

FIRST DRAWN TO GO INTO EXISTING UNITS

National Army to be Third in Plan of Organization—Neighbors to be Kept Together

The first order under the selective draft will be to fill the regular army and the National Guard to war strength, which, it is figured, will require Mark L. Goodwin as a Washington correspondent to Dallas News. The assignment to the regular army will be infinitely made without referring to localities from which the men are taken. The assignment to the National Guard, however, is to be with the view of placing men of a given community together as nearly as possible. In order to carry out this policy, men from a given community in which there previously has been a National Guard organization will be placed with such guard organization until its war strength is reached. If there is a surplus they will be assigned to the unit nearest their home, while if there is a deficiency, it is to be supplied from communities nearest the home for the previously organized unit. If the National Guard companies of Dallas are short of war strength, then it is the policy of the department to fill those organizations with men from Dallas, as the local spirit will be preserved and the men officered by representative citizens of their home city. Much the same rule is to be followed in organizing the men who will comprise the national army. These are to be organized into companies in contiguous areas and will be officered as nearly as possible by men from the same sections.

National Guard organizations will lose their identity, once they are brought into federal service. The men will be kept active, however, in the first Texas brigade, number 101. The men of the land forces of the National Guard now, the national army, being selected men from five regiments of infantry for the regular army. National Guard regiments will become the One and First United States Infantry and the Sixty-Fifth United States Infantry and the One Hundred and First Regiment will be left open for such additional designations as are necessary for the regular establishment. For the National Guard, regimental numbers from 101 to 300 have been reserved. The first regiment of the national army will be the Three Hundred and First Infantry, and they are to be consecutively numbered up to 300. This it will be that the number of the regiment will indicate the order of the outfit he is to give in the line of regulars, National Guard or national army men. Other units of the service are to be similarly designated. It is impossible to determine even approximately the designation of any of the troops. The numbering party will begin with the troops of the line and go down the line until all the National Guard divisions are accounted for, with a similar arrangement for the national army.

NEW HOUSES UNDER WAY OUT AT FASKEN

Sam Black is a contractor and builder, now employed out at Fasken, the new town on the Midland & Northwestern. He was in Midland Monday, and reports considerable activity out there, several new houses being well under way of construction.

TEXAS NATIONAL GUARDS FINE LOT

Chief Medical Officer O'Reilly Believes They Will Appear Best in America's Great Army

The new regiments of the National Guard of Texas to be mustered into Federal service August 5th, will provide Uncle Sam with as fine a body of men as ever donned uniform, according to Maj. John J. O'Reilly, chief medical officer. Maj. O'Reilly bases his statement upon the physical appearance of the thousands of recruits examined over the State. These show up remarkably well from a physical standpoint. The prescribed regulations governing the physical examinations and enlistment is followed closely and when a recruit is accepted he is perfectly fit physically and capable of doing his share in the army. The chief medical officer believes Texas troops will grade very high and prove among the very best appearing that will go to make up the great army the nation is assembling. "The 12,000 men Texas is now enlisting in the guard in my opinion, will be as good, if not better physically than will be produced by any state," he says. "Texas has long been known for her big men—strong and sturdy and of wonderful vitality and endurance. This is the type of men joining the National Guard. I have watched them with a great deal of interest, and I believe they represent the best men of Texas, both mentally and physically. Examining physicians over the state report their observation has been the same from the reports and from actual experience in conducting examinations. I believe Texas will have the best body of men that any state will put forward."

Maj. O'Reilly believes there will be little question of men accepted in the guard, passing the federal examination which comes after the troops are mustered into federal service. "The examination they undergo now is as strict as they will be subjected to at the hands of federal officers," he said, "every effort is put forth to minimize the number of rejections when the Texas Guard is mustered into federal service."

Maj. O'Reilly is greatly pleased with the character of men offering themselves for service in the medical department. "The people of Texas have every reason to be grateful that the very best men in the medical profession are coming into the service and will be assigned to duty to troops from their immediate vicinity," he said. Of course there will be some sickness and it should be a comfort to the ones who must stay at home to know in case of sickness or accident their loved ones will be taken care of by medical officers who come from the foremost ranks of medicine and surgery in Texas and who have been appointed from the office of the surgeon general of the United States army. A much better class of recruits are offering their services to the guard than first answered the call to colors. This is best typified by the number being rejected on examination. When the call first went out those responding were turned down by the scores because of physical defects. Those applying now seem freer of such defects and fewer are being rejected. In fact the guard is getting a good class of recruits, men of intelligence and ability of mind and body.

RAMSAY AGAIN IN THE FUEL BUSINESS

Elsewhere in The Reporter appears the advertisement of a new business enterprise for Midland. It is that of the Midland Fuel Company. H. M. Ramsay is at the head of the concern, and it is an old business with him, one that he thoroughly understands. He invites you to call on him.

CONSCRIPTION DRAFT IS BEING MADE TODAY

The Reporter did not anticipate that the drafting of registrants in the United States conscription plans would start until tomorrow. It seems, however, to have started today, and, through the courtesy of the FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM, we have already received the first numbers drawn. It is expected that a full draft will be made of all numbers from 1 to between 10,000 and 11,000, just as high up as the registration numbers go, and a change of plans make a longer job. It is expected that the drawing will take from ten to twelve hours.

The first numbers drawn, as reported to us in a Star-Telegram bulletin, received at 12:23 p. m. today, were 258, 458, 854, 783, 837, 377, 676, 275, 509, 564, 945, 596, 536.

There being only 321 registrations in Midland, but two of the above numbers effect Midland registrants. These are:

- 258. Morgan Ed Cole, Jr.
- 275. Herbert P. Gillespie.
- At 1:09 our second bulletin was received. These numbers were: 548, 126, 784, 755, 616, 373, 692, 600, 810, 507, 309, 437, 604, 43, 924, 420, 514, 433, 10, 487, 797, 140, 432. As will be seen but five of these effect Midland. They are: 126, Tony Gable; 309, Warren C. Morrow; 43, Thomas Lawrence Beauchamp; 10, George Price; 140, Fred Rosabell Wells.
- The next numbers affecting Midland as reported by bulletin are, 18, William Carpen Lindamoor; 182, John Carl Ledford; 46, John Bascomb Terry; 117, Milton Forest King; 223, Daniel Thompson Katliff; 75, Alonzo Ephraim Blitch; 280, Ulysses Brown; 194, Albert Daniel McBe; 298, Kenton Simpson Boone; 15, Landon Crittendon Lucas; 218, Henry Lawrence; 31, Robert E. Lee Cooper; 183, Lyle J. Currie; 56, John Charles Anderson; 54, James Herbert Norred.

SEVENTEEN-YEAR RECORD RAINFALL

Local Weather Observer at Big Spring Furnishes Tabulated Report by Months and Years

Yesterday J. R. Wade, of the Drovers' National Bank of Kansas City, handed us a tabulated report of the rainfall in this country during the past 17 years, 1900 to 1916, inclusive, also a notation showing the precipitation up to July 14th of this year. The report was secured by our townsman, M. P. Burns, from the co-operative weather observer at Big Spring, B. Reagan, and though the record was taken at that place it is not greatly different to what it would have been had the observations been made at Midland. It is little less interesting than if it were actually a Midland report. Following are the figures as compiled by Mr. Reagan:

Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
1900	0.56	0.25	0.89	1.24	3.32	1.71	0.99	1.65	2.27	2.04	1.18	0.13	21.11
1901	0.11	1.93	1.07	2.97	1.06	4.73	0.11	3.03	0.58	1.00	0.24	16.83	
1902	0.61	0.02	0.56	4.55	1.41	12.89	1.24	2.46	0.92	2.28	0.34	27.28	
1903	0.81	0.84	0.24	0.08	1.55	2.93	0.36	0.79	3.16	0.22	0.11	10.98	
1904	0.25	1.19	3.34	4.06	0.25	2.27	3.45	0.50	0.88	0.43	17.05		
1905	0.45	1.34	2.89	3.34	5.71	3.52	3.40	2.40	3.38	1.79	1.74	0.77	30.73
1906	0.31	0.81	0.87	2.98	3.52	2.56	4.41	5.08	0.84	1.11	2.96	0.57	26.02
1907	0.14	1.69	0.22	1.87	0.86	1.81	0.52	2.79	1.87	1.37	0.27	23.41	
1908	0.41	0.28	5.27	4.09	0.99	1.79	2.90	2.01	0.25	1.40	19.39		
1909	0.02	0.42	0.01	2.17	1.62	0.65	1.25	0.70	0.79	4.01	0.64	12.28	
1910	0.28	0.28	1.00	0.69	0.71	1.24	0.64	0.42	2.32	0.17	0.12	7.87	
1911	0.58	4.20	0.43	2.55	0.32	0.30	1.34	0.31	1.79	0.35	0.18	2.53	14.88
1912	1.02	0.17	0.55	1.10	1.19	1.25	1.04	1.16	1.50	1.13	0.99	11.10	
1913	0.29	0.53	1.41	1.44	1.08	3.08	0.87	0.04	2.72	3.22	1.89	2.62	19.19
1914	0.27	0.04	0.77	0.58	4.29	4.00	1.44	3.99	0.78	4.27	1.04	43.20	
1915	0.45	0.15	0.85	5.75	0.44	1.58	3.43	3.26	3.08	1.35	0.67	20.97	
1916	0.13	0.94	2.80	0.26	1.69	2.48	4.11	1.07	1.80	1.01	0.10	15.79	
Avg.	0.33	0.65	0.71	2.03	2.49	1.95	2.58	1.86	2.07	2.03	1.31	0.70	18.70

Inclosed with this tabulation was also a letter from Mr. Reagan. It, addressed to Mr. Burns, is further interesting by reason of giving figures for this year up to the date of writing, July 14th, 1917. Mr. Reagan writes:

"I am enclosing you clipping, showing the rainfall here for the past 17 years. The rainfall for this year amounts to 3.06, but nearly all of it

fell in light showers of from .01 to .35 of an inch. Only two rains can be properly called rains for this year, when at one time .86 and at another time .88 fell. There were other times we had only light showers, not enough at any time to make the moisture meet."

This information from Mr. Reagan will give the reader some idea as to what the west is up against this year. And yet, "even at that," it is not, perhaps, so bad as some might think. There is little or no grass on the ranges, and cattle, in some instances, are very poor. A few hundreds of miles east of here such a condition of drought would practically amount to famine.

Not so in the Midland Country. There are even some promising crops, and since a pretty fair rain early last Wednesday morning others are being planted, early maturing feed crops. Even some cotton will be raised, though not much, and it is not improbable that a world of feed may yet be grown.

As to the range, there is still some feed for stock. Old grass retains its

NOT YET TOO LATE TAKE YOUR CHOICE

Registrants Can Join Texas National Guards and be Exempt From Selective Draft

Announcement from Washington of delay for at least ten days in drawing names of men to be selected under the draft will afford those between 21 and 31 years a further opportunity to enlist in the National Guard or regular army. Once they are drafted they will not be permitted to enlist in any of the existing branches of the service but become a part of the new national army. According to new dispatches every one of 10,000,000 men who registered June 5th will eventually be assigned a place on the list of those eligible for service in this new army, which will mean that the time will come when none of these will be permitted to enlist voluntarily, but will be required to hold themselves in readiness for the call to active service. While for some of them the time may be very distant when they will be assigned to such places or called, it will come eventually. The draft will probably be about the middle of the week of July 23rd. Delay has been occasioned for the reason some states have not completed organization of district exemption boards. However reports at the headquarters of the National Guard of Texas indicate organization is going forward rapidly.

In the mean time voluntary enlistment in the National Guard and regular army is being augmented by the realization of those subject to the draft that once they are drafted they cannot volunteer and choose the branch of service they desire.

Under the draft plans Texas will be expected to furnish 30,000 men, approximately. Each city, county and state is to furnish two-thirds of one per cent of its paper or estimated population. Texas' population is estimated to be 4,397,097, and two-thirds of one per cent would be nearly 30,000. Credit for men enlisted in the national guard and regular army prior to July 1st, will be given and deducted from this total. However the enlistments prior to July 1st were comparatively small and it is more than likely Texas will be called upon for 30,000 men on the first draft. Subsequently others will be called.

Every indication is every man physically fit and without dependants will be selected and assigned a place on the waiting list and called into active service if needed," according to a statement given out by Brig. General John A. Hulen, commanding general National Guard of Texas. "The large number of exemptions claimed and the definite statement Texas will have to supply 30,000 men for the draft, indicates that men without dependants who are physically fit, will be called. This headquarters has attempted to show such men that they will be expected to serve their country and still is attempting to show them that it is much to their advantage to enlist in the National Guard or regular army rather than await draft."

In the guard they will be among friends, men they know and who know them. They will be commanded by Texans, associated with Texans and home folk. It seems so much more desirable to serve under those conditions. The time yet remains when such men can come into the guard, and the invitation is most heartily extended."

RANGE CONDITIONS IN NEW MEXICO FAIR

H. E. Wood was here this week to meet his daughter, Mrs. Lucy Graves, of Dallas, who will pay him a visit. Mr. Wood is a cowman of the Lovington, N. M., neighborhood, and gave a fair range and cattle report, though rain is badly needed.

COMMISSIONER WILL NOT FORFEIT LANDS

Letter to County Clerk Sparks Authorizes Statement that Leniency is Account of Drouth

County Clerk W. J. Sparks is this week in receipt of the following communication from State Land Commissioner J. T. Robison: "On account of conditions resulting from an unprecedented drouth throughout the school land territory, I have concluded not to forfeit lands on August 15th, this year, for non-payment of interest due to November 1st, 1916; that is, where persons are due one year's interest up to last November, I will not forfeit, but where interest is due for 1915, it should be paid. Please make this known to your banks, land owners and other interested parties.

"You are authorized to give this publicity in your local paper." This news will be pleasing to many in this section who have been effected by drouth, and commends Mr. Robison still more highly to hundreds of his friends. Such consideration on his part is why he is kept in office so long. In the estimation of the west his place could hardly be filled by another so acceptably, and his job is secured to him no doubt so long as he asks it at the hands of the thousands he has so often befriended.

GIVES THE REPORTER AT LAST A NEWS ITEM

The letter following herewith, dated at Fort Worth, July 16th, is from our townsman, Judge Chas. Gibbs, and explains a happy event: "My dear Watson:

"From time to time in the past you have complained at me for not giving you news items. I have been reluctant to give you any information for the reason that heretofore I have had nothing that I considered worth while, but now that I have some news that is really worth putting in the paper, I am notifying you that this morning at two o'clock an eight pound Justice of the Peace arrived at our house and convened court immediately. I am also very glad to state that Mrs. Gibbs and the boy are getting along grandly, and that I believe I will be all right when I sober up."

This young jurist—glory be!—is so entrenched in the hearts of the attendants upon his court that he doubtless will reverse the order established by precedent and be a justice and not a disturber of the peace. Anyway, we doubt that ever before a young fellow entered upon a magisterial regime, over a court of hearts, under auspices and in an atmosphere pervaded by a sentiment more universally fond. With our congratulations we add: May the youngster's tenure be not less than biblically allotted to the wise, may prudence be his guide and love and duty his preponderant life motif, thus to become a benediction upon the lives of his subjects, when their years shall have grown long, and his spirit, his youthful strength and love shall be their staff.

REPORTS FAIR RAIN ON WEDNESDAY MORNING

F. E. Weatherford has a farm located 15 miles northeast of Midland. He was in town Wednesday and reports a pretty fair rain out there early Wednesday morning, enough to do lots of good in many ways.

VISITING RELATIVES HERE A FEW DAYS

Walter Graham is section foreman on the Orient at Fort Stockton. He is here this week for a few days, visiting relatives.

SPECIALS FOR THE WEEK

- One job lot of Ladies' Plain Kid and Patent Leather Pumps, regular price \$3.50 to \$4, Special - **\$1.98**
- Regular 25c pair Huck Towels, Special, pair - **17c**
- Regular 65c pair Bath Towels, Special, pair - **42c**

- \$1.25 White Bed Quilts, special sale price - **83c**
- 1.50 White Bed Quilts, special sale price - **98c**
- 2.50 White Bed Quilts, special sale price - **\$1.49**

In the above we are offering some very excellent bargains. Come in and look them over and when you do, don't overlook our grocery department. This is of course a time of high prices, but as the price has soared we have shaved our profits close. We are protecting you all we can. Call and see.

Dry Goods Phone No. 284
Grocery Phone No. 6

Midland Mercantile Co.

The Store that Saves You MONEY

Summer Dress Goods

Quite a lot of the most desirable Summer Dress Goods have been marked down for quick clearance---numbers that are the most popular just now.

25c Sport Stripes for Skirts and Suits, to close, the yard... **15c**
 35c Sport Dot Beach Cloth, with plain cloth to match, to close the yard... **22½c**
 50c and 65c Striped Suitings and Crepes, the yard... **35c**
 15c and 17½c Voiles, Tissues and Lawns, the yard... **11c**

Men's and Boys' Low Shoes

There are quite a few of these extra values left, particularly in small sizes, that will fit the 10 to 16-year-old boys, and there is much better value in these at \$2.50 and \$3.50 than any boys' shoes to be had. Remember, they can be worn for three months yet and school begins in a little over a month. Gun Metal and Tan Calf, button or lace, \$4 and \$5 values a year ago, choice... **\$3.50**
 Patent Button Oxfords, \$5 values a year ago... **\$2.50**

Men's and Boys' Suits

MEN'S AND BOYS' PALM BEACH AND KOOLKLOTH SUITS HAVE BEEN MARKED DOWN.

Boys' \$5.00 Suits to... **\$3.85**
 Boys' \$6.00 Suits to... **\$4.75**
 Men's \$6.75 Palm Beach Suits to... **\$4.85**
 Men's \$8.75 Palm Beach Suits to... **\$6.45**
 The \$12.50 Silk Mohair Suits to... **\$8.50**

Ladies' Ready-to-Wear

ALL SUMMER DRESSES AND SKIRTS HAVE BEEN MARKED DOWN.

Novelty Sport Skirts at... **\$1.95**
 Novelty White Skirts at... **\$2.95**
 New Sport Striped Silk Skirts at \$4.95 and... **\$6.75**

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This little Cash Store is striving to merit your patronage by selling you good merchandise on a little closer margin of profit and by giving you a service that will prove our appreciation. We know you approve of our strictly one price to all policy and we never cut a price to anyone. Occasionally we lose a sale because we won't cut the price, but even then we hold that customer's respect and good will because they know that ONE PRICE TO ALL is the only fair to all way to do business.

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Mrs. T. J. O'Donnell, Prop.

Phone 453, Midland, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
 To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County—Greeting:
 You are hereby commanded to summon A. Lieb 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 Seventieth Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said Seventieth Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Midland County, to be held at the court house thereof, in Midland, on the first Monday in September, A. D., 1917, the same being the third day of September, A. D., 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the sixteenth day of July, A. D., 1917, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 1440, wherein B. C. Richardson, a feme sole is plaintiff, and A. Lieb is defendant, and said petition alleging in substance as follows, to-wit:

Plaintiff's suit is in trespass to try title for lot No. 8, block No. 36, of the original town of Midland, Texas, as per map or plat of said town in the deed records of Midland County, Texas. Plaintiff alleges that on the 14th day of July, A. D., 1917, she was seized and possessed and entitled to the above described real estate, was owner in fee simple of said land and as such owner was entitled to the possession of same; that on the 15th day of July, A. D., 1917, the defendant unlawfully entered upon the above described premises and disposed plaintiff therefrom, and now unlawfully withholds possession from this plaintiff thereof. Plaintiff further says that she, and those under whom she claims, claiming to be the true and lawful owners of the above described real estate, have had and held the same under deeds duly registered, have had and held continuous, open, notorious, peaceable, and adverse possession thereof, cultivating and using and enjoying same and paying all taxes thereon for more than five years next preceding the filing of this suit. Plaintiff further avers that she and those under whom she claims, claiming to be the true and lawful owners of the above described real estate, have had and held the same under deeds duly registered, have had and held continuous, open, notorious, peaceable, and adverse possession thereof, cultivating and using and enjoying same and paying all taxes thereon for more than five years next preceding the filing of this suit. Plaintiff further avers that she and those under whom she claims, claiming to be the true and lawful owners of the above described real estate, have had and held the same by open, notorious, continuous, peaceable, and adverse possession thereof, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for more than ten years preceding the date of the filing of this suit. Plaintiff further says that defendant's claim to said land is as follows: a patent from the State of Texas to the Texas & Pacific Railway Company and deed from the Texas & Pacific Railway Company to the Midland Town Company and a deed from Midland Town Company to the defendant herein. Plaintiff further says that the defendant's claim to said land though fraudulent and void and inferior to plaintiff's claim casts a cloud on the plaintiff's title and disturbs her in the peaceable and quiet enjoyment of said property. Plaintiff further says that she is the widow of S. O. Richardson, deceased, and that the estate of the said S. O. Richardson was duly administered and that as the widow of the said S. O. Richardson the above property was awarded to her, the plaintiff.

Plaintiff prays for judgment against defendant's cancelling, annulling and holding for naught all the claim or apparent claim of the said defendant as in and to the above described real estate and that plaintiff recover the title and possession of said land and that all clouds be removed therefrom and have relief general and special.

Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Midland, Texas, this 16th day of July, A. D., 1917.

W. J. Sparks,
 Clerk District Court, Midland, Texas
 Adv 41-42

Citation by Publication
 THE STATE OF TEXAS,
 To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Laura B. Stoner, a feme sole, Chester Stoner, Nellie V. Abbott, and E. H. Abbott, husband of Nellie V. Abbott, 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 Seventieth Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said Seventieth Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Midland County, to be held at the court house thereof, in Midland, on the first Monday in September, A. D., 1917, the same being the third day of September, A. D., 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 16th day of July, A. D., 1917 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 1441, wherein B. C. Richardson, a feme sole, is plaintiff, and Laura B. Stoner, a feme sole, Chester Stoner, Nellie V. Abbott, and E. H. Abbott, husband of Nellie V. Abbott, defendants, and said petition alleging in substance as follows, to-wit:

Plaintiff's suit is in trespass to try title for lots No. 11 and 12, block No. 59, of the original town of Midland, Texas, as per record map or plat of said town in the deed records of Midland County, Texas. Plaintiff alleges that on the 14th day of July, A. D., 1917, she was owner in fee simple of said land and as such owner was entitled to the possession of same; that on the 15th day of July, A. D., 1917, the defendants unlawfully entered upon the above described premises and disposed plaintiff therefrom, and now unlawfully withholds from

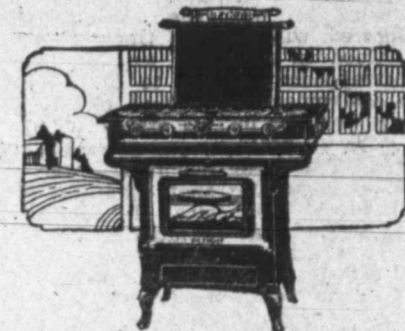
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Midland, Texas

this plaintiff possession thereof. Plaintiff further says that she, and those under whom she claims, claiming to be the true and lawful owners of the above described real estate, have had and held the same under deeds duly registered, have had and held continuous, open, notorious, peaceable and adverse possession thereof, cultivating and using and enjoying same and paying all taxes thereon for more than five years next preceding the filing of this suit. Plaintiff further avers that she and those under whom she claims, claiming to be the true and lawful owners of the above described real estate, have had and held the same by open, notorious, continuous, peaceable, and adverse possession thereof, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for more than ten years preceding the date of the filing of this suit. Plaintiff further says that defendant's claim to said land is as follows: a patent from the State of Texas to the Texas & Pacific Railway Company and deed from the Texas & Pacific Railway Company to the Midland Town Company and a deed from Midland Town Company to H. W. Stoner, deceased in and to defendants as heirs of the said H. W. Stoner. Plaintiff further says that the defendants' claim to said land though fraudulent and void and inferior to plaintiff's claim casts a cloud on the plaintiff's title and disturbs her in the peaceable and quiet enjoyment of said property. Plaintiff further says that she is the widow of S. O. Richardson, deceased, and that the estate of the said S. O. Richardson was duly administered and that as the widow of the said S. O. Richardson the above property was awarded to her, the plaintiff.

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NEWS OF FORT WORTH-EL PASO HIGHWAY

In spite of adverse weather conditions, work on our highway still continues in several of the counties. Mitchell county, their regular force have been busy several weeks and are still at work on the road west of Colorado Co.

An election has been ordered Eastland County for August 1st, vote on a road election of \$150,000. Engineer Merriwether is away on short vacation.

A meeting of the vice-president and President Penix will be held Big Spring within a few days to take up some matters connected with an association.

Let us remember that the State Highway Commission designation of our highway does not mean that has been built and our work is finished.

Those who continue to work when conditions are bad have that much less to do when times are better. Most of the improved highway in West Texas was built when conditions were very adverse.

W. B. Starr, Secretary.

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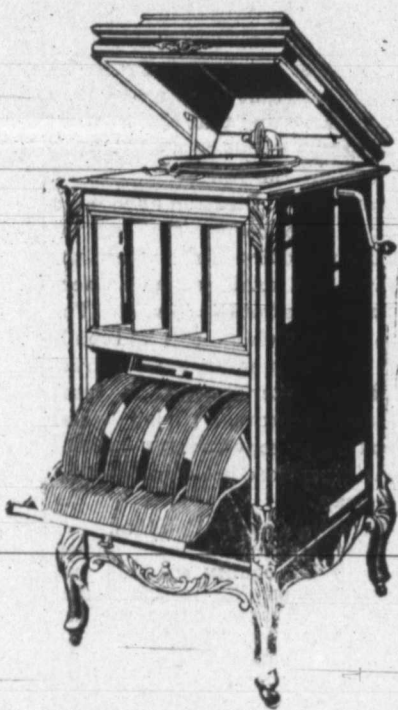
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A FAMILY MEDICINE

In Her Mother's Home, Says This Georgia Lady, Regarding Black-Draught, Relief From Headache, Malaria, Chills, Etc.

Ringgold, Ga.—Mrs. Chas. Gaston, of this place, writes: "I am a user of Theford's Black-Draught; in fact, it was one of our family medicines. Also in my mother's home, when I was a child. When any of us children complained of headache, usually caused by constipation, she gave us a dose of Black-Draught, which would rectify the trouble. Often in the Spring, we would have malaria and chills, or troubles of this kind, we would take Black-Draught pretty regular until the liver acted well, and we would soon be up and around again. We would not be without it, for it certainly has saved us lots of doctor bills. Just a dose of Black-Draught when not so well saves a lot of days in bed."

Theford's Black-Draught has been in use for many years in the treatment of stomach, liver and bowel troubles, and the popularity which it now enjoys is proof of its merit. If your liver is not doing its duty, you will suffer from such disagreeable symptoms as headache, biliousness, constipation, indigestion, etc., and unless something is done, serious trouble may result.

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and veals up to \$13.75.

Stockers and Feeders
Corn prospects are not far enough along to count on for sure, and the country is not quite ready for a run of the proportions of that of today, but best stockers sold steady, \$9 for several lots, and downwards, the common stockers selling at \$6.25 to \$7.25. Feeders brought \$7.50 to \$10, stock cows and heifers \$6 to \$8.25.

Hogs
Supply of the combined markets fell short of last Monday, and steady prices resulted, choice heavy weights selling up to \$15.80, best medium weights \$15.70, best lights \$15.30, bulk of sales \$15 to \$15.65. The country promptly quit shipping last week when the market declined 30 to 40 cents, indicating plenty of faith in future prices. Corn is costing big money, but owners refuse to be rushed in putting hogs on the market. There is some bear sentiment, but most dealers believe the market is on a safe footing that will extend through August and September.

J. A. Rickart, Market Correspondent.

AT THE UNIQUE AIRDOOME

On Monday night beside the serial that has become so popular, The Great Secret, starring Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne, we had a most entertaining and mysterious Imp drama featuring Thomas Jefferson and Betty Schade in A Midnight Mystery. Also a comedy called Flat Harmony with Eileen Sedgwick and Ralph McComas. The program Monday evening was exceptionally good.

Oliver Twist, on Tuesday night with Marie Doro in the title role, was one of the best Paramount features we have ever seen. Marie Doro played her part to perfection, the only criticism we would offer is that she is too pretty to take a boy's part. Each and every character in this production was well fitted to the part, especially the characters of Fagan, Bill Sikes, Nancy Sikes and Mr. Bumps.

Mrs. Vernon Castle in Patria, on Wednesday night again won many expressions of admiration from the audience. Jane Gail and Matt Moore in Pots and Poems and Dan Russell in The Cabaret Scratch filled out an excellent program.

On last night the famous 2-reel Fox comedy and a one reel Biograph drama with Millard Wilson and Edith Roberts in Little Moccasins and a Joker with Gale Henry and William Franey, in Left in the Soup, proved to be a program of variety, and all were

Any Doctor

will tell you a fellow's constitution won't last forever, and in these strenuous times it needs a good overhauling occasionally.

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DALLAS

OUR MARKET LETTER FROM KANSAS CITY

Kansas City Stock Yards, July 16. —Cattle today 32000, biggest run this summer, market steady to 15 lower, but the best market for the size of the run anybody ever saw, top natives \$13.55. Hogs today 10000, market steady, top \$15.80, same as top in Chicago. Sheep and lambs today 3500 and market steady, no choice lambs, but that kind quotable up to \$15.50.

Beef Cattle
Kansas furnished the biggest share of the run today, Oklahoma next, then Texas. A large part of the supply was light weight grass steers, on the fence between killers and stockers, and there was some loss on that kind. Prime Missouri steers topped the market at \$13.55, highest price ever paid here on the open market. Kansas grass steers sold up to \$11.85, ranging from \$9.25 upwards, and Oklahoma steers to killers sold mostly at \$9 to \$10, some light ones down to \$7. North Texas cake fed steers sold at \$10.20 to \$11. Cows sold steady to 10 lower, grass cows \$7 to \$8.75, canners \$6 to \$7, bulls 6.75 to \$8.50

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GOES TO FORT WORTH

Col. Rufus J. Lackland, sales for the Fasken townsite and C properties, was in town Wednesday en route to Fort Worth to visit family. From there Col. Lackland will go to Alturas, California, where he will conduct a town lot sale for a railway corporation. He expects to be gone about a month.

DR. HALEY OFF ON A MONTH'S VACATION

Dr. J. F. Haley left Wednesday for a month's vacation. He will visit San Antonio, Austin and Corpus Christi before returning to Midland.

RETURNS TO MIDLAND IMPROVED IN HEALTH

Mrs. C. S. Karkalits and children returned early in the week from Cisco where they have been visiting her parents at that place. We are very glad to report Mrs. Karkalits very much improved in health.

After several weeks visit to her sister, Mrs. M. W. Whitmore, Miss Birdie Shelton left Monday evening for her home in Whittier, N. C.

Mrs. Sandifer, one of the salesladies at the Midland Mercantile, left Monday evening for a three weeks' vacation at Dallas, Ballinger and other points east.

Bill, the young son of Judge and Mrs. S. J. Isaacks, of El Paso, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Wade Johnston, on the ranch and other relatives and friends in town this week.

Miss Leona McCormick returned early in the week from a pleasant visit to points in east and south Texas.

Fred Parnell is back at his place in the postoffice after three or four weeks spent at points in east Texas.

R. W. Garner left Wednesday afternoon for a business trip to Waco.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE (Real Estate)

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Midland.

Whereas, by virtue of an execution issued out of the District Court of Midland County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 27th day of February, A. D. 1917, in favor of J. M. Jewison, plaintiff, and against T. J. Powell and J. M. Powell, defendants, No. 1383 on the docket of said court, I did on the 11th day of June, A. D. 1917, at 4:55 p. m., levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situated in the County of Midland, State of Texas, and belonging to the said J. M. Powell, to-wit:

Same being all of Lots numbers 11 and 12 in Block 100, in the Southern Addition to the Town of Midland, Midland County, Texas, as per map or plat of said addition which is of record in the Deed Records of said Midland County, Texas, to which reference is made for further description.

And on the 7th day of August, A. D. 1917, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said J. M. Powell in and to said property.

Given under my hand this 11th day of June, A. D. 1917.

W. E. BRADFORD, Sheriff Midland County, Texas.

Friday, Lou Tellegen and Maria... in a Paramount, The Victoria... promises to be one of merit. We all are quite familiar with Miss Fuller, as a screen star, and no doubt she will again fill all demands of the screen-fans. A Black Diamond comedy will also be shown. Tomorrow night the program is as follows: An Imp drama, Flames of Treachery; an L-KO Comedy with Phil Duncan and Lucille Hutton entitled Tom's Tramping Troupe and The Diary of a Puppy.

Notice the program in another column for next week.

THINGS NOT KNOWN OF STORAGE BATTERIES

"Just as we battery men are beginning to be encouraged," says Mr. Guthrie, the local Willard expert, "and think that car owners in general are learning to know their storage batteries, one incident will come up to convince us that we are too optimistic."

"For instance it is not a great while ago since a man came to one of our middle west branches and said that he wanted his storage battery fixed. It wouldn't work, he said.

"And then he dug down into the back of the machine and brought out the battery and several coils of wire. The service man asked him what the wire was for, and the motorist calmly replied that his battery needed rewinding, and that he had bought the wire on the way down because he didn't know whether the service station would have it or not.

"A few days ago the Willard Storage Battery Company at Cleveland received a battery from a car owner just west of the Mississippi.

"The letter that accompanied the battery said that although the car owner knew that his battery was a Willard he was rather disappointed

that he had to send it so far as Cleveland for repairs. There didn't seem to be any battery men around his neighborhood—this in spite of the fact that the local Willard Service Station, the Minneapolis branch and service station, have advertised themselves in page after page of newspaper space and the national advertising advertises the fact that Willard service is everywhere.

"These two are just typical of across a car owner who doesn't know our attention nearly every week. We would be discouraged if it were not for the fact that occasionally we run across a car owner who doesn't know what makes his machine run."

LEFT WEDNESDAY BY AUTO FOR MARLIN

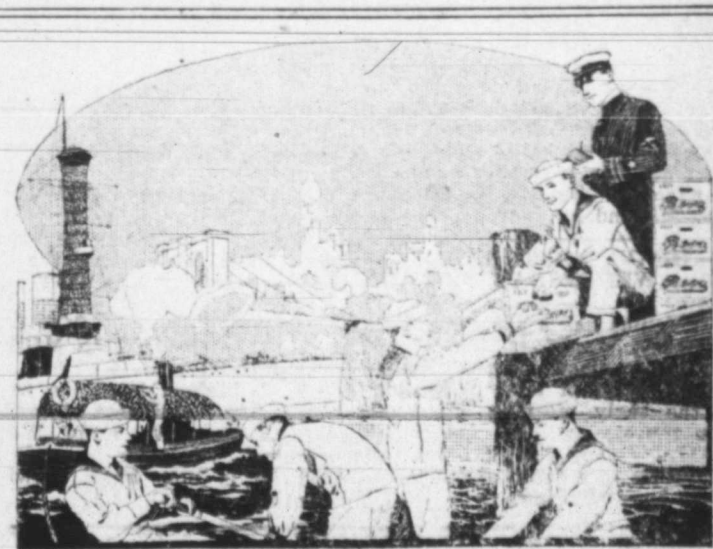
Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hardin left on Wednesday morning for a visit to Marlin. Mr. Hardin is a sufferer of rheumatism and he goes to Marlin in hope that he may derive benefit from the waters at that place. They went overland in their auto.

WILL VISIT OLD HOME AND FRIENDS IN ARKANSAS

Miss Mary Lee Finney left Tuesday afternoon for a visit to friends in Greenville, Texas, and will also visit the old home in Midland, Arkansas.

RETURNS TO FORT WORTH AFTER VISIT TO MOTHER

Mrs. Barkus and children returned to their home in Fort Worth on last Tuesday afternoon, after a visit of several weeks to Mrs. Barkus' mother, Mrs. F. E. Rankin.



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In Society



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

Priscilla Club
 Mrs. Walter Rohlfing was hostess for the regular meeting of the Priscilla Club on Wednesday afternoon, at which time there was a splendid attendance of the members and a very delightful afternoon of work and play. The hostess was assisted by her daughter, Vera, and Dora Snodgrass and Lillie B. Williams in serving a dainty, appetizing two-course luncheon, first a salad and sandwich course followed by cream and cake.

A Delightful Picnic
 Tuesday afternoon Mrs. C. P. Benedict took a crowd of friends out to their ranch some sixteen miles south of town for a swim in the tank and a picnic supper. Bacon was broiled at the camp fire, which, with other good things prepared satisfied the keen appetites whetted by the plunge in the cool water. The drive home in the cool of the evening was delightful indeed.

Miss Mary Louise Lamb, who has been visiting the family of W. H. Cowden, was taken very ill with appendicitis. She was brought in from the ranch and, when sufficiently recovered, went to Pecos for a visit with her sister, before going back to Marlin.

Miss Ethel Potter left this morning for a three weeks' stay in Temple and Mineral Wells.

Miss Pearl Mims, after a pleasant visit in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Ida B. Mims, has gone to Stamford for a few days before returning to her home in Henderson.

Miss Nina Carlton, who has been doing stenographic work for Judge J. M. Caldwell during the vacation of Miss Belle Grounds, leaves for her home in Cameron tomorrow.

Mrs. J. T. Poole is visiting in Big Spring for a few days.

FISHERMEN BACK AND REPORT POOR FISHING

J. A. Johnston, W. T. Blakeway, Marvin Spaulding and Tommie Wilson returned Wednesday from the Concho, where they spent a week fishing. They had poor luck fishing, but had a splendid outing in every other respect.

SHOWERS REPORTED IN MARTIN COUNTY

J. H. T. Johnston was here Wednesday from Stanton, spending a day on business. He reports some pretty good showers, lately, but the range is yet very dry and crop conditions very adverse. Stanton is 20 miles east of Midland.

RAIN HEAVY SOUTHEAST WEDNESDAY MORNING

J. P. Collins has a ranch and farm eight miles southeast and R. A. Young has a place six miles further on. Both were in town Wednesday, after the early morning rain. Mr. Collins reports an inch and a half, while Mr. Young said it wet the ground down to a depth of ten inches. Both are busy planting.

WITH THE CHURCHES

The Ministers of the City are Cordially Invited to Use this Column as They Care

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 Regular services at the usual hours Sunday. F. G. Jones will preach at the morning service.

BAPTIST CHURCH
 9:45 a. m., Bible school.
 11 a. m., sermon. Subject, Jeremiah and Peter.
 8:30 p. m., subject, Selling Out. A cordial invitation to all strangers and visitors is extended.
 Ernest Quick, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 This church extends a cordial welcome to all strangers in the city, and to any who are not affiliated with any other church; we extend a hearty invitation to worship and work with us. Every man needs both, unless he expects to be a one-sided man.
 The usual services will be conducted this coming Sabbath, as follows:
 Sunday School at 10 a. m., J. F. Clark, Supt.
 The morning hour of worship is at 11 o'clock. Subject of the sermon, The Source, Agency and Purpose of Salvation.
 Evening worship at 8:30. Sermon by the pastor, Good Treasure or Evil Treasure.
 Prayer meeting at 8:30 Wednesday evening. For the best of your Christian life you ought to form the prayer meeting habit.
 The Ladies' Auxiliary will meet on Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the church.
 Wm. H. Foster.

EPWORTH LEAGUE
 Topic: Applying the Golden Rule to Life.
 Leader—Miss Pearl McCormick.
 Song and prayer service.
 Scripture lesson—Matt. VI:7-22.
 Recitation—The Daily Cross—Grace Terry.
 Vocal solo—Henry Stilwell.
 When Should the Golden Rule be Applied by Us?—Alma Cowan.
 Is it Possible to Apply the Golden Rule in Business?—Mr. Tankersley.
 How May we Apply the Golden Rule?—Miss Theresa Klapproth.
 Announcements and benediction.

REPORTS COUNTRY DRY OUT AT COOPER, N. M.
 Doc Conates, Henry Black and Jim Dublin and wife came in this week from their places at Cooper, N. M. They report the country awfully dry, with cattle doing only fairly well.

PRETTY FAIR CONDITIONS IN ANDREWS COUNTY
 J. S. Means, wife and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, were in Midland this week, from their ranch out from Andrews a way. Mr. Means gave rather an encouraging report. He says the range is now pretty fair and cattle are doing nicely.

FINEST BOY EVER TO ARRIVE IN TEN DAYS

The youngest was left in Denison to look after his mother, so reports W. A. Dawson, who returned home yesterday on No. 5. This youngster, as reported by this paper two weeks ago, as a recent arrival is altogether a remarkable child and the fond father anticipates for him a career at least little under the presidency. He sleeps the whole night through, and there is no doubt but that he will converse with any one soon after he dawns on Midland. Mother and father understand him now, perfectly. Good; may he be a president. Mrs. Dawson and the little one are expected home in about ten days.

FARMER REPORTS GOOD RAIN TEN MILES OUT

A. C. Ingham is among several of the farmers southeast of town to report a fine rain early Wednesday morning. His place is ten miles out, and he is now busy, plowing and planting.

REGISTRANTS ARE NOW BEING CALLED

It is Important That All Study Regulations That Further Error May be Eliminated

It may be that the drawing in the selective drafting of registrants may take place tomorrow. If not, then it is likely to be early in the coming week. However it is and when, The Reporter, through courtesy of the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram, will be enabled to give out the information within half an hour from the time the drawing is made in Washington. It may be that The Reporter will issue an extra edition for the occasion; it may be that we will merely issue bulletins. Whatever our plan of procedure may be, however, we shall make it as full and comprehensive as possible.
 With drawing of lots for the national army awaiting only completion of exemption machinery in a few scattered sections of the country, officials in Washington are anxious that registrants take every opportunity to inform themselves thoroughly regarding exemption regulations, so as to reduce to a minimum the confusion to be cleared up after designations are made.
 To this end attention was directed this week to various sections of the regulations over which questions have arisen, and it was suggested that the local boards and the press co-operate before lots are drawn to insure that the registered men know just how to perform their part in the great task of examination and exemption.
 So that easier access may be had to the lists of registration numbers in the hands of local boards, Provost Marshal General Crowder telegraphed the governors of all States, asking that instead of posting the lists at the board offices, they be placed in some safe, central office, such as post headquarters. In the larger cities especially, the Provost said, much inconvenience has been caused by having the lists available in out-of-the-way board offices.
 Only 11 states Tuesday had not reported their organizations complete. The great majority of districts throughout the country are ready for the selection, and when governors of the missing States are notified that all the boards in their jurisdiction have filed their lists, the drawing date will be set. Officials think it will not be earlier than Saturday.
 Officials are anxious that local boards make it clear everywhere that no question of exemption of any registered man for any other cause than physical disability or dependent relatives can be taken up before the local boards. The whole matter of industrial exemptions is left to the superior boards, one of which has been created in each Federal judicial district.
 No individual case where exemption is desired because the registrant is engaged in an industry classified as vital to the conduct of the war will be taken up until that individual has been called up for examination before his local board, found to be without dependents and physically fit for military duty and certified to the superior board. After that applications to the superior board for exemption on other grounds will be admissible. The registrant or his employer may file necessary affidavits with the superior board, seeking exemption, and the case will be heard promptly.
 Another point on which there has been much doubt is the status of registrants absent from their registration districts. Scores of requests have come from men in this situation, asking if they will have to return to their home towns for examination. They have been informed that if they are selected for examination, each will be notified by mail by his local board for permission to undergo examination in the town where he is located. Such action can not be taken, however, until the registrant has actually been summoned by his local board.
 The Government has distributed to all local boards complete sets of blanks to cover appeals, transfers and any other matters in connection with the process. Full instructions for filling out any form of blank and specific instructions as to the manner in which each is to be used also have been provided. Registrants may examine these at the quarters of local boards, but every effort has been made to prevent the filing of affidavits or other documents that do not apply to cases actually under consideration. Otherwise the boards would be swamped with efforts to get a decision in advance.
 It was for this reason that the regulations provided that no man could come up for examination in any way before either local or superior boards until he was actually summoned for military duty.
 Probably the point in the whole process which has led to the greatest misunderstanding and confusion is the system by which industrial exemption is to be granted. Many persons have regarded it as certain that men in munitions making or other strictly war industries would be exempted as a class. This is not the fact. What is to govern the process is the importance of the individual in such an industry. If another man could take his place without prejudice to the working of the plant he will not be granted military exemption.
 To make this policy effective, the superior and not the local boards were assigned to the task of saying whether a man should be retained at his desk or his bench.
 The bulk of exemptions will be for physical unfitness and on account of these causes will keep the local boards fully occupied, leaving to the more deliberative superior boards the entire handling of the much more vexing questions of industrial exemption.

H. A. Jones arrived here this week from Arizona. He comes here to accept a place on the Wallace ranch, located twenty-five miles south of Midland.

TO OBSERVE SAFETY FIRST DAY AT FAIR

Mothers' Congress Day Designated—President Knight Expects Full Attendance.

Recognizing the importance of the safety first movement, the State Fair of Texas has designated Monday, Oct. 15, as safety first day at the 1917 exposition and special observance of the day will be arranged. The annual meeting of the Texas Safety First organization will be held in Dallas Oct. 15 and 16 and it is expected that a large number of the members of this organization will be on hand for the meeting.
 President R. E. L. Knight has also announced that Friday, Oct. 19, will be set aside as Mothers' Congress day at the 1917 fair. In conference with officers of the congress, President Knight was told that there would be a large attendance and that the meeting of the congress would be made one of the features of the fair.

Secretary W. H. Stratton announced that plans have been completed for remodeling the dairy barns where the dairy cattle are exhibited and where the dairy demonstrations are held. The entrance to the building will be rebuilt to make the front much more attractive and the interior will be rearranged and improved, giving widest aisles and other conveniences, lack of which has heretofore proved somewhat of a handicap.
 Interest in County Exhibits.
 Particular interest is being shown this year in the county exhibits and correspondence on file in the secretary's office indicates that a greater number of counties will exhibit than ever before. Bountiful crops throughout practically every section of the State have given almost every county wonderful products to display and large numbers of counties are taking advantage of these opportunities. This, coupled with the fact that free exhibit space is offered in a commodious, well-lighted and well-ventilated building, will undoubtedly make the county exhibit of great value, according to Secretary Stratton. One section of West Texas has signed up for more than twenty counties and others are expected to enter.
 President Knight is particularly enthusiastic about the amusement program which has been arranged for the 1917 fair.
 "We are looking forward to entertaining between 1,250,000 and 1,500,000 people at the 1917 fair," President Knight said, "and we want to be prepared to satisfy perfectly all of these folks. Last year, it will be remembered, the attendance at the State Fair was a little over a million. With the bountiful crops of the present season and these crops bringing higher prices than was ever before known, there is going to be a period of great prosperity throughout Texas. The people are going to have more money than ever before and they are going to have a good time on part of the surplus. This means, to my mind, that they are going to flock to the State Fair in numbers such as have never before been dreamed of, and that attendance records of the past will be smashed to smithereens."

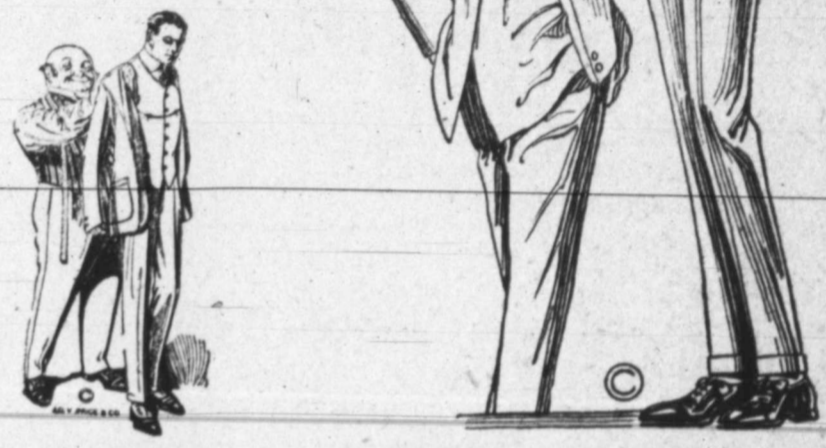
WAR SPECTACLE IS PROCURED FOR FAIR.
 Advance notices of "The War of Nations," to be shown at the State Fair of Texas, Oct. 13 to 28, proclaim this the greatest pyrotechnical display ever created and one which may establish a standard for years to come. "Many thousands of dollars have been spent in building the settings for this gigantic fireworks display," R. E. L. Knight, president of the State Fair, said. "Patrons of the 1917 fair will witness a spectacle as beautiful as it is extraordinary."
 "No thought is more uppermost in the minds of the American people today than the terrible struggle across the sea, and the entrance of the United States into the conflict brings us to a realization that our sons and loved ones may soon be in the very thick of the fighting. With this in mind the creators of "The War of Nations" has tried to bring to us in America a portrayal of the spectacular side of the combat.
 "By the immense crowds which attended last year it was clearly demonstrated that patrons of the fair are highly in favor of high-class fireworks. Recognizing this, we adopted the time-honored principle of the fair management of looking only for the best to be procured and in "The War of Nations" it is our judgment that we have selected the greatest display of the kind that has ever been offered."
 Interest in Encampments.
 In addition to the nightly display of fireworks, a program of events has been arranged to be given before the grand stand each afternoon and night during the fair. Feature acts from some of the largest theatres of the world and circus numbers that have pleased millions of people have been procured to make up a program of two hours.
 The encampments for farm boys and girls are attracting much attention from rural districts and are expected by those in charge to prove big drawing cards for the 1917 exposition. Five hundred boys and 250 girls will be guests of the State Fair, and, in addition to receiving invaluable educational service, will be awarded prizes of material worth.
 The offer of free exhibit space and increases in prizes to be awarded are expected to bring to the 1917 fair the largest number of county exhibits yet listed. Correspondence already on file with Secretary W. H. Stratton indicates that a number of counties which have never yet shown their products will be represented this year.

Friday, July 20, 1917

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CONDITIONS DRY OUT AT LOVINGTON, N. M.
 G. M. McGonagill, a former townsman, was with us this week from his ranch near Lovington, N. M. He says it is awfully dry out there, as a general thing. However, he reports, cattle are holding up pretty good seasons will make their right.
 After several weeks visit sister, Mrs. M. W. Whitman Birdie Shelton left Monday for her home in Whittier, N.



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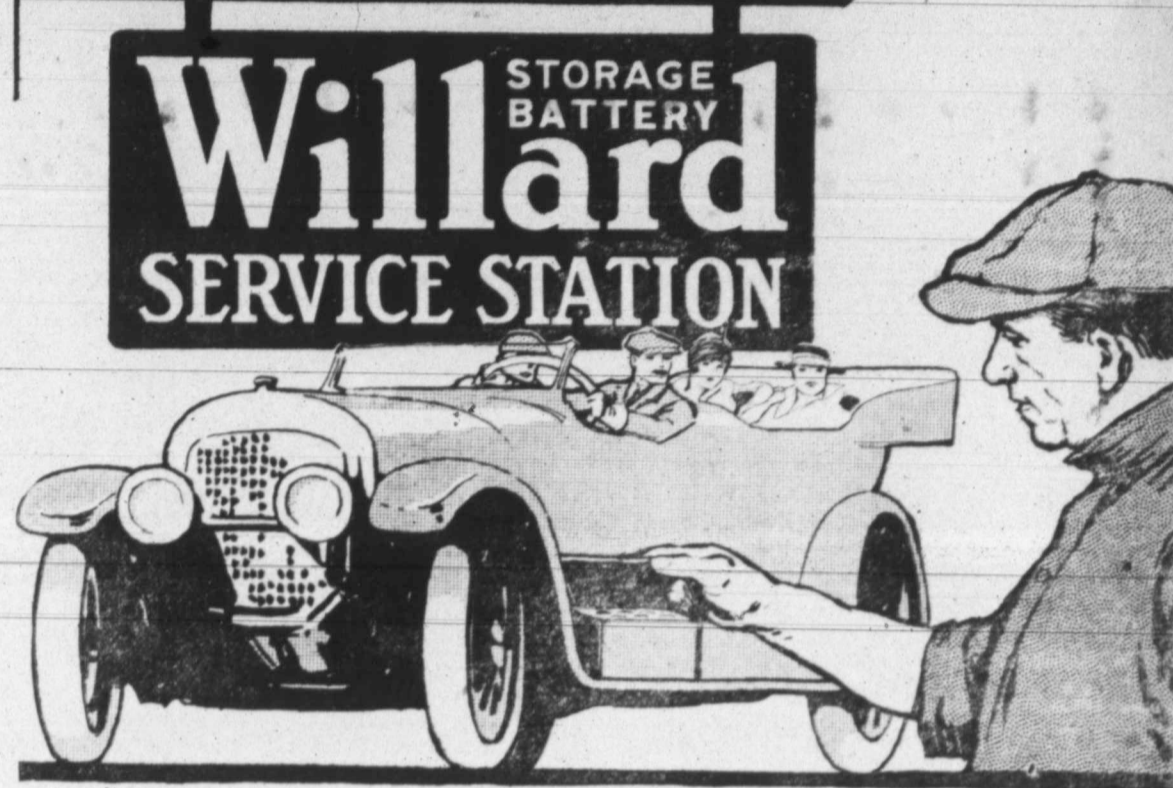
R. L. Parks and family left this week for Gainesville. There they will spend some time, as guests of Mr. Parks' mother and other relatives.

BOUGHT FINE HEREFORDS OF THE BOONE BROTHERS

Our former townsman, E. L. Spruell, now of Hope, N. M., has been with us for several days past, on several matters of business. While here he bought of the Boone Bros. 50 head of fine Herefords. We did not learn prices. These he ships to Artesia, N. M., to be driven on to his ranch. He reports conditions out there much better than here.

FATHER OF MRS. O. D. COOK IS DEAD

The Reporter offers sympathy to Mrs. O. D. Cook, who, together with her husband, was called from home in Andrews County by the death of her father, G. W. Patterson, of Odesa. Deceased died in Dallas of an operation, and will be buried at Wichita Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Cook arrived from their Andrews County ranch on Tuesday.



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ANOTHER FROM SHAFTER LAKE GIVES FAIR REPORT

Conditions in Andrews County seem to have materially improved during the past few weeks, at least in many sections. H. L. Ham was another ranchman from the Shafter Lake neighborhood to visit Midland this week, and his report of range and cattle conditions was very encouraging.

BETTER RANGE CONDITIONS OUT AT SHAFTER LAKE

D. M. Pinnell is a prominent young ranchman of Gaines County, in the Shafter Lake neighborhood. He was in Midland on business one day this week, and reports pretty fair range and cattle conditions, though, of course, rain is pretty badly needed.

REPORT RANGE DRY ON PECOS RIVER

C. M. Clark works on the Cowden ranch, down on the Pecos river. He says the country there is awfully dry, though cattle are holding up remarkably well. Mr. Clark ordered The Reporter sent to his father at Arlington.

SHERIFF OF ANDREWS REPORTS FAIR CONDITIONS

Sheriff W. H. Rhodes, of Andrews County, was a business visitor to Midland one day this week. He gave a pretty fair report of range conditions. Pretty dry, but some showers have improved matters a great deal.

MIDLAND BOY WILL JOIN AVIATION CORPS

John, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Haley, this city, came in this week from his father's ranch west. He has secured consent from his parents to join the aviation corps, and leaves Midland for that purpose. The young man is but 19 years of age, but is fully a man, and a live one. We hope for him a useful career, and a safe return to loved ones at home.

BROUGHT IN GOOD WELL AT FASKEN

Except for the continued dry weather out at Fasken, the new and promising town on the Midland & Northwestern, news of good things universally keep coming from there. This week they brought in a fine well of excellent water, to be used by the railroad, and there is general activity out there along many lines of improvement.

THE RANGE DRY AND CATTLE CROP SHORT

H. L. Wood ranches out from Odesa a way. He was a business visitor to Midland one day this week, and gave a very gloomy report. Says the range is woefully dry, cattle in rather bad condition and the calf crop short and not at all promising.

WILL VISIT LONG BEACH FOR HEALTH

Mrs. R. E. Ringo, of Stiles, has been in very poor health for a good many weeks past. This week she and her husband came in from their ranch and left Tuesday night for Long Beach, Cal., where they will spend some months hoping to improve her health. We trust she may be fully restored to health very soon.

VOTED BONDS FOR RESERVOIR IN WARD

O. J. Sifton, of the Sifton Mercantile Company, Pyote, was a business visitor to Midland this week. He reports business out there fair, though the country is very dry. Ward County, he further reports, has lately voted a large bond issue for the construction of a huge reservoir, to be used in extensive irrigation.

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VARIETY THE SPICE SUMMER FASHIONS

Service Suits in Military Style Make Their Entry—Organdie Trims Silk Frocks

New York, July 18.—"Variety is the spice of life," said some one at some time so long ago that the saying has become a proverb. It is true, whether it be in scene, environment, in fashions, or in food. Variety is one thing which we possess in fashions this season; variety in silhouettes, in materials, in trimmings. Smart clothes range in design from the high waisted styles of the First Empire, through fluty frills of the Mid-Victorian era and draperies almost panier-like, peg tops, and last but not least, straight hanging models which are compared to the Egyptian garments of a very ancient dynasty. They



Heather Jersey Develops This Military Model range from the smartest of low-necked evening frocks of silk and satin to the simplest of ginghams, and from these to the trimmest of service suits.

Under the name of service suits come a number of military models of which the sketch illustrated is a good example. Instead of being made of khaki this suit is made of heather jersey, which is a color mixture in which brown is flecked with deep pink green and lavender. An inverted pleat

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in the back of style. Another milk saw very recent development, for it was made from the military green ussur, a reminder of green leaves and cool breezes in a Robin Hood forest.

Although every one's mind is running more or less toward serving the country and very naturally toward costumes which would be practical for any task that one might choose, there are also charming frocks for other occasions.

Taffeta and Foulard Frocks
Taffeta and foulard frocks are a requirement of every woman's wardrobe whether she has a large or small one, but a dress of either of these materials is always ready to wear; it does not go to the laundry and is not feazed by fogs and dews. Although taffeta and foulard can not in themselves be said to be new this season, their trimmings of organdie make them seem so. Frills, bands and facings of organdie give an airiness to these frocks which is cummy and cool. Satin is also being trimmed with organdie. In fact this might be called an organdie season, for it does its bit on silks and satins as well as on the humble gingham.

In the second sketch is shown a frock of soft plaid taffeta with collar, lapel facing and pockets on waist and on skirt of white organdie. The collar is trimmed with rows of hand-run stitching of heavy silk in the colors of the plaid.

Every once in a while some ingenious person, running out of new ideas, dips back into her girlhood for something old to be made new. In some such way as this the rickrack braid of years ago has re-appeared on very modern dresses, especially that all-popular, all-practical gingham frock. Sometimes it trims collars and cuffs, sometimes it edges tucks besides, while again it is added to the bottom of a skirt.

Black Lingerie Next!
In Paris, it is said, that the girls since working in the laundries have abandoned them for work in the munition plants. To this is attributed the popularity of black lingerie. Yes, I said it, black lingerie! Black corsets, chemises and even black combinations. Silk voile, crepe de Chine and pongee seem to be the materials largely employed, also the glove silk which has been so popular in white and the dainty colors. A black combination which I saw displayed in the window of an



A Smart Frock of Taffeta and Organdie

exclusive shop had a corset cover of silk voile and a riple skirt of soft silk. The corset cover was embroidered in pink but these shoes have spring heels, others have heels three-quarters of an inch high, and often the soles and heels are of rubber. This does not mean that the foot comes in contact with the rubber, however, for there is a thickness of leather between the outside sole and the foot. White is worn a great deal for summer. Gray is very fashionable, and, of course, brown and black are standard.

For wearing with elaborate afternoon frocks are low shoes with high heels, either French or Cuban-Louis.

Low-Heeled Sports Shoes
With sports clothes, service suits and simplicity frocks comes suitable foot wear. Low heeled half shoes with sensible lasts are worn for sports. Some of these shoes have spring heels, others have heels three-quarters of an inch high, and often the soles and heels are of rubber. This does not mean that the foot comes in contact with the rubber, however, for there is a thickness of leather between the outside sole and the foot. White is worn a great deal for summer. Gray is very fashionable, and, of course, brown and black are standard.

MARRIED AT ODESSA LAST THURSDAY

Mr. A. Hendrickson and Miss Bessie Reynolds stole away to Odessa on last Thursday and were quietly married. Rev. Thompson, pastor of the Christian church at that place, officiating. The wedding came as quite a surprise to the many friends of the contracting parties of Midland. Miss Bessie is the charming young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Reynolds of this city, while Mr. Hendrickson is a hustling young tailor here. The reporter extends congratulations to the happy young couple.

HAD A GOOD MEETING AT DE LEON RECENTLY

Rev. L. E. Finney, Baptist evangelist, and former pastor of the Baptist church of Midland, came in Monday from DeLeon where he reports that he held a most successful meeting. After a day with his family here he left again Tuesday afternoon for Paducah, Texas, where he will again enter into another campaign.

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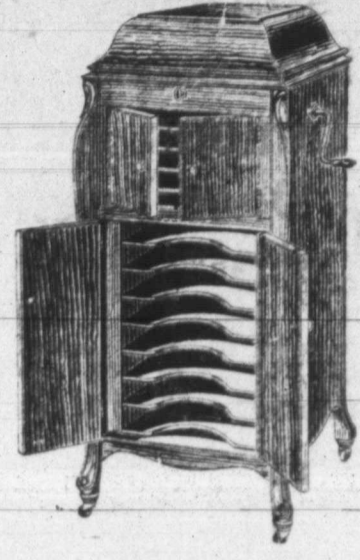
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Ethel Moore,
Scout Captain.

FOUND HADES TO BE THE REAL THING

Dry and Hot as it is Now We Don't Know That it Has Much On Us

One of our readers dug up an old clipping that he deemed apropos in the West at this time, in most of Texas, in fact, and though we doubt the authenticity of the writer of the letter published below, our readers may find it to amuse for an idle moment. The letter was, supposedly, to a friend of Bob Ingersoll, who lived at Cleburne. It follows:
"River Styx, Hades, January, 1900—
Dear Friend: I will endeavor to write you the letter I promised before leaving New York. Sam Jones inadvertently told the truth, for just as he predicted, and as I myself secretly expected, I am in Hades. Came straight through on the flyer without a stop. I am sitting on a hot cinder writing this letter on a piece of slate gouged from the ceiling with my trident. A 'trident,' you know, is one of those funny looking little pitchforks like Neptune used to carry about with him at the seaside. Every body has one and it makes a fellow think he's at a Populist convention.
"When I was on earth I didn't believe in hell, for I had traveled in Kansas and didn't think there could be two places so much alike. But I had not been here half a day till I believed in it a whole lot. It is much more genuine and realistic than I anticipated, but I think I'll like it when I get acclimated. Just now my feet are blistered from walking on the hot pavements and I'm dabbling them in the river Styx to cool them off. I was talking to Moses a while ago, and he says they will soon get calloused and then I'll be all 'hunky-dory.' He has read 'My Mistakes of Moses' and laughingly admitted that he had made a good many when he was new to the business. He is a jovial old cuss and I rather like him. Told me on the spot—everything is on the dead here—that he didn't write the Pentateuch,

course kind—crops are almost if you're ever down this way, truly, Bob Ingersoll, would pay

That's the title of the big story the Star-Telegram has purchased and which will begin on August 6th. "Gerard in Germany" will undoubtedly prove the biggest story of the year—in fact, the biggest story of the war.

Ambassador James W. Gerard will write the story himself. He will expose the whole system of German court intrigue. He will bare to the world what went on behind the scenes in Germany; what the German government thought of the United States and what they planned to do to the United States.

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(On account of the acute shortage in print paper the Star-Telegram regrets to announce that it cannot increase its output of papers, so in order that all may be able to read this most unusual document, subscribers are requested to save copies of the paper and pass them to their neighbors.)

MIDLAND BOYS ENLIST IN ARMY TRUCK CORPS

Seven of our Midland boys went down to Big Spring the latter part of last week and enlisted in the army auto truck corps. All of the boys passed their examinations with the exception of two. The boys that enlisted on here were Earl Steele, Arthur Taylor, Pete Herrman, Baldy Johnston, Hub Gillespie, Tom Chancellor, and Arthur Nixon. The boys, we understand, will enter into active service at an early date.

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PRESIDENT JONES RETURNED YESTERDAY

President F. G. Jones, of Midland College, has just returned from Fort Worth, where he completed this week the work for the Master of Arts degree. This degree is conferred only for nine months of residence work at the same school after the degree of Bachelor of Arts has been conferred. He has credits sufficient from the Universities of Texas and Chicago in addition to those of the M. A. degree to count almost one year on the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. This degree can be secured in one session.

Mr. Jones reports crops fine in and around Fort Worth. Wheat in Collin County made from 20 to 40 bushels to the acre and sells for \$2.25 per bushel. Farmers are storing much grain for higher prices. Corn is a little under normal but cotton is excellent.

The prospects for the attendance at the college are good. Most of the old students are to return and many new ones. The new catalogs are out and ready for distribution on request.

WIDE SPREAD OF RANGE COUNTRY DRY

J. R. Wade, with headquarters at Midland and with the Midland National Bank, is the Texas representative of the Drovers' National Bank of Kansas City. He returned yesterday from an extended visit to the range country south and west. He visited Fort Stockton, Van Horn and other points, and reports it awfully dry. He also visited his son, H. R. Wade, who recently enlisted in the engineers' corps and is in training at Camp Stewart, a few miles north of El Paso. We appreciate, too, from Mr. Wade, a copy of the recorded rainfall of this country for the last 17 years. This we are publishing, together with further comment, in another place in this issue.

NEW LINES ADDED TO MIDLAND VARIETY STORE

Mrs. T. J. O'Donnell, proprietor of the Midland Variety Store, writes in one day this new lines of goods. Men, just as much as women, are interested in the new lines of goods. In Paris, it is said, that the girls since working in the laundries have abandoned them for work in the munition plants. To this is attributed the popularity of black lingerie. Yes, I said it, black lingerie! Black corsets, chemises and even black combinations. Silk voile, crepe de Chine and pongee seem to be the materials largely employed in the glove silk which has become popular in white and the dainty combination which is the window of an

WILL RECREATE FOR A WHILE AT MARLIN

Joe Jones left Wednesday for Marlin. He will spend a few weeks there in recreation and enjoying the healthful benefits of those fine waters.

FAMILY REUNION AND CONCHO FISHING TRIP

For several days past various members of the Malone family have been arriving in Midland, for a big family reunion and a fishing trip on the Concho. They will leave here today. Among those who have already arrived are Sam Malone and family and Miss Dan Jenkins, of Abilene; J. M. Malone and family of Plainview; W. C. Malone and wife, of Lockney; Robt. Malone and wife and J. W. Elam and family, of Seminole; J. S. Randolph and family, of Dalhart; R. C. Malone and family, of Abilene; L. E. Malone and family, of Dallas; E. E. Sadler, of Abilene, and in Midland they are joined by N. W. Bigham and family. The Reporter wishes for them a happy reunion and many annual returns thereof, together with a pleasant and lucky fishing trip.

MIDLAND INSTITUTION SECOND IN THE U. S.

Manager Guthrie, of the Midland Battery Company, one day this week informed us that the Willard Storage Battery Service Stations have two classes, the first in cities of 25,000 population and over and the second in cities and towns of less than 25,000. Every four months a comparative statement is issued, based upon the amount of business done by each service station and on the number of electrically equipped cars in their territories. It speaks well for Midland and especially well for the Midland Battery Company that in the 586 service stations of the second class in the United States, Midland stood second, it being next to Abilene.

HUNTER HALLEY REPORTS MONAHANS COUNTRY DRY

Our townsman, Hunter Halley, was in town this week from his ranch near Monahans. He says the country is about as dry as it can be. There are as yet no cattle losses. He saw a show and that is a wonder. We anticipate rains will come right for winter.

WILL APPRECIATE RETURN OF COAT LOST LAST WEEK

H. B. Crocker was a visitor last week from his farm 15 miles southwest of Midland. On his way up here he lost his coat. It is a dark cloth and has a small Masonic emblem on left lapel. Also in pocket a check for \$3.40 or \$3.50. He will appreciate return. Mr. Crocker says he has 30 acres of cotton that looks pretty good, and a fair grain crop that some seasons will make all right.

Mrs. Anson Coughlin visit to



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Citation by Publication

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County: Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon I. N. Johnson, Jr., by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in the Midland Reporter, same being a newspaper published in your county to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Midland County, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Midland, on the first Monday in September, A. D. 1917, the same being the 3rd day of September, A. D. 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 19th day of July, A. D. 1917, in a suit, numbered on the docket said court No. 1442, wherein Wilton Brannan is plaintiff, and I. N. Johnson, Jr., is defendant, and said petition alleging in substance as follows, to-wit:

Plaintiff's suit is based upon three promissory vendor's lien notes, which were made, executed, and delivered to plaintiff by the defendant, I. N. Johnson, Jr., on May 30th, 1916, and due one, two, and three years after date. Note Nos. 1 and 2 being for the principal sum of \$200.00 each, and note No. 3 being for the principal sum of \$175. Said notes bearing 8 per cent interest per annum from date, payable annually and stipulating 10 per cent on the amount of principal and interest then due as attorney's fee in case suit is brought, or in case said notes are placed in the hands of the attorney for collection.

That said notes were given for a part of purchase money of the east one-half of section 14, block K, public school land, same containing 320 acres situated in Terry County, Texas. That said property was on the 30th day of May, 1916, conveyed by plaintiff to the defendant by his deed of writing of that date, and that vendor's lien was retained in said deed of conveyance to secure the payment of the three notes above described. Plaintiff says that said notes are due and unpaid, and that defendant though often requested has failed and refused to pay same, and plaintiff has exercised his option of declaring all of said notes due and matured.

Plaintiff prays for judgment for his debt, interest, attorney's fees, and the costs of suit, and for the foreclosure of his lien on the above described land and premises, and for an order of sale to issue to the sheriff of Terry County, Texas, and that the sheriff in executing said order of sale, shall place the purchaser of said property sold under said order of sale in possession thereof, within 30 days after the day of sale, and for further relief, special and general, in law and equity, to which he may be justly entitled.

Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Midland,

Texas, this the 19th day of July, A. D. 1917.

W. J. Sparks, Clerk District Court, Midland County. By B. C. Richardson, Deputy.

COUNTRY AT TOYAH REPORTED VERY DRY

Toyah, out beyond Pecos and more than 100 miles west from Midland, is said to be in the midst of an awful drought. J. W. Johnson, a mechanic, from there this week, so reports conditions. The fact obtains all the way out there, and then some, in fact all the way to El Paso and beyond.

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