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FLOREY IS'NOW IN THE HANDS OF COL. LACKLAND

DEALS MADE LATELY

Stores to Close This Afternoon and School Will See Young Men Entrained

BOYS HONORED

MIDLAND SOLDIER

All business houses will close at 4:30 this afternoon on acount of the departure of the following young men ton, charged with killing Eugene who go to answer the call of our coun-try:

These, a part of Midland's soldier boys, will leave on the 5.14 train this afternoon. Also accompanying them are five boys from Gaines County and three from Andrews County, who will share the honors of the occasion with our own boys.

The following are the names of the Midland boys who have already an-swered the call:

W. H. Williams John Heath Tobe Terry Luke Cowan Homer Hampton Henry A. Lawson C. Bradshaw H. Scarborough Driff Shepherd J. W. Ladd **Red Steele** Pete Herrmann Frank Roberts Henry (Slim) Glenn Ruthland Everts C. Carlysle Clyde Barron Homer Epley E. P. Hornaday Emmett Cowden J. P. Ligon Arthur Oliff J. V. Christenson Will Snodgrass Tony Gable Fred Wells Henry Lee Terrell Lyle J. Curry W. R. Hyatt Jas. S. Allen Henry S. Curry Dr. W. W. Lynch Dr. J. F. Clark

Bascom Hilliard Guy Tom Grammer Bascom Terry

Let's everyone be on hand to bid these boys goodbye.

P. R. MITCHELL CHIEF

offer his services to the country as an of Mr. Joe Jay, of Jayton, and Mrs. electricity expert. His services were accepted and he may be called at most any time. His commission as The Antelope, our college paper, has an officer has not yet been made, but his position has. He is now a chief

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10 O'Clock This Morning The Jury Stood Eleven to One or Conviction

IN HAMPTON TRIAL

HUNG JURY RESULT

Marion C. Morrow L. R. Bowles Thos. L. Beauchamp Aaron Patton Daniel T. Ratliff Neal B. Staten Jas. H. Norred Walter (Bob) Preston Jas. H. Truelove These a part of Millet to com-tation, but space forbids, as it does district court this week, it having with regard to the judge's charge, the splendid effort of Judge Jas. F. Cun-ningham for the defense, and that of

County Attorney B. F. Haag, also for the State. The judge's charge embraced 1st

and 2nd degree murder and manslaughter. At 10 o'clock this morning the jury stood 11 to 1 for conviction, though it is not known in what degree.

Should the jury reach a decision by noon today, a note to that effect will be added hereto.

te Herrmann Spike Filler on page 5 of The Reporter that is of Etheridge special interest. Read it. It tells special interest. Read it. It tells how the Midland Auto Company is going to give away a Ford Touring Car on October 1st. Drawing takes place in the evening, Monday, Octo-ber 1st. Arthur Taylor how the Midland Auto Company is Elliott Barron going to give away a Ford Touring

Fred Wells Both the G. F. Cowden & Son and Oliver Fannm Henry M. Halff cattle have made big winnings in the Kansas shows. A full report will be given next week.

Lynn Butler SOME NEWS NOTES

MIIGHELL CHIEF ELECTRICAL ENGINEER New students are entering every week. The enrollment is greater than at this time last year, being already about 100 different students.

Our friend, P. R. Mitchell, manag-ing engineer at the Midland Light Plant, returned early this week from Washington, D. C., where he went to offer his services to the country as an electric time. Among families moving to Midland for the benefit of the schools are then the schools are then the schools are the schools are the schools are then the schools are the schools are

The Antelope, our college paper, has

The original, only and genuine and Simon-pure Col. Rufus J. Lackland, of townsite and land sale fame, blew in from California the latter part of last week. Wherever he touches side, edge or bottom in any community, business begins to pick up. No soon-er had he landed in the Midland Coun-try, than he proceeded to get busy. He immediately put an engineer in the field to stake out the town of Florey, and ere the ink is dry on this issue of The Reporter, he will have begun pre-paring copy, setting forth the many paring copy, setting forth the many advantages of that section. Mr. Lack-land is immigration agent for the Midland & Northwestern Railway, and as to his hustling and rustling abili-ties, he stands without a peer in the west. For this reason and in consid-Florey, we predict success of the high-est order in the present efforts of this famous town builder.

SOME CATTLE SHIPMENTS FROM THE MIDLAND COUNTRY

W. C. Warren shipped 3 cars of cattle to Fort Worth, Monday. J. P. Collins shipped 1 car of cows to Fort Worth Monday. S. M. Francis shipped 1 car of cows to Fort Worth Monday Inspector Lee Bell came in from the

O. P. Jones, of Shamrock, was in Midland this week and went out to look over the Jones & Ragsdale ranch 25 miles south.

THREE BIG GATTLE

County ranch. All are very highly graded Hereford cattle and said to be very excellent. Martin Bros. sold to C. W. Hearrell 800 to 1000 calves out of the Bryant & Elkin Bros. Angus herd, purchased some time ago by Martin Bros. These cattle are famous for their breeding, cattle are famous for their breeding, they being of the noted Nelson Morris "C" stuff.

which is enough said as to their quality. Considerations in none of these

GIRL SCOUTS TO MEET SATURDAY AFTERNOON

All girl scouts and those applying for membership are requested to meet in the hall Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Important busines is to be transacted. Those who have not para their registration fees are asked to be prepared to do so at this meeting, alsion as scout captain, and will begin examination work at once.

Abe Norton left Monday for Dallas, to enter S. M. U. for this session.

John Nobles and wife were in from the ranch near Jal and report rains

Cattle Shipments Show Life, a Pleas-ant Excursion Sunday and Other Matters Interesting

THE M. & N. W.

LATE NEWS FROM

recent rains have made grass in that county good.

-year-old steers, sold by the Schar-bauer Cattle Company to Bryant & El-kin Bros. These are "5WLS" cattle, ing, Sept. 15th. These three cattle went to market at Fort Worth, Mr. Thompson reports that there will be several loads of fat stuff from Gaines County in the early part of October that will go to market at Ft. Worth.

Spence Jowell, on September 19th, during the past year, but there still shipped 23 cars of stock cattle from remains much work ahead which will Big Spring to South Camp. We did require close co-operation, so there not learn where Mr. Jowell is going to should be a large delegation from evplace these cattle on grass. Martin Bros. on the 19th, shipped

22 cars of cattle purchased from Bryant & Elkin Bros., from South Camp to Van Horn. The cattle purso to bring pencil and examination chased from Bryant & Elkin Bros. pletes the first year of its existence, paper. Miss Ethel Moore has return- are all high grade black cattle. These and the accomplishments thereof make ed and now holds a national commis- cattle are bred from the celebrated up a record to be proud of. Not only cattle are bred from the celebrated up a record to be proud of. Not only Nelson Morris herd, which have long have many counties, through the in-been celebrated in this part of the fluence of the association, voted suit-country as high grade Poled Angus cattle. We understand that Martin cattle. We understand that Martin Bros. have purchased 1700 head of the association has elicited the inter-these cattle from Bryant & Elkin est and material help of both the Bros. and additional shipments will be state and national governments, both

> all moved. President T. J. O'Donnell, of the M. & N. W., made a business trip to as a matter of fact, and when com-Seminole Tuesday and Wednesday of pleted will be the greatest benefit, to this week, and reports that business every town and community it traversconditions around Seminole are begin-ing to improve since the rains in years. It will mean more, even, than Gaines County, and the outlook quite flattering. While in Seminole he in terviewed the different merchants. deepest interest in promoting its wel-They have promised to route all their fare.

> future freight to Florey over the M. the procuring or to diverting the acce at the meeting in Big Spring freight for that section of the country to the Midland gateway. Mr. O'Don-nell assured the Seminole people that ample provision had been made wrth the Texas & Pacific railway for pro-

the Texas & Pacific railway for pro-curing cattle cars, and the M. & N. W. the Texas & Pacific railway for pro-curing cattle cars, and the M. & N. W. ken. A Mexican string band was on are not only willing, but anxious to the train and furnished patriotic atrs serve in every reasonable way the cat- of Mexico and the United States, tlemen of this section of the country and prompt and careful handling of dence of good feeling was manifested cattle shipment can be relied on. all of those who made the trip The big Slaughter Piano Sale now on at Basham, Shepherd & Company's is attracting considerable attention, some of the bargains having already proven irresistable, resulting in the sale of made many warm friends during his Senator Hill. brief stay in Midland. He does not bon't forget that in this sale, the more pianos we sell, the turn to Midland for some little time WITH FAMILY TO MIDL smaller we get, but we had to do it. Our salesman tipped a car, last Spring and has been unable to work until recently and for that and other reasons, we found it necessary to place our stock of with the C. P. Ry as superintendent. WITH FAMILY TO MIDLAND Joe Jay, of Jayton, Texas, who last spring purchased the Barnett ranch with the C. P. Ry as superintendent. WITH FAMILY TO MIDLAND and on account of war conditions and is in the market for a home in Mid. scarcity of men with managerial abil- land and expects to reside here per-In this sale you will find one of the world's greatest Parlor ity, are hard to obtain. The manage- manently. The Reporter welcomes this

Be Held at Big Spring on Wed-nesday, September 26th, at 9 O'Clock A. M. Will

OF HIGHWAY ASS'N

Number 50

Advices from Ward County inform us that an election has been called for October 13th to vote upon a \$60,000.00 road bond issue.

ANNUAL MEETING

The election held in Eastland Coun-ty on September 15th to vote upon the issuance of \$130,000.00 worth of road bonds carried by a vote of nearly three to one. This insures the building of our highway across Eastland County, as it is intended to spend the

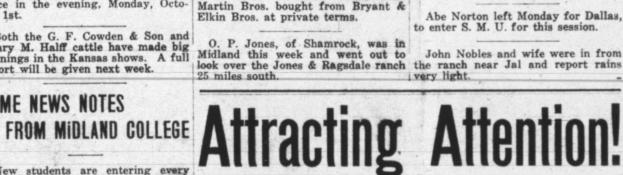
above amount on this work. The annual meeting of the Fort Worth-El Paso Highway Association will be held at Big Spring on Wednes-day, September 26th. At this meet-ing, officers will be elected for the ensuing year and other important busi-ness will be transacted. Our association has been able to accomplish much

require close co-operation, so there ery county. The meeting will con-vene at 9 a. m. Remember the date, Wednesday, September 26th. W. B. STARR, Secretary.

At this time the Association commade from time to time until they are recognizing the supreme importance

of the state's highway No. 1. The highway will be built, is being built,

We join Mr. Starr, the association's



master general's department, a posi-tion not alone of much honor but of great responsibility and requiring a man possessed of undoubted efficiency and marked skill in electrical ap-pliances. Midland will surely regret to lose Mr. Mitchell, but he is too valuable to the government to be retain-ed by private interests. We heartily congratulate him upon gaining suit-able recognition of his splendid abil-

W. A. STOCKTON NOW LIVES IN ARIZONA read music at sight. This mean good music during the session

The following letter was received this week from our old friend and on the team. They have games match-townsman, W. A Stockton, who now ed with Big Spring for the near fu-lives in Arizona.

not seen them. I left Deming, N. M., Plans were laid by the meeting for the about three weeks ago. We are now completion of the five year campaign in Bisbee, the great mining district. to raise \$6,000,000 for the schools and This is a busy place. My health is no missionary organizations of the Chris-better. With best wishes to you and tian church in the United States. This my many friends in Midland, I am as campaign closes next June and Mid-ever, yours, "W. A. Stockton," fund. Ask to hear some of the plane of the schools and fund. Ask to hear some of the completion of the five year campaign for the schools and first schools and fund. Ask to hear some of the first schools and F. M. DENTON, Managen Piano Department.

variety than elsewhere.

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his position has. He is now a chief electrical engineer in the quarter-master general's department, a posi-tion not alone of much bonor but of elected Wednesday morning by the

faculty and student body. Miss Boone, of Haskell, arrived last week to take charge of the voice de-partment. She has sung for the school and the city to the delight of her auditors. Her class is growing daily and promises much for the year. The nine art and avarageing classes smaller we get, but The piano, art and expression classes

are fuller than for years. Carl Jones arrived Wednesday. He will lead the college chapel songs and will teach the entire student body to read music at sight. This means much

lives in Arizona. "Warren, Ariz., Sept, 9, 1917. "Mr. C. C. Watson, Midland, Texas. "Dear sif. You will find inclosed check for The Reporter, which we ap-preciate very much. I wish you would send me three back copies as I have not seen them. I left Deming, N. M., Plans were laid by the meeting for the about three weeks ago. We are now completion of the five year campaign

The Discriminating Housewives

Buy their Groceries at this Store because

for years this firm has rendered a continuous sat-

isfactory service in delivering standard, national-

ly known brands and final-low-cost foods, together with fruits and vegetables in season in greater

TEST US

"The Most of the Best for the Price" at all times

This Week

pianos and player-pianos on sale at Slaughter Prices.

The football team is at daily prac-tice. They now have eight old men Grand Pianos worth \$950.00 on sale at \$700.00. Four new player-matters checked up in such a way that pianos ranging in price from \$350,00 to \$550.00. Good slightly used pianos from \$75.00 to \$200.00.

> If you are thinking of buying a piano or player piano within the next two years, better write, phone or call at once, before the piano or player-piano you want is gone. Our salesmanager will last Sunday morning from Midland to the Modlin gas producer engine, of Florey, and while the management which he is patentee. Mr. Modlin has be glad to show you whether you wish to buy or not.

Ask to hear some of the new player-piano records.

BASHAM, SHEPHERD & CO.,

Midland, Texas.

Mr. Lott will be a permanent fixture after the first of the year. Mr. Lott is a genial, pleasant gentleman, and he will be missed by the boys on the

M. & N. W.

The M. & N. W. gave an excursion ing, where he goes to close a sale of were disappointed by not getting as held out for a few figures on his patmany excursionests from Midland as ent that will net him a handsome sum, they would liked to have had, never- and he received a wire that his prop-theless those who did go were enthu- osition had been accepted siastic in their praises of what they

saw on the trip. They were agreeably surprised at the amount of material unloaded at Fasken and Florey for the completion of the line from Florey to the Louisana markets this week.

"The Store that Saves You Money"



F. E. Modlin, engineer on the M. & N. W. Ry., departed yesterday even-

The Famous "PALMER" Garment

In Ladies' Coats and Coat Suits will please the most fastidious. Come in and look them over. Our ready-to-wear department is now well stocked with the best the market affords in Ladies' Ready-to-Wear. Prices are reasonable, considering the QUALITY.

We are always glad to show you, whether you want to buy or not.

OUR PRICES ARE AS LOW AS THE LOWEST ---- Trade Where YOUR CREDIT IS GOOD

PHONES: Grocery, No. S; Dry Scods, 284

For Less than You Expected

To find just what you want and to learn that the price is less than you expected to pay, makes shopping a pleasure.

EVERY DAY CUSTOMERS TELL US THAT THE PRICES OF THE NEW FALL MERCHANDISE IS LESS THAN THEY EXPECTED TO FIND.

We appreciate this and this little cash store is putting forth every effort to keep prices down and to sell you dependable merchandise for less than you can buy elsewhere.

Why Shouldn't We Sell for Less?

We sell for cash only; do business on less expense; discount all bills and buy to better advantage. WE OUGHT TO SELL FOR LESS.

Boys' School Shirts and Blouses

At 65c and 75c we are showing some splendid values in Boys' School Shirts and Blouses, made of good quality, fast color Cheviots and Madras, in sizes 12 1-2, 13, 13 1-2, and 14, collar attached styles.

At 90c and \$1.00 in boys' shirts and blouses, in neck band styles, for separate collar, some with separate collars of same materials. Sizes 12 1-2, 13, 13 1-2 and 14.

Children's E. Z. U. Union Suits

Genuine E. Z. U. unions are the best medium weight fall and winter garment for this climate. Made of combed Egyptian cotton, long sleeves, ankle length, made with the buttons at the waist for buttoning the hose, support-

Buster Brown Hose, 25c the Pair

We are exceedingly fortunate in being able to offer a dependable school hose for boys and girls at the price of 25c the pair. This we are able to do in the fall numbers of Buster Brown Hose, for school boys and girls. In black and white, all sizes, the pair......25c

Boys' Fall Suits

EIGH

to Pay

At \$8.50 we are showing a very special value in a boy's all-wool suit, with two pairs of pants; pants lined throughout, coat of the latest Norfolk style, of a good wearing, all-wool fabric. Sizes 7 to 18, WITH TWO PAIRS OF PANTS, the suit......\$8.50

At \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$8.50, is a number of different patterns and blue serge numbers in boys' winter suits with one pair of pants and at \$3.75 and \$4.00 is a number of good serviceable suits in sizes 12 to 17 that were left from a year ago, that today are values at a dollar to two-fifty more than the old price.

Boys' and Girls' School Shoes

We don't sell a shoe that we cannot recommend and at \$2.35 for sizes 11 to 13 1-2; \$2.50 for sizes 1 to 2, and \$2.85 for sizes 2 1-2 to 6, in STUB-PROOF, is a boy's shoe that we can recommend and is one of the best van ues possible today. Comes in either lace or button.

Col. W. G. Sterrett, Dallas News Representative, Presents Matter Com-prehensively in Sunday Issue

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WEST TEXAS DROUTH

TEMPORARY GALAMITY

THE MIDLAND REPO

Last week Col. W. G. Sterrett, an attache of the Dallas News, was a visitor to Midland. He was sent by the News to investigate the drouth situa-tion in West Texas, and his comment thereon we take from Sunday's issue of the Dallas News. It follows: The element of the citizenship of the State which depends on the newspapers of other public print for its in-formation as to its condition, must be somewhat at sea in regard to the area and effects of the drouth which has

been in existence in the western part of our commonwealth for the last two For in one issue of a newspayears. years. For in one issue of a newspaper that citizenship is assured by in-timation, if not by actual statement, that the effects have been but triffing, or a least susceptible to local cure or control, and in another column it has been assured that such drouth has been in the highest degree desclating and the highest degree desolating and

destructive That such drouth has really afflictlike arganizations, are suggesting methods of relief and doing it in tones fore, while it would be admissible to state that the drouth exists, the unpleasant deails of it should be censored or if not that, the illuminating pencil should remain unsharpened. The other side contends that the whole facts should be laid before the people-the facts unornamented, and also unweakened-that such people may be

enabled to interpose with relief. The man who has land for sale is not disposed to disclose a condition on affairs which would prevent or interfere with his selling. The man who has not had a square meal for months is not inclined to publish to the world that he has waxed fat on his rented farm.

Calamity is Real To the disagreement as to the facts tion of the State, is due an investiga-in regard to the drouth-stricken sec-tion by myself. And I investigated as industriously and as fairly as I have ever done a piece of work during my long newspaper labors. This is to me unpleasantly personal, since it sounds as if I were defending myself for a confessedly proper thing. But it should be remembered that the fear of a great loss in property values on the one side, and a great desire for relief from the conditions on the other, has brought about sharp differences in which any one who says a word will be recorded as an uninformed person or a person with some selfish interest to subserve. And having made the investigation by interviews and conferences with bankers, county officials, merchants, land owners, farmers who owned the land they tilled and farmers who tilled th land as tenants, with cattlemen and sheepmen, with commission merchants and with railroad officials. I am pre-pared to stand pretty stubbornly to the general conclusion to which I have been drawn by such investigation, that at no time has there ever come to our State a greater calamity than the drouth which has existed in the western part of it for the last two years. Right at the outset of the consider-ation of the subject and before any de-tails or distracting matters are entertails or distracting matters are enter-ed on. a statement should be made, not only in a spirit of fairness, but is re-quired by the spirit of right. For when the picture of tens of thousands of acres of land cropless, weedless, grassless is presented, the impression is left that this is their natural or nor-mal condition. The new courties migmal condition. The new counties suff-er more, in public opinion, from dis-asters to industrial life than old ones. Back of this, and the cause of it, is the hesitation of man to try unknown fields. The ears of every pioneer that ever blazed out a path through the wilderness was assailed with the cry of "Don't go," and if he did go and if he encountered a difficulty which would have been counted as immaterial or trifling at home he would be greeted with that most unpleasant of all boasts of men. "I told you so."

Brownwood Cake Flour Its the Best we can get. Fine time to buy your Fall Stock.

We are Now Selling the

SMITH BROTHERS Midland, Texas Phone No. 3

first pioneer. He trod hot on the heels this. The world may not be generally of the fleeing Indian. He prospered on uninclosed and public pastures. Ined the west is not denied, since this ber the factious times of "free grass," can not be, as long as the Legislature of the "nester," "fence cutting," etc. and Congress, Boards of Trade and But as at all times in the history of

> such progress been made. For with twenty years, and indeed, within ten years, the "wild wastes," according to the "conservative" stay-at-home and the cowman who was so short-sighted that he could not see the inevitable emigrant wagon, were turned into fields in the west to the middle of the State that yielded as high as a bale of cotton say Parker, could not have produced to the acre in many places, and an fifteen thousand bales of cotton, and

> to make bovine perfection, as fine as can be found in the pastures of Eng-land; which introduced and bred up the of as to soil or climate. I know this, finest sheep and became one of the I hunted over some parts of it many,

largest wool-producing localities in the tural community or district in the western hemisphere.

Both Soil and Climate Good There is no exaggeration about all

informed of it, but the agricultural fairs, the stock shows in and but of on uninclosed and public pastures. In-terest and, maybe, observation, con-vinced him that the country, and par-ticularly his pastures, were not adapt-ed to agriculture. He resisted its ad-vance. It required years to dislodge him in his belief. For we all remem-ber the factious times of "free grass," deavor on the western hemisphere. No of the "marks the stock shows in and out of Texas, the railroad freight depart-ment, and our land office and our comptroller's office tell better than i or any other man can of the western parable in the history of man's en-deavor on the western hemisphere. No such progress was possible except un-der two conditions. One was that the But as at all times in the history of der two conditions. One was that the the world the "man with the hoe" land was good. The other was that like arganizations, are suggesting methods of relief and doing it in tones to be heard from one end of the coun-try to the other. The differences have their origin in one thing only. One disputant contends that to represent conditions as bad will improve the whole territory afflicted for years to come, in that people will be deterred from buying and settling in it. There-tore wills it would be admissible to such progress been made. For with shows all over the United States, and have appeared in fairs and stock shows all over the United States, and gone away beribboned with the tes-timonials of their superiority over their kind. Without the soil and the climate counties like those along the Texas & Pacific railroad from Midland to the acre in many places, and an fifteen thousand bales of cotton, and average yield of three-quarters of a in many cases much more. Without bale in other places, which grew and sold to outside market thousands of maize and grain of that kind would tons of kafir corn and its varieties; not have, through many years, been which turned the long-legged and the sent out to markets at a distance, and long-horned cow into a kind that was yet more than enough kept at home in shape and weight and all that goes because of lack of transportation.

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many years ago when there was not world; which sent to Angora and South field or domesticated animal on it. I Africa within fifteen years past for have gone over it on railroads and in the best of fleece-growing goats, and vehicles of the dirt roads within the two years ago put on the market three-last two weeks. I have seen the quarters of a million of pounds of the changes. But the climate and the best mohair, and on which were built soil is as it was and it is all right, of farm economics and comfort, as ar- and I know it. But, as has been said tistic in construction and as of high it is a new country. And back from a price as to be found in any agricul- where its settlers came is the same old timid and conservative element-that governor on the human machine,

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At \$2.35, \$2.50 and \$2.85, is Misses' school shoes in gun metals, laces and buttons, that will give real wear and at \$5.00 is the big Misses' lace boots in all black kid, all black patent camp with dull tops and black kid vamps with white kid tops.

At \$2.25 and \$2.85, is boy scouts in blacks and tans, with vicolised soles and extra quality upper stock.

IF YOU WILL SEND THE CHILDREN HERE THEY WILL BE PER-FECTLY FITTED WITH GOOD SHOES AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICE.

Special Blanket Value at \$3.85

Here is one of the best values that we have ever offered in blankets at any time. Bautiful quality in the famous Nasuah woolnap blankets in pink, tan, and blue plaids, full double bed size. If bought to day, this blanket could not sell at less than five to six dollars, but we bought this almost a year ago, a straight case, direct from the mills and we offer you this special value at, the pair.....\$3.85

Silk Poplins

In the yard wide number, this is one of the few items in dress goods that we are able to sell at the price of the last five years. A beautiful quality, yard wide, all colors, the yard\$1.00

27 inches wide, in the same good quality, all colors, specially priced, the

Serges at Wholesale Prices

We really mean that we are today selling serges for about the price that we would have to pay for them on today's market. Our serges were bought last February and every number has advanced at least 33 1-3 per cent since that time.

36 and 40 inch, all wool, storm and French serges, in black, navy, copen, brown, green, Russian green, rose Burgandy, gold and plum, the yard.\$1.00

Beautiful Patterns in New Outings

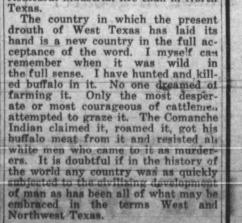
This week brought the first shipment of the New Fall Outing Flannels and we have never shown prettier patterns nor so good a quality, and th price is not so much more than usual, for we are pricing this extra good quality at

WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS AND ASK FOR IT ON A BASIS OF BET-TER VALUES.



Succeed Despite Failures

In the early days of our own State vigorous builders of our greatest of commonwealths were warned against the risks of leaving the woods of East Texas and endeavoring to tame the wild uncultivated lands of the black prairies of Dallas, Collin, Hunt and Ellis counties. There was no wood there; Its counties. There was no wood there; no water there; no shade there—nota-ing there but the Indian, the buffalo, the wolf and land no plow could break. And when, in spite of the croaking warnings, men did risk it all and drouths and excessive rains came, which they did, and crops were ruined, from the woods afar east came the from the woods afar east came the same old cry, "I told you so." But temporary failures, loss of crops now and then did not deter the spirit of build and development. Today there is no locality in all the world where there is a more stable and reliable ag-ricultural industrial life than in North Texas.



Cattleman First Pioneer aturally, the cattleman



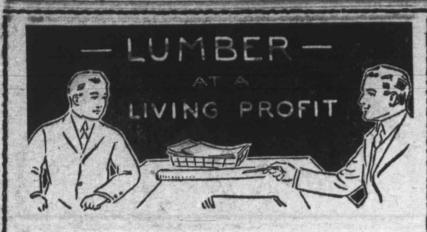
and Accessories

Complete well equipments, together with all sizes of pipe, pumping engines, etc.

A New Electric Threading Machine Just Installed

PLISKA & HUNDLE

PHONE NO. 57



y, Sept. 21, 1917

We're Not Looking for Big Profits

and are not "knockers," but we want you to know that the offer of first quality lumber at prices less. than ours contains a "joker" somewhere.

We scale our prices on a bare living profit and we are right here to back up our dealings both as to quality of material and correctness of price.

You are Safe in Dealing with Us

THE PLACE TO BUY-Burton-Lingo Company WHEN YOU WANT TO BUILD

Wolcott Automatie Company

We have an up-to-date line of Good-Year Cord Tires, Buick and Dodge Bros. Motor Cars.

Telephone Us For Demonstration Phone No. 354

THE MIDLAND REP

WEST TEXAS DROUTH TEMPORARY CALAMITY

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created to keep it from going too fast and running away or bursting up things-which tried to keep Moses from going to the promised land; which interfered with Columbus in his effort to go further out into the unknown than any other person had ever gone; that discouraged the Anglo-Saxonizing of Texas by the pioneers of Texas; that—well, that has nevet yet been found in the leading team, but in the rear with the swingle-trees knocking at its hocks.

Now that a drouth has come, which in length of duration and in disaster in effect has no equal in our annals, this element raises its old cry, "I tola you so!" It ignores the progress made. It ignores the crops made. It ignores the great fortunes made. It shuts its eyes to the beautiful rolling country. It does not see the beautiful homes and the comfortable quar-ters for the stock of the farms. It ignores all things but the single fact that a dreadful drouth has come and destroyed, and in the "I told you so" one can almost detect the note of satisfaction which always goes with it.

Section Will Revive What these natural born pessimists and discouragers see cannot be contradicted. I do not intend to dispute their accuracy of observation, for 1 could not do it and retain my self-respect. But the life of the country since its partial development contra-dicts their croakings and pessimisms as to its future. For badly hurt as is all the stricken territory, it will revive ---will come back with a bound because the climate, the soil and above all the energetic humanity with which the country is filled, will make it do that way. But its speed in getting back to its normal condition is not to be aided by the concealment of ugly and unpleasant facts. The man who has land for sale and fears the truth may drive away a customer, is permitting his greed, which we all have more or less, to cloud his better judgment.

The benefits to come to one must come through benefits first coming to all. And it is that all may be aided, helped, bolstered up in this hour of trial of all, that the truth should be told. For somehow or from some-where the people of this locality should be aided.

It is a catastrophe-this droutha temporary and yet dreadful thing. It is just such a thing as the volcano which overwhelmed Pompeii, the fire which destroyed Chicago, the storm that came to Galveston. The volcano, the fire, the storm did not come again and will probably never come again. But the hand of aid and help was not held at the side when the fire and

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It is a frequent sight these days to see all the family grouped about the

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ANOTHER OLD LANDMARK HAS BEEN TORN DOWN The old building on Main street, known as the Hardin Lumber Co. building, is no more. This week it was torn down and the lumber will be

FAIR AT AMARILLO TO BE GREATER THAN EVER That the Panhandle State Fair, to be held at Amarillo, October State than ever before, is now an establish ed fact. There will be upwards of \$18,000 in premiums and purses to be contended for. There is \$10,000 in the cattle division alone, \$6,500 of which is offered in the Hereford class ex. Already enough entries have exhibition in the class with the Chri-ago Fat Stock Show and the Royal at Kansas City, and it will be better fact as many as 75,000 people should pass through the gates at the fair to see this feature alone. But this is

only one of the main attractions. One of the best agricultural displays ever shown is already promised all over the Panhandle section. Never in the end received so much attention as is being given it this year. Secretary J. L. Van Natta informs us that there

ors today.

eighty before the entries close. There lakes

DON'T WAIT

for your business to grow before opening

an account here-become a depositor today

and grow with us. Many of our small de-

positors of years ago are our large deposit-

Safety, Courtesy and Helpfulness

to Each Depositor Alike is

Our Motto.

RELIABILITY- ACCOMMODATION - STRENGTH & SERVICE

Kansas City, and it will be better than the Denver and Fort Worth State Fair at Dallas. Get busy, tell shows. If the people of the South-west can be brought to realize this rangements to be there with the whole rangements to be there with the whole

SOLD BUNCH STEERS TO WLLIE BRUNSON

W. M. Watson, ranching near history of the fair has the amusement Odessa, was in this week and reports that he sold a bunch of steers to Wil-

ocrastination

are more than fifty horses already en-tered in the harness races and he ex-pects to see the number increased to good rain recently that filled all the

UNIQUE AIRDOME

Last Monday night the show was dark, on account of the light plant having to shut down, so they had to continue the serial. "The Great Seuntil Tuesday night. cret,

On Wednesday night, beside Mrs. Vernon Castle in Patria, the exciting serial, a Fox comedy was shown starring Hank Mann, the noted comedian. This was indeed a "corker" and kept the audience screaming from start un-

The management, as stated in last issue, has changed his feature service from the Paramount to the Pathe. Comorrow night will be shown the first installment of this service, enti-tled, "The Hunting of the Hawk." This is said to be a most interesting picture, and you should come early and get the benefit of the first show. Under trying circumstances, on ac-ount of insufficient light service, the Unique is putting on some fine shows, and when the light company installs their new engines, a better show all around is promised.

IT IS DIFFERENT NOW TO TWENTY YEARS AGO

Ladies wore bustles. Operations were rare obody had seen a silo. Nobody swatted the fly. Nobody had appendicitis. Cream was cents a pint. Nobody wore white shoes. Nobody sprayed orchards. Cantaloupes were muskmelou Milkshake was a favorite drink. You never heard of a "tin Lizzie. Farmers came to town for their

The hired girl one-fifty a week. Most young men had "livery bills." Advertisers did not tell the truth. Nobody "listened in" on a tele-

Doctors wanted to look at your ton gue. Nobody cared for the price of gaso-

Folks said pneumatic tires were a

joke. The butcher "threw" in a chunk of

Strawstacks were burned instead of

There were no sane Fourths or elec-

tric meters. People thought English sparrows

Jules Verne was the only convert to

the submarine. Publishing a country newspaper was not a business.

You stuck tubes in your cars to onograph, and it cost a dime.

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The Victrola is not an instrument in which the interpretation and expression depend on the player like the organ, piano, etc. No instrument can be made to *improve* on Mel-ba, Caruso and the other great artists. The true function of the Victrola is to reproduce faithfully the work of these artists.

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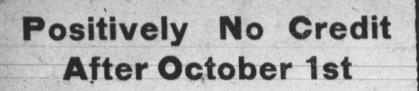
on the first of each month.

Company

Important Notice-Victor Records and Victor Machines are scientifically co-ordinated and synchronized by special processes of manufacture, and s of manufacture, and their with the other, is absolutely essential to a perfect Victor reproduc-

We have just received the largest stock of Victrolas and Records ever brought to Midland. Come in and hear them.

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PASSENGER TRAFFIC Social Affairs LIKELY TO BE HEAVY College Boys and Girls—"Our mas—What Then."

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Railroads May Have to Withdraw Some Equipment in Moving Soldiers to Cantonments.

We greatly rejoice that this Fall such a large number of our boys and girls have answered the musical sum-mons of the college bell and are "go-ing off" to school where we hope each one will become a fixed star in the col-Referring to the movement of the national army to cantonments, which one will become a fixed star in the colcommenced on the 19th and will con-tinue until the 25th, General Passenlege firmament, and shine steadily on and a gent A. D. Bell, of the T. & P., has addressed the following circular to all ticket agents, conductors and until the day of graduation-and the crinkly diploma.

cessity, and this is to ask that you ex- University.

plain to the public that the action is being taken solely as a war measure, and not with any idea of economy on the part of the railroads. "I am sure the patriotism of the in-dividuals will respond to this expla-nation in the proper spirit, and that

lar passenger trains.

quire similar action, but the railroads are exerting themselves to the utmost to avoid inconveniencing the public more than absolutely necessary. We movements are taking place almost

simultaneously. The Reporter is of the opinion that conditions on the T & P. may not be seriously affected by this expected movement, as, in so far as this end of the line s concerned, the matter will be practically over tomorrow. However, what ever inconvenience the public is put to, we are sure, as stated by Mr. Bell, that all will respond to it patriotically, and there will be no serious complaints.

Bud Ratliff was a business visitor to Midland this week from his ranch northwest of Odessa and says that he has not enough moisture yet for win-

"It may be necessary for us to withdraw some of our passenger equipment from trains in order to ac-commodate the soldiers. This will not commodate the soldiers. This will not left for Dallas to enter upon his sen-be done except in cases of absolute ne-Miss Mary Barron who is developing into a charming type of sweet, grac-

By L. G. W., Phone 88

ious young womanhood, left Tuesday afternoon for Waco, to enter Baylor University as a "grave and reveren-ed" senior. Miss Barron would have graduated with the summer class but there will be no complaints because of graduated with the summer class but the over-crowding of the equipment was prevented on account of illness, that remains to be used on our regu- hence she has only six weeks' work to make up.

"There will be additional troop movements in October that may re-Miss Jennie Mae Elliott's choice of schools is Baylor, Belton, and she departed yesterday for that institution to pursue her studies for the second year. As Baylor does not open 'the year. As Baylor does not open 'the the 26th, Miss Elliott will spend the cannot secure coaches from lines in the 26th, Miss Elliott will spend the other territory tor the reason that interim visiting in Dallas and Fort throughout the United States the Worth.

Miss Mary Francis Cowden, accom-panied by her sister, Mrs. Jim Day, left Sunday, afternoon for San Antonio to enter Bon Avon. This is a good thorough very select school and while Miss Cowden's orbit will be necessarily limited, we are sure her light will be none the less bright. Mrs. Day will spend a week in San Antonio with her sister before returning to her home in Cuero.

Miss Leona McCormick, who has become something more than a local character, by virtue of her winning the medal in the State declamation con test in 1916, has received a scholarship in Baylor, Belton, and left to take up her work in that institution on last Tuesday. Miss McCormick will also stop in Dallas for a few days to be the guest of her friend and formen teacher, Mrs. Crossman, who will be remembered in Midland as Miss Lera

Mr. Jack Holmesly and his mother departed Sunday afternoon for Dal-las. Jack has not definitely decided upon which school he will enter this year, though it will be one of our own Texas colleges or universities. Mrs. Holmesly will visit a time with Jack and with relatives in Comanche before and with relatives in containing before joining her husband and son, Mr. Bill Holmesly who has always been promi-nent in Mrs. Holmesly's social activi-ties, will be greatly missed by a large number of friends this winter.



· SHOWING

Friday, Sept. 21, 1917

A new lot of charming models came in this week. We ask every lady to make it a point to get in early and see these models. Surely you will enjoy seeing these hats, and whether or not you contemplate an immediate purchase, we want you to call.

New Serge and Silk Dresses

in this week, very moderately priced. You will be surprised when you see the beautiful materials and smart styles.

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A new combination-Mild, yet they "Satisfy"!

Yes, this new cigarette is more than just good tasting, it delivers a new and important thing to smokers-

Chesterfields "reach home," they let you know you are smoking-they "Satisfy"!

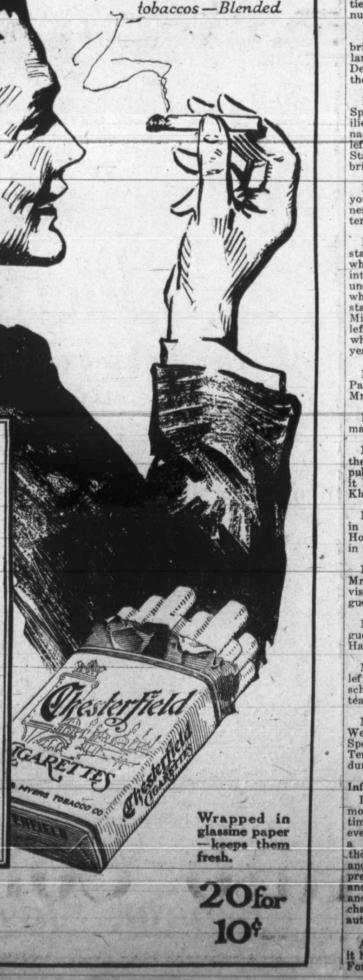
Yet, they're Mild !

Don't be surprised-the new blend of Imported and Domestic tobaccos does it. And the blend can't be copied.

Let Chesterfields give. you new cigarette enjoyment.

They Satisfy -- Mild!

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Miss Tennie Florey, one of the bright "sweet girl graduates" of Mid-land high school, left Monday for Denton where she will matriculate in the great College of Industrial Arts.

Messrs. Joe Caldwell and Herman Messrs. Joe Caldwell and Herman Spaulding, sons from prominent fam-ilies and who also belong to the Alum-nae of M. H. S., were among those who left Sunday. A. & M., at College Station, was the destination of these bright youths.

Miss Theresa Klapproth is another young lady who left for Dallas Wed-nesday evening to enter her second term in S. M. U.

Not least among this galaxy of stars, all of whom we feel sure when when graduation is over and they go into outer space will still shine with undimmed light, is Mr. Goree Allison, who has indeed "hitched his cart to a star." Goree has a diploma from Midland College, and Friday last he left for Southern Methodist University where he will continue his second vear's work.

Mrs. W. W. Lynch came from El Paso this week to visit her mother, Mrs. Stilwell.

Mrs. Epley and daughter, Miss Al-ma, left Tuesday for a visit to Dallas.

Miss Annie Mae Klapproth, one of the efficient teachers in the Snyder public schools arrived Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Klapproth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Holt, after a visit in the home of his brother, Mr. O. B. Holt, returned this week to their home in Carlsbad, N. M.

Miss Emma Boyd, the governess on Mr. W. A. Hutchinson's ranch, was visiting in Midland this week, the guest of her cousin, Mrs. R. M. Driver.

Mrs. H. A. Snively, of Clyde, is the guest of her daughters. Mesdames J. Harvey Clark and Lee Irwin.

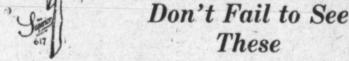
Misses Christine and Euhice Allen left this week, the former to teach school in Crowell and the latter to teach music in Pyote.

Miss Ethel Moore returned home Wednesday morning on the Sunshine Special from Dallas, Fort Worth and Temple, where she has been visiting during the past six weeks.

Informal Dance

Informal Dance Informality is the key-note of al-most all the parties now, during these times of stress, so the dance Tuesday evening given by the young men, was a "homey." cozy affair, and most thoroughly enjoyed by our "beaux and belles." The lobby of the Llano presented a most attractive appear-ance, the music was very inspiring ance, the music was very inspiring and withal, it was one of the most charmingly delightful events of the autumn's festivities.

Logsdon, after a months's vis-left this week for his home in



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Friday, Sept. 21, 1917

"After

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Dr. F. L. Harney, president of the

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The Ministers of the City are Gordially Invited to Use this Column as They Care SPECIAL SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

WITH THE CHURCHES

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Rev. T. Y. Adams, of the First Bap-tist church at Sweetwater, will be in Midland and preach at both services Sunday, Sept. 23rd. He is a very strong preacher and it is hoped that large audiences will hear him at both

Morning Service Doxology. Invocation Hymn, No. 319, "Joy to the World." Anthem Scripture. Prayer. Hymn, No. 332, "Safely Through Another Week." Announcements. Offertory-Miss Luther Vocal solo-Miss Lula Mae Brun-Sermon-Rev. T. Y. Adams. Hymn, No. 269, "Lux Beniga." Prayer and benediction. Evening Service

Song, No. 56, "The Touch of His Hand on Mine." Song, No. 46, "Love is the Theme." Song, No. 179, "God Will Take Care of You." Prayer. Song No. 83, "He Included Me." Anthem.

Announcements. Offertory—Miss Luther. Vocal solo.

Sermon-Rev. T. Y. Adams. Song No. 208, "More Like the Master. Prayer and benediction

Presbyterian Church Visitors in the city are cordially invited to the services at this church on next Sabbath. An invitation to work and worship with us is always tender-ed those who have no other church home. You need us and we need you, so it is for the good of all that you come with us.

The usual services will be held Sun day. The Sunday school meets at 10 oclock The morning hour of worship is 11 oclock; sermon by the pastor The evening worship at 8 o'clock. Prayermeeting at 8 o'clock, Wednesday evening.

Christian Church

Services at usual hours. Junior Endeavor meets at 3 p. m. and Senior at 7.15 p. m. Bible school rally at 9:30 a. m. All cordially invited. Spec ial music

J. T McKissick, Minister.

Ladies' Prayermeeting Dr. J. H. Furneaux, of Dallas, came The ladies' prayermeeting will be held with Mrs. Bigham Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Mrs. Nelson

More Credit

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On October 1st, we close our books to all credit accounts. An explanation of this is hardly necessary.

"Everybody's doing It Now"

and it is the only thing to do. It is the only fair mode of procedure in business, at a time like this, especially. It is the only method whereby a business establishment can at all times treat all its customers exactly alike and give, uniformly, the lowest possible price.

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Ours is a first class jewelry establishment in every respect, ranging from the most expensive Diamond and Cut Glass Ornamentations to the minutest trinket in Jewelry. Our lines cover a wide range, while our Repair Department is wholly in keeping therewith. Thus are we able to serve you fully, to your satisfaction and to the end of practical economy. In the future, however, it must be

Wholly Upon a Cash Basis

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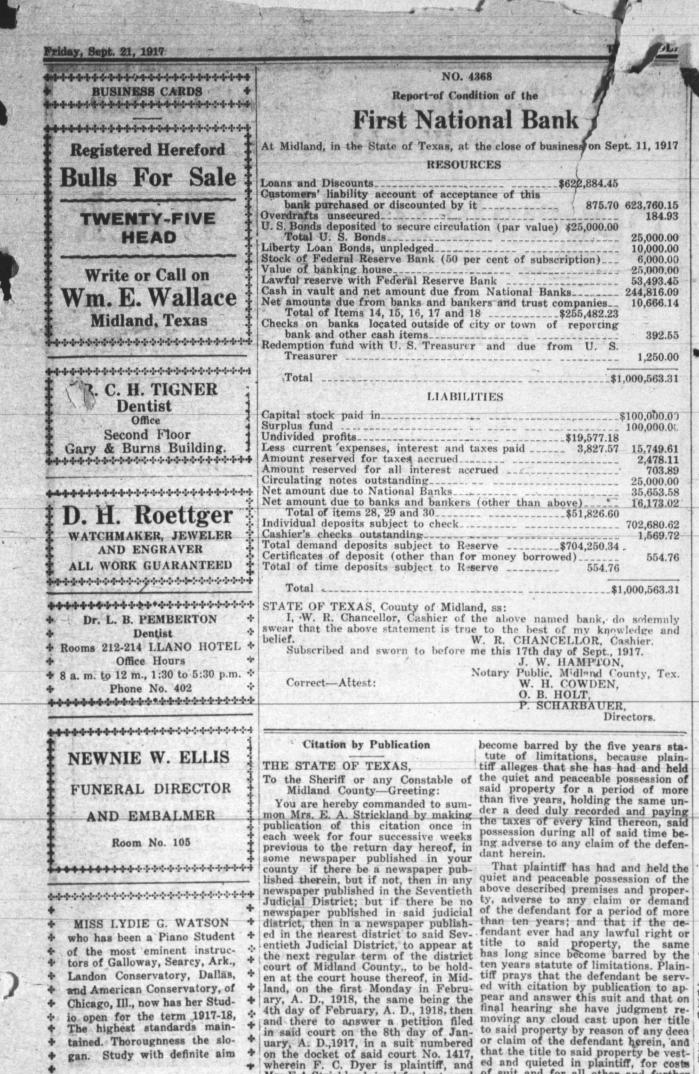
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