legislature authority to pass laws with reference thereto; declaring that the Legislature shall have authority generally to legislate for the purpose of conserving the natural resources of the State; fixing the time for the election for the adoption or rejection of said proposed constitutional amendment; making certain provisions for said election and the ballots thereof and the methods thereof; directing the issuance of the proclamation therefor, prescribing certain duties of the Governor of the State and making an appropriation to defray the expenses of said election.

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

Section 1. That Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto at the end thereof another section to be known as Section 59, and which shall read as follows:

Section 59a. The conservation and development of all of the natural resources of this State, including the control, storing, preservation and distribution of its storm and flood waters, the waters of its rivers and streams, for irrigation, power and all other useful purposes, the reclamation and irrigation of its arid and semi-arid and other lands needing irrigation, the reclamation and drainage of its over-flooded lands and other lands, and the development of its water and hydro-electric power, the navigation of its inland and coastal waters, and the preservation and conservation of all such natural resources of the State are each and all hereby declared public rights and duties; and the Legislature shall pass all such laws as may be appropriate thereto.

(b) There may be created within the State of Texas, or the State may be divided into, such number of conservation and reclamation districts as may be determined to be essential to the accomplishment of the purpose of this amendment to the constitution, which district shall be governmental agencies and bodies politic and corporate with such powers to exercise such rights, privileges and functions concerning the subject matter of this amendment as may be conferred by law.

(c) The Legislature shall authorize all such indebtedness as may be necessary to provide all improvements and the maintenance thereof requisite to the achievement of the purpose of this amendment, and all such indebtedness may be evidenced by bonds of such conservation and reclamation districts to be issued under such regulations as may be prescribed by law and shall also, authorize the levy and collection within such districts of all such taxes, equitably distributed, as may be necessary to the interest and the creation of a sinking fund for the payment of such bonds; and also for the maintenance of such districts and improvements and such indebtedness shall be lien upon the property assessed for the payment thereof; provided the Legislature shall not authorize the issuance of any bonds or provide for any indebtedness against any reclamation district unless such proposition shall first be submitted to the qualified property-taxing voters of such district and the proposition adopted.

Section 2. The foregoing constitution

al amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors for members of the Legislature at an election to be held for such purpose on the Third Tuesday in August, A. D. 1917, the same being the 21st day of August, A. D. 1917; at said election the vote shall be by official ballot which shall have printed or written thereon the words "For the amendment to Article 16 of the constitution of the State of Texas providing for conservation districts, the creation of such districts and their government and regulation," and also the words "Against the amendment to Article 16 of the constitution of the State of Texas providing for conservation districts, the creation of such districts and their government and regulation." All voters favoring this proposed constitutional amendment shall erase the words "Against the amendment to Article 16 of the constitution of the State of Texas providing for conservation districts, the creation of such districts and their government and regulation," and those opposing it shall erase the words "For the amendment to Article 16 of the constitution of the State of Texas providing for conservation districts, the creation of such districts and their government and regulation," which said erasures shall be made by making a mark with pencil or pen through said words. All ballots cast as above provided shall be counted as cast for or against this proposed amendment, and if a majority of the votes cast shall be for the amendment, it shall be declared adopted; if a majority of the votes cast shall be against the amendment said amendment shall be lost. All the provisions of the general election laws as amended and in force at the time said election is held shall govern in all respects as to qualifications of electors, the method of holding such election and the method of counting the same.

Section 3. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have the same published as required by the constitution and laws of this State.

Section 4. The sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of such proclamation, publication and election.

C. J. BARTLETT,  
Secretary of State,  
adv 31-46

**Married Three Birds**

The wife of a methodist minister in West Virginia has been married three times. Her maiden name was Partridge, her first husband was named Robins, her second husband Sparrow and the present Quail. There are two young Robins, one Sparrow and three Quails in the family. One grandfather was a Swan and another a Jay, but he's dead now and a bird of Paradise. They live on Hawk Avenue, Eagleville, Canary Island, and the fellow who wrote this is a Lyre and a member of the family—Valley Enterprise.

**He Would Get Off**

An Irishman was one day riding a fractious mule. The mule suddenly commenced to buck and pitch and during its wild contortions it got one of its hoofs hung in the stirrup. "Be gorry!" exclaimed Pat. "If yez are going to get on, O'll get off!"

**Many are Called**

A certain rector just before service was called to the vestibule to meet a couple who wanted to be married. He explained that there was not time for the ceremony then. "But said he, "if you will be seated I will give an opportunity at the end of the service for you to come forward and I will then perform the ceremony." The couple agreed, and at the proper moment the clergyman said: "Will those who wish to be united in the holy bonds of wedlock, please come forward?" Whereupon thirteen women and one man proceeded to the altar.—Selected.

**Young Shafter Lake Boy Lost a Finger**

The elder son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Pinnell, of Shafter Lake, sustained a terrible accident the latter part of last week. The little fellow is only about seven years old. He was out playing with his younger brother. They were in the barn loft, and the elder fell. He wore a ring next to the little finger of the right hand. This caught on a nail, and the finger was torn completely off. He went to his mother. She saw his plight and screamed. The manly little fellow looked up at her, no quivering lip to denote his pain, and said: "Don't cry, mamma, it is all right. It don't hurt much." Mr. Pinnell was away in the pasture. Mrs. Pinnell left word for him, and started with the little man for Midland for medical attention. The ride was long and painful, the calf jolted, but not a murmur from the little hero. Here the balance of the finger was amputated at the hand, and the youngster is getting along beautifully. Not once has he complained. Mr. Pinnell followed to Midland so soon as he heard of the accident, and stayed until the boy was past danger. Mrs. Pinnell and sons are yet with us, guests of Hotel Llano.

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**BATTERY MAN MUST  
BE GOOD DETECTIVE**

Manager of the Midland Willard Station Shows How Device Tells its Own Story

No part of an automobile shows more quickly the effect of abuse than the storage battery, and each particular form of abuse has its definite sign, according to Mr. Guthrie, the local Willard service man.

"We men in the automobile business," says Mr. Guthrie, "hear a great deal about guarantees being abused, but battery men are never bothered with that kind of thing.

"We don't have to be wizards to discover when a guarantee is being overstepped, for the battery tells its own story.

"A man comes into us with a battery which he says is practically new and which he thinks he has given the best of attention, but he says it will not hold the charge. He forthwith demands a new battery.

"We take his battery down and find perhaps that the upper half of the plates is covered with white sulphate and that there is a sharp line of demarcation between the upper and lower halves.

"The battery has told us the whole story. The owner might have thought that he was treating it carefully when he did not use it to run the automobile or when he was practicing economy of current in starting and lighting. But he has never filled it with distilled water. The water in the battery has evaporated; only the lower half of the plates had been exposed to the action of the electrolyte. The capacity of the battery naturally has been cut in two and the upper half of the plates has been ruined. No wonder that it wouldn't hold the charge.

"Another man comes in and says his battery is dead. He, also, has given it the best of attention, has never done anything with it that the service station has not recommended, and now it won't work. He, too, demands a new battery or that this one be put in good condition.

"Hydrometer tests show a high specific gravity, so we tear down the battery and find that it is short-circuited, that the wooden insulations have been corroded and eaten away until there is practically nothing left of them.

"With a comparatively new battery, only one thing could cause this, the owner has added acid to the electrolyte, a thing which should be done by the owner under no circumstances.

"We had a man in here the other day who appeared to have a real grievance. He had been touring for some little time, the battery had given him no trouble at all during the last two or three days, but all of a sudden it seemed to have gone dead. In his trouble he came into us and asked that we take his battery down for inspection and repair it.

"We opened the battery and found that it had been over-charged; that is, the generator was returning to it far more energy than was being used by starter and lights. The plates were buckled and bent out of shape, the insulator was ruined, and the active material in the plates (lead oxide) was softened and ready to crumble. In other words, failure to take the temperature of the battery, or to let the service station do it—had absolutely ruined the battery.

"There is such a thing as a battery being killed with kindness. We frequently have for repair batteries whose owners have not only kept them filled with distilled water but kept them over-filled. When too much water is put into the battery, the excess is forced out through the cap. This excess, however, is no longer pure water but diluted acid which naturally eats away the case of the battery.

"The jars in the Willard Battery are subjected to severe tests before they leave the factory and when we get a battery with a broken jar we know that the odds were a hundred to one it has not received fair play. Excessive vibration and rough riding are the two chief causes of cracked jars. The prevention suggests itself—careful driving and when the riding is rough see to it that the battery is firmly clamped down.

"A battery that is being abused can't holler aloud, but to the experienced eye of a battery expert it speaks a silent and absolutely truthful language."

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**AUTO LIVERY SERVICE**  
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**OUR SERVICE THE BEST**  
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**Small Ranches and Cattle  
For Sale**

Have listed desirable properties and can supply purchaser with either ranch and cattle or ranch without cattle, or cattle without ranch.  
Also a number of leased propositions with cattle.

**JOWELL & DAVIS**

SPENCER JOWELL LIGE DAVIS  
MIDLAND, TEXAS

J. Tom White was down this week gave a fair report, together with that from his Gaines County ranch. He of a fine calf crop.

**TO OUR FRIENDS AND  
CUSTOMERS:**

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**BATTERY MAN MUST  
BE GOOD DETECTIVE**

Manager of the Midland Willard Station Shows How Device Tells its Own Story

No part of an automobile shows more quickly the effect of abuse than the storage battery, and each particular form of abuse has its definite sign, according to Mr. Guthrie, the local Willard service man.

"We men in the automobile business," says Mr. Guthrie, "hear a great deal about guarantees being abused, but battery men are never bothered with that kind of thing.

"We don't have to be wizards to discover when a guarantee is being overstepped, for the battery tells its own story.

"A man comes into us with a battery which he says is practically new and which he thinks he has given the best of attention, but he says it will not hold the charge. He forthwith demands a new battery.

"We take his battery down and find perhaps that the upper half of the plates is covered with white sulphate and that there is a sharp line of demarcation between the upper and lower halves.

"The battery has told us the whole story. The owner might have thought that he was treating it carefully when he did not use it to run the automobile or when he was practicing economy of current in starting and lighting. But he has never filled it with distilled water. The water in the battery has evaporated; only the lower half of the plates had been exposed to the action of the electrolyte. The capacity of the battery naturally has been cut in two and the upper half of the plates has been ruined. No wonder that it wouldn't hold the charge.

"Another man comes in and says his battery is dead. He, also, has given it the best of attention, has never done anything with it that the service station has not recommended, and now it won't work. He, too, demands a new battery or that this one be put in good condition.

"Hydrometer tests show a high specific gravity, so we tear down the battery and find that it is short-circuited, that the wooden insulations have been corroded and eaten away until there is practically nothing left of them.

"With a comparatively new battery, only one thing could cause this, the owner has added acid to the electrolyte, a thing which should be done by the owner under no circumstances.

"We had a man in here the other day who appeared to have a real grievance. He had been touring for some little time, the battery had given him no trouble at all during the last two or three days, but all of a sudden it seemed to have gone dead. In his trouble he came into us and asked that we take his battery down for inspection and repair it.

"We opened the battery and found that it had been over-charged; that is, the generator was returning to it far more energy than was being used by starter and lights. The plates were buckled and bent out of shape, the insulator was ruined, and the active material in the plates (lead oxide) was softened and ready to crumble. In other words, failure to take the temperature of the battery, or to let the service station do it—had absolutely ruined the battery.

"There is such a thing as a battery being killed with kindness. We frequently have for repair batteries whose owners have not only kept them filled with distilled water but kept them over-filled. When too much water is put into the battery, the excess is forced out through the cap. This excess, however, is no longer pure water but diluted acid which naturally eats away the case of the battery.

"The jars in the Willard Battery are subjected to severe tests before they leave the factory and when we get a battery with a broken jar we know that the odds were a hundred to one it has not received fair play. Excessive vibration and rough riding are the two chief causes of cracked jars. The prevention suggests itself—careful driving and when the riding is rough see to it that the battery is firmly clamped down.

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There will positively not a lot be sold before the opening auction sale. Everybody will get in on the ground floor and have an even start.

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Train Leaves Midland, Wednesday, May 30, 8 a. m.

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If you don't get one before sale day there will be plenty of them for all at Fasken.



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—AT THE—

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We have a large number of BARGAINS that are not mentioned in this advertisement, but we are giving you an idea here of a few of them. Look this over and come and see.

\$15.00 Cabinets.....	\$9.50
\$4.50 Rockers.....	\$2.95
\$11.50 Dressers.....	\$7.25
\$12.50 Dressers.....	\$8.00
\$4.00 beds.....	\$2.50
\$11.00 Beds.....	\$7.50
\$8.00 Beds.....	\$6.50
\$1.50 Dining Chairs.....	\$1.10
\$2.50 Dining Chairs.....	\$2.15
\$28.00 Axminster Rugs 9x12.....	\$22.50
\$9.50 Rugs 9x12.....	\$7.00
\$4.00 Matting Rugs 9x12.....	\$2.85
Combination Chairs.....	\$3.00
\$3.00 Bed Springs.....	\$1.90
\$4.50 Bed Springs.....	\$2.15
\$7.50 Bed Springs.....	\$6.00
\$3.50 Camp Cots.....	\$2.95
\$4.00 Combination Mattresses.....	\$2.65
\$7.00 Cotton Mattresses.....	\$5.00
\$8.50 Mattresses.....	\$6.50

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WHEN YOU WANT TO BUILD

### PATRIOTISM IN CLOTHES

The Red, White and Blue in Evidence in Many Novel Accessories—Blue Foulard and White Organdy

The Reporter's special New York correspondent writes dated May 9th, as follows:

The patriotic spirit of flag-decked New York begins to make itself felt in many of the small accessories that make a woman's costume, and often in the costume itself. With flags to the right and flags to the left, it is not to be wondered at that the spirit of the times is being reflected in our clothes.

The red, white and blue colors are in evidence everywhere. New vests and collars of white-silk or-satin are edged with narrow red, white and blue ribbon, or rows of red and blue ribbon are stitched around the edges of white collars. The vests are the very latest addition to coats, and are so popular that even blouses are being made in vest effect now.



A Boho Dress in Dotted Foulard is Exceedingly Smart

Hosiery and gloves embroidered with stars and stripes are among the latest novelties seen, showing the extent to which patriotism may be taken. There are also small silk handkerchiefs edged with little flags, and parasols edged with ribbon bearing the stars and stripes. Even a parasol of red, white and blue bunting has been devised, with the colors used alternately in each section.

Costumes consisting of red or blue wool jersey middie blouses are worn with skirts of white wash satin or sports silk. The blouses are decorated with embroidered emblems on the sleeves, on the ends of collars or on front. With the blue blouses are worn red ties, and with the red blouses, blue ties. Foulard Combined with Organdy or Georgette

Every smartly-dressed woman realizes that if she is to be up to date she must have a dress of foulard in her wardrobe this summer. Blue foulard with large white polka-dots is the kind one sees most of, but sometimes the order is reversed and blue dots standing out on a white background appear. They are just as smart and even a little newer than the white dots on the blue.

Foulard is often combined with Georgette or organdy. In the sketch it is combined with white Georgette which is used for the soft, gathered vest and collar, of a very modish boho dress of navy-blue dotted foulard. The pretty boho style has come back to us, and this is one of the many attractive models in which it is seen. Some of the new summer suits have short boho coats trimmed around the edge with some form of embroidery or stitching. A very smart model was made of blue twill and foulard.

Foulard is put to other uses besides the fashioning of dresses. It makes very effective trimming on suits; for instance, on collar, cuffs, and pockets. White-dotted blue foulard combines well with navy or sand-colored serge or twill.

Speaking of combinations of materials, one of the very newest effects is that of using organdy and net together. And speaking of organdy, it is to be very popular this summer for entire dresses and also for trimming. A white net summer frock worn over pink organdy slip and trimmed with bands of pale pink organdy on the skirt was recently seen. A very cool and refreshing frock for summer it looked.

Silk Braid a Fashionable Trimming The use of flat woven silk braid as a trimming is becoming more and more favored. Braid about half an inch in width is applied on coats and skirts in straight rows one above the other, and at even distances apart. Sometimes the braid covers an entire coat, sleeves and all.

Black braid on navy blue, and dark blue on tan are the combinations most frequently seen. To accompany a dark-blue coat, white flannel skirts trimmed with rows of dark-blue braid are sometimes used.

Capes Make Their Appearance Coats with capes, and dresses with capes, have been making their appearance lately. The capes are not the short variety that were used some seasons ago. They are very long, as long as the coat to which it is attached in most cases, and many of them are attached only at the back of a coat or dress. While being very smart, these capes have a practical value in that they give extra warmth. In a very smart dress which combined dark blue satin and serge, a cape of serge was attached at the shoulders. The lining of apricot-colored silk formed

an effective background for the dark dress.

Much of this satin and serge combination is being used again this spring, and frocks of this kind are especially practical for shopping and street wear. With one of the fur capes no other wrap is necessary at this time of the year.



A Coat Dress of Heavy Linen

The linen frock for summer means as much as the satin-and-serge frock does for spring. A tailored coat dress of white linen buttoned down the front and brightened by a colored linen collar, a belt and large pockets of the same, is seen in the sketch. Stitching is the tailored trimming used to accentuate the distinctive lines of this model.

### EXPRESSION OF THANKS FROM MRS. GENTRY

To patrons and pupils of the Midland public school:

Because of circumstances over which I have no control, it has become necessary that my relation as teacher to pupils and patrons of the Midland public school—a school with which I have been connected for several years—be discontinued.

This is but an effort to try to express a little of what I feel for the pupils, and patrons of this school. For a number of years you have been so good and so kind to me that it is impossible for me to express my appreciation for you. I simply want you to know that I shall remember and love you all my life for the good, noble and sweet acts of kindness which you have shown me during all the years I have been so fortunate as to be associated with you. The recollection of that kindness can never cease to be a source of the highest pleasure to me. To say I thank you does not express what I feel. The only thing that makes my severance as teacher with you less painful is the hope that I may still have the privilege of meeting you often again and that we all may never forget the happy hours we have passed together.

Sincerely and lovingly yours,  
(Mrs.) Rowena Ewin Gentry.  
Pecos, Texas, May 15th, 1917.

### AT THE UNIQUE

All the serials and regular program this week have been all that could be desired in a first class, moral picture show. On Tuesday night Marie Dorro was seen in a Paramount production entitled "The Lash." The acting and scenic ventures of this production surpassed in beauty anything of a similar nature that has ever been shown in Midland. Miss Dorro in the character of an appealing young woman the daughter of plain fisher folk on Brittany's storm-swept shore. The maid married and was taken to Paris by her wealthy husband, where she was placed in the center of a maelstrom of social activity, deceit and jealousy.

Tonight, Friday, Vivian Martin in "Her Father's Son," another Paramount production, will be seen. Miss Martin masquerades as a boy in this picture, and how she plays the character will be well worth your while to see. This picture gives her plenty of opportunity to distinguish herself as an actress of the first water.

On Tuesday, May 22nd, dainty little Fannie Ward will pay a return engagement. Jesse L. Lasky presents Miss Ward in the Columbia University prize play entitled "Witchcraft." The story tells of a little New England maid, who lived in a stern, superstitious, Puritan colony. The time of the action is about 1690 when persons were persecuted on the charge of being witches. Circumstances brought this charge against Suzette. The photoplay tells of her miraculous escape from the death penalty, while the theme contains also a love story of intense interest.

On Friday, May 25th, Owen Moore and Marguerite Courtot, in "The Kiss," will be the bill. As the title suggests, the gentle art of osculation forms an important part in the play. We all know these two brilliant Paramount stars without any introduction on the part of The Reporter.

Aside from these great features, plenty of good, wholesome comedy will make up the aftermath, so an AI program awaits our pleasure.

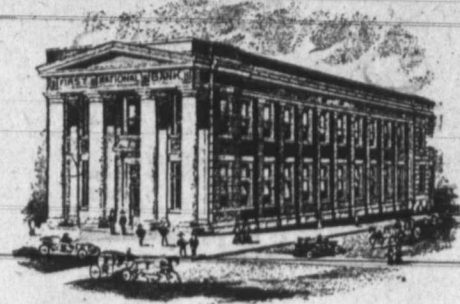
### Would be Too Risky

John—"Do you believe in the saying that 'music hath charms to soothe the savage breast'?"  
Jack—"Well, I don't know; but I'd hate to tackle it with a Hawaiian ukulele."

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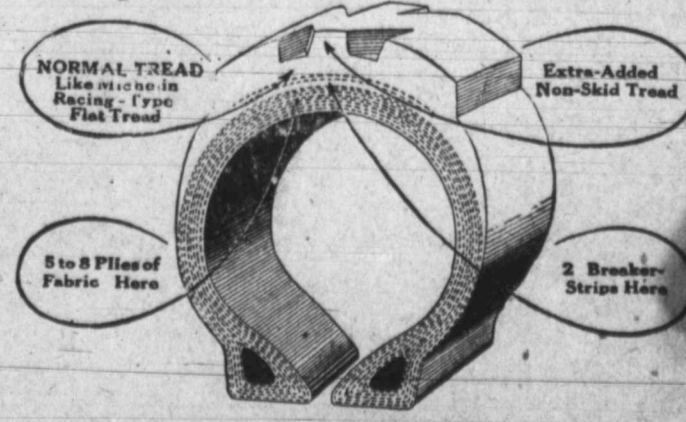
We have associated with us an expert automobile top maker who are now prepared to either repair your old top or make a new one. No use now to send this week away from home. We guarantee the price and quality of work that will satisfy.

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**Paramount Pictures**

# Unique Theatre

MONDAY, MAY 21st  
 BILLIE BURKE in the 17th episode of the great Society serial,  
**"GLORIA'S ROMANCE"**  
 ROBERTA WILSON and HAYWARD MACK in a Rex production,  
**"THE AMAZING ADVENTURE"**  
 A Victor comedy with EILEEN SEDGWICK and EUGENE WALSH,  
**"GOOD MORNING NURSE"**

TUESDAY, MAY 22nd  
 Jesse L. Lasky presents America's most versatile Star of the screen, FANNIE WARD, in the Columbia University-Lasky prize photoplay,  
**"WITCHCRAFT"**  
 Also a Paramount-Bray cartoon comedy.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23rd  
 CHARLES RICHMAN, DOROTHY KELLY and ARLINE PRETTY in the thrilling serial  
**"THE SECRET KINGDOM"**  
 A Big U drama in one reel,  
**"A SOLDIER'S DREAM"**  
 An L-KO Comedy scream with the famous FATTY VOSS  
**"FATTY'S FEATURE FILLUM"**

THURSDAY, MAY 24th  
 FRANCIS FORD and GRACE CUNARD in the mysterious UNIVERSAL Serial,  
**"THE PURPLE MASK"**  
 A 101 Bison drama, featuring HARRY CAREY and CLAIRE DU BRAY  
**"THE DRIFTER"**  
 A Powers cartoon and educational,  
**"MR. FULLER PEP--HIS DAY OF REST"**  
**"THE MYSTERIOUS CITY"**

FRIDAY, MAY 25th  
 Daniel Frohman presents OWEN MOORE and MARGUERITE COURTOT in  
**"THE KISS"**  
 Do you know the proper way to kiss? Gentle art of osculation forms an important part in this picture. It is a comedy-drama that you will thoroughly enjoy.  
 VICTOR MOORE in a Klever Komedy  
 —nuff said.

SATURDAY, MAY 26th  
 A Goldseal 3-reel Feature with HELEN GARDNER in the leading role  
**"THE COMMON SIN"**  
 (You can bank on any photoplay with this trade-mark being a good one.)  
 A "Captain Jinks" comedy with the inimitable FRANK DANIELS.  
 A Big V comedy, with HUGHEY MACK and PATSY DE FORREST.  
 Coming—Tuesday, May 29th, ANN PENNINGTON in  
**"THE RAINBOW PRINCESS."**  
 Coming—Friday, June 1st, THOS. MEIGHAN and ANITA KING in  
**"HEIR TO THE HOORAH"**

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### WARNING TO KILL YOUR PRAIRIE DOGS

The prairie dog law goes into effect August 28th, 1917. Anyone owning lands for prairie dog breeding will be expected to kill his dogs. Whoever fails or refuses to kill his dogs will be reported to the sheriff by the county commissioners. The sheriff will then notify the land owner to destroy his dogs, and if he fails to do so, the sheriff will have it done at the expense of the county and the land will be subject to sale to pay for it. The sheriff will get \$5.00 per day for superintending the work. Two years is the limit for the destruction of the prairie dog.  
 W. E. Bradford, Sheriff.

### PAPIER MACHE LEGS FOR FRENCH SOLDIERS

Artificial legs made from papier mache and costing less than 75 cents each are being supplied to wounded soldiers in Paris hospitals. The paper legs, which are the invention of a Danish surgeon, are merely for temporary use, but with care will last from six months to a year. They are made on the spot, can be used a fortnight after the amputation, and obviate the necessity for crutches while the patient is convalescing. A hospital orderly can cut out and fit and complete a paper leg for a patient in about half an hour. The work takes a day to dry and set, and may be used the next day by the invalid.

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County—GREETING:  
 You are hereby commanded to summon H. K. Tarvin by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county. If there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 70th judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 70th judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Midland County, to be held at the court house thereof at Midland, Texas, on the first Monday in September, 1917, the same being the 3rd day of September, 1917, and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 8th day of January, 1917, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court 145, wherein Leonard Taylor is plaintiff and W. J. Moran, Annie Moran, a widow, and H. K. Tarvin are defendants, said petition alleging that the plaintiff sues W. J. Moran and Annie Moran to obtain judgment upon one certain promissory note or bond executed on or about the first day of March, 1915, for the sum of \$3,000.00, payable to the order of the plaintiff, Leonard Taylor, on the first day of March, 1918, with interest from date at 5 per cent per annum, payable annually, according to the terms of three notes as thereto attached, each for the sum of \$200.00, also on or about March 1st, 1915, W. J. Moran and Annie Moran made, executed and delivered their certain promissory note to J. C. Taylor for the sum of \$150.00 dated March 1st, 1915, and due and payable in installments of \$50.00 each, on the first day of March, 1916 and first day of March, 1917, and that the said note is without interest, and containing a provision that if any installment of interest was not paid when due, as is also provided in the note made by Leonard Taylor, that then both principal and all amounts of interest shall become due and payable at the option of the owner and holder thereof.  
 Plaintiff further alleges that the first note described above was secured by first mortgage executed by the said W. J. Moran and Annie Moran as evidenced by a deed of trust in favor of J. C. Taylor as trustee and conveying Survey No. 6, H. T. Sapp, Grantee, located by virtue of Certificate No. 1439, containing 1077 acres of land in Upton County, Texas, with the usual provisions contained in that deed of trust is duly recorded in Volume 3, page 139, et seq. Deed of Trust Records of Upton County, Texas, and that thereby a lien was created upon said land for the purpose of securing the payment of the principal note or bond of \$2,000.00 hereinbefore mentioned.  
 Plaintiff further alleges a second mortgage upon the same property to secure a note for the sum of \$150.00 hereinbefore mentioned and alleges that he has become the purchaser and transfer of the owner and holder of said second note as well as the first note.  
 Plaintiff further alleges that the installment of interest maturing on March 1st, 1916, is past due and payable, and that all said indebtedness has been declared due, and that he as substitute trustee sold out said piece of property for which he obtained the sum of \$100.00 and that sale thereof was made to Leonard Taylor.  
 Plaintiff also alleges that H. K. Tarvin is claiming some interest in said land by means conveyance from the said W. J. Moran and Annie Moran, and that he is unable to determine his rights and interest in the premises.  
 Plaintiff further alleges that on account of said land, he has been out of pocket of \$61.95 as taxes, penalties and costs for the year 1915, and taxes for the year 1916, and that he has paid the sum of \$47.00 on purchase money unpaid and owing, and that he was out of the expense of advertising trustee's sale, \$12.50 and attorney's fees and expense of substitute trustee in making sale of \$178.00, that these items of expense were items incurred in connection with said sale and were provided for in said obligation and in said deed of trust and were incurred by plaintiff on or about the first day of December, 1916, and on which obligation plaintiff sues.  
 Plaintiff prays for judgment for his debt against said W. J. Moran and Annie Moran and for the conversion of the title already had by virtue of the sale under said trust deed and prays in the alternative for judgment against W. J. Moran and Annie Moran and against all of the defendants for foreclosure of his said lien in case the court should hold that for any reason the said sale heretofore made by the substitute trustee was invalid and prays for due order of sale and application of proceeds and for general relief.  
 Herein fail not, but have before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.  
 Witness W. J. Sparks, clerk of the district court of Midland County, seal of said court, in the town of Midland, this first day of May, 1917.  
 W. J. SPARKS,  
 Clerk District Court, Midland County.  
 Issued this 1st day of May, 1917.  
 W. J. SPARKS,  
 Clerk District Court, Midland County.

## WONDERS OF THE "LIBERTY LOAN"

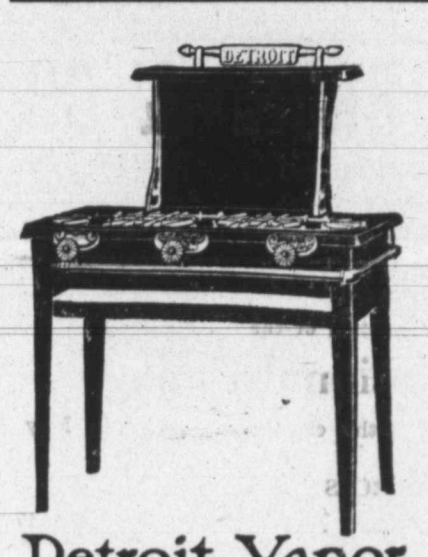
Reduced to Familiar Objects the Long String of Ciphers Becomes a Bit Comprehensive

John M. Wyatt has just received from an eastern financial friend some statistics regarding the government's bond issue of seven billion dollars, which throw a light upon the gigantic proportions of the issue in a manner which few people possibly realize, says a special feature writer to the daily press.  
 "Seven billion dollars! Think of this, \$7,000,000,000," says the explanation. "Behold that string of ciphers. There are so many—nine of them—that they mean but little unless reduced to more familiar objects. It may be of interest—it can do none of us any harm—to look into and try to comprehend what seven billions of dollars really means.  
 "It is 20 times the cost of the Panama canal, 350 times the cost of the biggest battleship afloat, eight times the assessed valuation of the city of St. Louis; 100 times the assessed valuation of El Paso County, placing this valuation at \$70,000,000.  
 "There are more seconds in seven billions than there are seconds in 222 years. Since the signing of the declaration of independence, July 4th 1776, to date, there have been only 4 1-2 billion seconds.  
 "Seven billion dollars in gold coin is 13,440 tons and would load down nearly 1200 cars, each with 24,000 pounds, and make a solid train 13 miles long.  
 "Let us look at it in time, or in distance. Seven billion minutes is 13,318 years, 9 hours and 52 minutes. "Imagine seven billions of miles. A rifle bullet has a speed of about half a mile a second, yet at this great velocity it would require almost exactly 444 years to cover the distance.  
 "Seven billions of silver dollars stacked in a pile would go up toward the stars to a distance of 1736 miles and it would take the United States airt, working day and night, 221 years to coin the dollars.  
 "Five dollars an acre, this vast sum would pay for every acre of land in the continental United States.  
 "Imagine, if you can, seven billions of dollars in dollar 'greenbacks' end to end. They would go around the earth at the equator nearly 34 times, and it would take an express train running 40 miles an hour, day and night, continuously for two and one-half years, to cover the distance.  
 "Seven billions of dollars will buy two pairs of good shoes for every man and woman and child on earth today—Christian and pagan.  
 "Had an express train started at the dawn of the Christian era, going at the rate of a mile a minute, it would today, 19 centuries after Christ was born, figuratively speaking, hardly have got out of the train sheds, for it would have only gone one-seventh of the distance, and would, now, 1917, yet have over 11,400 years to complete the journey of seven billion miles.  
 "Count it? Ridiculous! Imagine an expert counter of money counting seven billion dollars in dollar bills, and expert enough to count one a second—belonging to the "Union," working nine hours a day, Sundays and holidays included, and then imagine him working at the job for 50 years, then turning the work over to another man. The first man who tackled the job would have been dead 500 years when the 11th man quitting the job—each of the 11 working 50 years—would still leave enough of the bills uncounted to give to each man, woman and child in the great city of St. Louis \$500 apiece, and still leave one hundred millions uncounted."  
 "This loan bears interest of 3 1-2 per cent and the interest is two hundred and forty-five millions a year, nearly \$500 a minute, just the interest."

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## COULD HARDLY STAND ALONE

Terrible Suffering From Headache, Sideache, Backache, and Weakness, Relieved by Cardui, Says This Texas Lady.

Gonzales, Tex.—Mrs. Minnie Philpot, of this place, writes: "Five years ago I was taken with a pain in my left rib. It would commence with an aching and extend up into my left shoulder and on down into my back. By that time the pain would be so severe I would have to take to bed, and suffered usually about three days... I suffered this way for three years, and got to be a mere skeleton and was so weak I could hardly stand alone. Was not able to go anywhere and had to let my house work go. I suffered awful with a pain in my back and I had the headache all the time. I just was unable to do a thing. My life was a misery, my stomach got in an awful condition, caused from taking so much medicine. I suffered so much pain. I had just about given up all hopes of our getting anything to help me.  
 One day a Birthday Almanac was thrown in my yard. After reading its testimonials I decided to try Cardui, and am so thankful that I did, for I began to improve when on the second bottle... I am now a well woman and feeling fine and the cure has been permanent for it has been two years since my awful head, back, and sideache pains and weakness. Cardui! Try Cardui today."  
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**MISS LYDIE G. WATSON**  
 who has been a Piano Student of the most eminent instructors of Galloway, Searcy, Ark., Landon Conservatory, Dallas, and American Conservatory, of Chicago, Ill., now has her Studio open for the term 1916-17. The highest standards maintained. Thoroughness the slogan. Study with definite aim.

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**PAID COMPLIMENT TO WILLARD STATION**  
 Henry Sutter, service station manager of the Willard Storage Battery Company, was in Midland last Tuesday. During his stay he carefully and in detail inspected the Willard Service Station at Midland and pronounced it absolutely without fault, representative, and second to only a few of the stations in the larger cities and second to them only in size. Mr. Sutter appointed the Midland station Southwest Texas distributor for the Willard Storage Battery Company. The Midland station is thus the official distributor for 20 counties, extending west to the line of El Paso County and east to Howard County, territory constituting the largest any other distributor in the United States. The Reporter congratulates the managers of the Midland station. This large territory has been awarded them for meritorious considerations, and we bespeak for them still further successes and the continued favor of the Willard manufacturers.  
 Not Immodest  
 Madge—"The Rev. Mr. Jones said in his sermon this morning that he did not think American girls dressed immodest."  
 Mother—"Yes, but you know that Rev. Mr. Jones has just returned from Africa, where he has been a missionary."



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NO. 6410

Report of Condition of the

### Midland National Bank

At Midland, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on May 1st, 1917.

#### RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$534,178.21
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	50,000.00
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged	3,851.35
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)	4,500.00
Furniture and fixtures	8,694.56
Real estate owned, other than banking house	413.19
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis	3,489.52
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	138,477.22
Net amount due from banks and bankers	763.98
Other checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	4,422.23
Outside checks and other cash items: Revenue stamps 50.11 less cash long 15.76	34.35
Fractional currency, nickels and cents	80.79
Notes of other National banks	1,380.00
Lawful reserve in vault and net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank	40,016.16
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	2,500.00
Other Assets: Advances on live stock	8,320.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$800,721.56</b>

#### LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 75,000.00
Surplus fund	75,000.00
Undivided profits	11,043.95
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	10,554.67
Circulating notes outstanding	50,000.00
Net amount due to banks and bankers	12,737.92
<b>Demand Deposits:</b>	
Individual deposits subject to check	512,054.92
Cashier's checks outstanding	5,857.22
<b>Total demand deposits</b>	<b>517,912.14</b>
Time Deposits (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice):	
Certificates of deposit	59,027.55
<b>Total of time deposits</b>	<b>59,027.55</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$800,721.56</b>

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Midland, ss: I, B. C. Girdley, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of May, 1917.  
RALPH M. BARRON, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest: D. W. BRUNSON, H. N. GARRETT, J. R. DUBLIN, Directors

Miss Maggie McCormick, proprietor of The Ladies Store, has a special May sale on. It is interesting. Read her half page ad.  
A. Q. Cooper and wife, of Odessa, were with us this week, to do some shopping.  
L. G. Irwin came in this week from one of the Half-irrigation farms east of town. Gave fine report. Three and a half acres of potatoes up and looking well, while his oat crop is knee high. He is a Reporter reader and renewed his subscription.

## Midland Variety Store

Mrs. T. J. O'Donnell, Proprietor

Below is a small list of useful articles for sale at the Midland Variety Store:

- Girls Middle Blouses, from 6 to 14 years of age.....25c
- Pillow cases, bleached, hemmed and ready for use 20&25c
- Infant's white lawn dress, long and short.....25c
- Infant's cap, embroidery and fancy trimmed.....25c
- Nice assortment of lace from 5c to.....25c
- Crepe de chine handkerchiefs.....25c
- Air Float Talcum.....10c
- Air Float Face Powder.....10c
- Paragon Face Powder.....25c
- Menthol Cream.....20c
- Peroxide.....10c

### COLLEGE CONTEST IN DECLAMATION

Interesting Program Rendered in College Auditorium Last Monday Evening Eight Declaimers

One of the best events of the college year was that of the declamatory contest held in the college auditorium last Monday evening, May 13th. There were eight speakers, four young ladies and four young men. Twenty-five dollars in prizes were awarded, seven and a half going to the winner of first in both contests and five dollars going to the winners of the second places.

A good sized audience greeted the speakers, and the close attention given each number was very complimentary to the unusual ability of each speaker. Morrow Boynton was successful in winning first prize among the young men, and Miss Elsie Proctor won first in the young ladies' contest. Second places went to Elbert Massey and Miss Winnifred Stallings. Boynton has gained quite a reputation in public speaking, and possesses a forceful, earnest, convincing manner. Miss Proctor's declamation was handled in a pleasing and forceful manner. She has a grace and ease in her speaking that is seldom excelled. In Miss Proctor and Miss McCormick Midland has two young lady orators of unusual talent and ability, two of whom the schools and the city may be justly proud. Her oration was pronounced by all to be the feature of the evening. Miss Stallings handled her subject in a pleasing and touching way and showed much talent. Massey is a gifted speaker, a home boy and his work has greatly improved during the year. The other speakers on the program were unusually good and were only crowded out of a place by keen competition.

This contest is some more fruits from the work of Miss Brown and her department of public speaking. Her work throughout the year has been of the very highest order and much has been accomplished through her efforts.

Following are the list of speakers and their subjects:  
"A Plea for Cuban Independence"—Morrow H. Boynton.  
"National Prohibition"—Van Camp.  
"Eulogy of Wendell Phillips"—Carl Jones.  
"The New South"—Elbert Massey.  
"Our Future and Destiny"—Miss Elsie Proctor.  
"A Plea for Cuban Independence"—Miss Frances Elkin.  
"Miss Cora Castellaw."  
"The Wounded Soldier"—Miss Winnifred Stallings.

#### RHEUMATISM IS TORTURE

As Many a Midland Reader Knows Only Too Well

Many pains that pass as rheumatism are really due to weak kidneys—to the failure of the kidneys to drive off uric acid thoroughly. When you suffer achy, bad joints, backache, too, dizziness and some kidney disturbances, get Doan's Kidney Pills, the medicine that is publicly recommended by over 150,000 people in many different lands. Doan's Kidney Pills help weak kidneys to drive out uric acid, which is often the cause of the backache, rheumatism and lumbago. Midland people have learned their worth. Read this Midland resident's experience.  
Mrs. D. A. Price, Wall St., Midland, says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills for rheumatic twinges and weakness of the kidneys and they have done me a lot of good. I think they are a good medicine and anyone who is troubled by disordered kidneys should get a box at Taylor & Son's drug store."  
Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Price had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. C.

NO. 4368

Report of Condition of the

### First National Bank

At Midland, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on May 1st, 1917.

#### RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$617,271.11
Overdrafts unsecured	184.25
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation	25,000.00
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)	6,000.00
Value of banking house (if unencumbered)	\$25,000.00
Equity in banking house	25,000.00
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis	72,718.33
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	164,429.52
Net amount due from banks and bankers	237,147.85
Outside checks and other cash items	59,764.55
Fractional currency, nickels and cents	1,323.36
Notes of other national banks	1,343.16
Lawful reserve in vault and net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank	7,089.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	59,839.70
	1,250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,040,889.62</b>

#### LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	100,000.00
Undivided profits	19,046.33
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	7,740.37
Amount reserved for taxes accrued	1,140.00
Amount reserved for all interest accrued	448.34
Circulating notes outstanding	25,000.00
Net amount due to banks and bankers	57,425.47
<b>Demand Deposits:</b>	
Individual deposits subject to check	744,803.85
Cashier's checks outstanding	266.00
<b>Total demand deposits</b>	<b>745,069.85</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,040,889.62</b>

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Midland, ss: I, W. R. Chancellor, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of May, 1917.  
W. R. CHANCELLOR, Cashier.  
J. W. HAMPTON, Notary Public, Midland County, Tex.  
Correct—Attest: W. H. COWDEN, C. A. GOLDSMITH, O. B. HOLT, Directors.

## A Token of Friendship

however small, is always a source of much pleasure to the young Ladies and Gentlemen, at Graduation time.

Next week is Commencement week. Come now and select something useful for your young friends.

### Just a Few Suggestions

#### FOR THE SWEET GIRL GRADUATE

- Traveling Bag
- Steamer Trunk
- Silk Kimona
- Silk Blouse
- Silk Hose
- Crepe de Chine Hdks.
- Linen Handkerchiefs
- Patriotic Fans
- Ear Screws
- Beads
- Boudoir Caps
- Georgette Collars

#### FOR THE NICE YOUNG MAN

- Hand Bag
- Straw Hat
- Neck Ties
- Handkerchiefs
- Silk Hose
- Silk Shirts
- Cuff Buttons
- Silk Caps
- Silk Pajamas
- Gloves
- Tie Sets
- Collars

Just now when the season is before you, we offer many Special Bargains. Come in and investigate them.

## "Everybody's"

"Midland's Quality Store"

#### SOLD SCHOOL LAND TO EDWARDS BROS.

R. L. Saunders was in Midland this week from his place out a way from Monahan. He reports the recent sale of three sections of school land to Edwards Bros., of Midland. Consideration \$3000.

Andrew King, lawyer-stockman from Shafter Lake, was a Midland visitor in the early part of this week. Gave a fair report.

D. L. Boyd and J. E. McCord were business visitors to Midland Wednesday, from Stanton.

P. P. Barber was in from Shafter Lake this week for a few days. Gave a pretty fair report.

E. M. Bowman was here from Odessa this week. Reports range awfully dry out his way. However there is a good calf crop and there are no losses yet.

John Dixon, ranching in Gaines County, was with us this week. Gave an excellent range report.

D. F. Dickens, of Bexar County, was here this week for a brief business stay.

Vance Jones and Roy Smith and Misses Henrietta McLain and Willie Jones, all of Knox City, were last week guests of Misses Alice and Clara Mabry.

Dr. Bloss, veterinary, left Monday for Clabber Hill ranch, where he will be engaged for three weeks.

K. Boone, of Boone Bros., ranching a little south of east from Midland, was in town this week. He reports a pretty good rain out there the latter part of last week and things are looking better.

#### CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County—Greeting: You are hereby commanded, that you summon, by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Midland, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not,

then in any newspaper published in the 70th judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 70th judicial district, once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, Abe Jesson, whose residence unknown to be now appear before the Honorable District Court, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the County of Midland, at the court house thereof, in Midland, Texas, on the first Monday in September, 1917, the same being the 3rd day of September, 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 3rd day of May, A. D. 1917, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 1429, wherein H. S. Jesson is plaintiff and Abe Jesson is defendant, the nature of the plaintiff's demand being as follows, to-wit:

That plaintiff married Abe Jesson, the defendant herein, on or about the 11th day of December, A. D. 1878; that they lived as man and wife until the 1st day of November, 1905; that said defendant on said day left the plaintiff with intention of abandonment, and has been gone continuously since that date; that the plaintiff has separate property, Block No. 59 in the Original Town of Midland, Midland county, Texas.

Plaintiff prays for citation, for divorce, title and possession, general and special relief.

Herein fail not, and have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof this writ, with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Midland, Texas, this 3rd day of May, A. D. 1917.

W. J. SPARKS, Clerk District Court, Midland County, Texas.

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