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SENSATIONALISM BY CORRESPONDENT

States Col. C. W. Merchant Said It Would Take West 20 Years to Recover From Drouth

In all the years that the writer has been in Texas, in Midland—and they number nineteen—it has been a pleasure, an inspiration to look to the Dallas News as the one supreme leader in the realm of newspaperdom in all the great Southwest. "If you saw it in The News, bet your last nugget that it is that way," has been our attitude. It, before all other publications, has been our inspiration, our guide that it has been a pleasure to follow; and in few instances, indeed, have we had cause to doubt. We have looked upon it as the big champion, the great advocate of the greatest commonwealth in the greatest nation that the world knows. We have admired its wonderfully perfect organization, its far-reaching influence, its indefatigable energy in hewing ways in the tangles of the unexplored; we have seen it make and unmake stellar political orbs, and from our viewpoint, have pronounced it good. In a small, unobtrusive way, in many instances it has been our pleasure to hold while The News skinned, and we have rejoiced in the self-appointed privilege.

In that perhaps The News has never before had occasion to directly exercise its guardianship over our own sphere, has not before had occasion to specifically direct the channels of sentiment with regard to West Texas, lies the fact that we have not before had occasion to see far enough into its mode of procedure to find fault and to lift a voice in protest.

Now that we have been jolted out of our supreme confidence, the shake-up has been all but paralyzing. We'd not thought it possible that The News could so far lose its splendid conservatism as to publish the unfounded, flagrant sensationalism that came from the pen of its correspondent, Morris R. Locke, in its issue of February 4th. Under three well displayed captions:

"Will Take West 20 Years to Get Over Drouth."

"Col. Clabe Merchant Reviews Conditions in West."

"Pioneer Cattleman Says State Appropriations Would Have Avoided Suffering and Saved Property."

On the above date, February 4th, and on its front page, The News' publication, in part, is as follows:

Abilene, Texas, Feb. 4.—Colonel Clabe W. Merchant, 80 years old, is one of the most interesting frontiersmen of Texas, today. I found him at home, when I called, laid up from general debility, cold weather and injuries received from a fall on the ice two weeks ago.

Colonel Merchant is the best posted man on the ranch or range today. He began seventy years ago in Southeast Texas, and has followed the drive from the Sabine, in Texas and Louisiana, to the Santa Cruz, in Arizona, and never has he witnessed such a drouth as this entering now its third year.

"My son, Mack, and I," said Colonel Merchant, "lost 1,200 head of as fine-grade steers as you ever saw from the drouth, after feeding them \$18,000 worth of dry stuff, and until we couldn't buy any more feed; \$72,000 worth of live beef that Uncle Sam needs badly over in France and in Belgium. If the Legislature had paid any attention to Governor Ferguson's message to make appropriations for the relief of stockmen out on the plains of Texas, and to Colonel Bill Sterett's correspondence in The Dallas News, all the tragedy of drouth-suffering West Texas could have been averted and would have been averted and \$100,000,000 worth of live stock saved and 50,000 men, women and children pioneers could have remained in their homes in West Texas instead of sacrificing what they had accumulated and trekking back to their former eastern homes."

"The drouth is now in its third year, and I doubt very much if there will be enough sod life for grass and enough cattle, horses and sheep left for seed. The cows remaining are weak for want of feed and water and there is no prospect of a calf crop."

Never Witnessed Such Conditions "Never in all the days of my life

on the plains have I witnessed such a state of things. It is incomprehensible, that with all our boasted wealth, railroads and banks bulging with money, that one-third of the area of the State of Texas should lose \$100,000,000 worth of live stock and 50,000 of its labor inhabitants. It will take twenty years or more to recover these losses.

"You may go into the drouth-smitten territory and I venture you will not find to exceed seventy-five head of live stock as an average in any county. Mack and I have left on our ranch only four head of mules. Here at home I have 160 acres in wheat, but not a grain has sprouted. It is just as it was when I planted last October. I hope it will grow, so that I can furnish the American boys stuff to whip the Dutch. I have over 300 acres fallow ground to plant or sow anything that will grow. I am ready and the sod is ready as soon as the season is right. Now, I don't owe any many anything, only to do good and communicate as the Good Book says, and consequently, I am not at all suffering, me and mine; but, those poor families out on the plains, they are suffering; I don't want the Government at Washington to do anything. I think all the drouth trouble belongs to Texas, and let the State of Texas take care of it. President Wilson has his hands full, all he can manage, and I want to see Texas come to the front and do the right thing by the Plains people that are left."

"There are but 40x40 miles in the Van Horn section that has any grass and water, and that section is feeding all the live stock it can carry."

Had The News but reflected a very little it must have known the foregoing could not have been in the least true. But even this is not the extent to which it erred. When Col. Merchant denied that not even a tenth of Col. Locke's purported communication was true, The News should at least have given the conspicuous publicity that was accorded to the hurtful sensationalism. An investigation and even editorial comment to extent would have been little to repair the wrong to West Texas. Instead, and under a single inconspicuous caption, "Denies Statements in News Communication," it gave but modest space to Col. Merchant's denial. Col. Merchant wrote:

Abilene, Texas, March 5.—Many friends and business associates have called my attention to the article by Morris R. Locke appearing in The News under date of Feb. 4th, in

which I am credited with having made the statement that never in all my life have I witnessed such a state of things as existing on the Plains.

I wish to say that I never saw the piece which Mr. Locke wrote until March 2nd or I should have corrected it sooner. In my conversation with Colonel Locke, I did not tell him one-tenth of what he published in the interview. He stated that I said that my son, Mack, and I lost 1,200 head of as fine steers as you ever saw from the drouth after spending \$18,000 feeding them. The facts are Mack and I did not own a steer. We had some heavy feed bills for stock cows and had some losses, but the statement made by Colonel Locke is so overdrawn that it does the western part of Texas and every cowman in it a grave and serious injustice.

I will say that the drouth has hit the west very hard; all of us have had some losses, but the west will come to the front again and everything will be all right. I know nothing of the losses credited to me, and since the interview was so unjust to the west and the people who are interested in cattle in the way of ownership or loans I insist that you correct same.

C. W. Merchant

For the foregoing injurious publicity, our wide-awake young townsman, B. C. Girdley, cashier of the Midland National Bank, through correspondence, took The News somewhat to task, setting out that the article of February 4th was of untold injury to the cowman and banks of "the drouthy country," and urging that "The News should take some interest in completely correcting the impressions left by the extended report written by Mr. Locke."

Mr. Girdley received reply from the managing editor of The News, D. P. Toomey, yesterday morning. This reply was still more surprising. Instead of the usual liberal conservatism of The News, Mr. Toomey evidenced a spirit of peevishness little in keeping with the dignity of his high and honorable position, he even denying that The News was "responsible for the drouth," and concluding with that "neither are we responsible for the general information that it exists."

For the latter, yes; most decidedly so. The Reporter has urged, and it emphasizes the statement, that the exaggerated reports of the drouth and its concomitant effects, have

injured West Texas equally as much as the drouth itself. Some months ago The News sent Col. Wm. G. Sterett out here on a tour of investigation. The Reporter, as nearly as possible, to say nothing of information given by various cattlemen, gave Mr. Sterett an impartial statement of conditions. His reports, in a series of communications to The News, were sensational, highly colored and in themselves sufficient to discredit West Texas in financial centers. In a measure The News is certainly responsible for this broadcast and exaggerated information, and The Reporter yet expects to see it take some steps toward rectifying its vastly injurious publicity.

In closing The Reporter admits the severity of the drouth. We deny, however, the seriousness of its effects, except as augmented by exaggerated publicity. Throughout the vast breadth of West Texas The News gives it that there is not an average of 75 head of cattle to the county. There are easily 40,000 head of cattle in Midland County—more, rather than less. Some counties of West Texas have fewer than this, others more, but the average is multiplied many times over the report of The News.

The report of The News is of vast losses in foundation stock. Up to the present 7 per cent will more than cover this loss, while, generally, that which remains is in splendid condition to fatten and multiply upon the breaking-up of the drouth, which is already partial.

The cattlemen has asked no outside financial help, for the very good reason that he has not needed it. Upon investigation we find that approximately \$1,000,000 have been spent in Midland during the last six months for feed. The cattlemen has paid for this and the dealer has had his money. The stockman has asked for shipping accommodations only, for the shipping out of cattle and the shipping in of feed. Failure to get these, along with the drouth and exaggerated publicity, have been the hurtful elements, and not our failure to get the unasked federal or State financial aid.

Twenty years is the time reported by The News that it will take West Texas to recover from the drouth. With the breaking up of the drouth, which we confidently expect to be soon, two years is all we could wish to bring the country back to normal. Given normal seasons, ere the close of 1919 the West will again be heralded in the romanticism of poetry and song, the east will turn upon us

HIGH PRAISE OF MIDLAND CATTLE

Star-Telegram Reporter Interviews Our Townsman and Comments on His Excellent Showing

One day last week the following nice comment appeared in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram:

Although hit hard by the drouth in the past two years, Midland, Texas, was able to send prize winning stock to the Fat Stock Show.

Henry M. Half owner of Hereford and Holstein cattle, and Belgian horses, has a stock farm at Midland. Because no grass was grown to amount to anything during the last year, he shipped out about 2,000 head of common cattle and imported feed for his registered herds in order that he could keep up the standard of his fine stock that in the past few days have won various ribbons at the Ft. Worth exposition.

Two Hereford steers and six registered cattle were entered by Half. The cattle were entered in four classes and won two first and two second prizes. The steers, entered in two classes, won one blue and two red ribbons.

One second and one third award for Holstein cattle were won by Half. His two Belgian horses brought here were given first recognition in their classes and one was made the grand champion of the show.

The Herefords when sold averaged \$1,000 each and one of the bulls brought \$2,500.

This is Half's fourth year to exhibit in Fort Worth. He bred the Hereford steer that won the grand championship of the 1917 show. On his stock farm he raises and sells about 700 Herefords yearly.

again eyes of envy, and the 50,000 souls, reported by The News to have left us, about-faced and upon bended knee, eyes fixed upon the shimmering gold of the setting sun, will pour out an anguished longing for the Mecca that the West has always been.

The girl scouts will please be at the hall Saturday afternoon at 3:30 ready for a hike.—Ethel Moore, Captain.

J. W. Hollingsworth, a former citizen of Midland, is with us today from Artesia, N. M., where he now makes his home.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC HIGHWAY MEETING

Route Manager of Ozark Trails Association Addressed Crowd in The Unique Theatre

The mass meeting yesterday afternoon in the Unique Theatre was hurriedly gotten up, and consequently the crowd was small, there being but about 40 present. However it was an appreciative gathering, and they met to hear B. F. Bennett, secretary of the chamber of commerce at Abilene and route manager for the Ozark Trails Association, address them on the prospect of diverting the Ozark Trail Highway from a northern to a southern route which will bring it from Lawton, Okla., via Wichita Falls to Abilene and from thence straight along the T. & P. to El Paso.

Mr. Bennett made a most impressive address, and convinced his hearers that we have a 90 per cent chance to secure this highway. It is estimated, too, that, in the event of success, we could expect no less than a thousand tourists over the route daily. With Big Spring 40 miles east of us and Pecos 90 miles west, it can be imagined how great the benefits that would accrue to Midland. Not only so, but it multiplies our chances in securing the Fort Worth to El Paso Highway, and in the event of either it is almost certain that the federal government would adopt the route for military purposes, thereby piling up the benefits that would accrue to towns along the way.

Upon conclusion of Mr. Bennett's address, a local organization was perfected, with M. F. Burns as chairman and C. S. Karkalits as secretary. Those present were offered an opportunity to become members of the Ozark Trails Association, at \$5 per year membership fee. Nineteen of those present responded.

A membership committee of five, W. R. Chancellor, B. C. Girdley, R. D. Heatley, C. S. Karkalits, and C. C. Watson, was then appointed to try to bring the membership up to 50, and as we close to go to press this morning the number has grown to 44. We are confident of the other six.

Those who have already joined and the order of their membership, are as follows: J. M. Caldwell, W. H. Cowden, C. C. Watson, M. F. Burns, J. H. Barron, W. R. Chancellor, W. J. Moran, B. C. Girdley, C. I. Kuykendall, L. F. Heard, B. F. Stanley, W. S. Elkin, J. V. Smith, Will Manning, W. H. Spaulding, H. N. Garrett, E. P. Cowden, J. T. Ragsdale, R. D. Heatley, C. S. Karkalits, Ben Anthony, Wood Taylor, J. E. Bentley, J. W. Yeakel, Addison Wadley, W. A. Dawson, Lee Bradshaw, D. H. Roetger, B. H. Blakeney, J. Frank Cowden, Dr. Jno. B. Thomas, J. A. Johnson, H. A. Leaverton, B. Frank Haag, Phil Scharbauer, J. E. (Bob) Hill, E. F. Gaston, G. H. Coyle, Judre Chas. Gibbs, Robt. Fasken, W. E. Bradford, J. E. Crosett, W. H. Wolcott, and W. J. Sparks.

TWO ANNOUNCEMENTS APPEAR THIS WEEK

The Reporter has authority this week to announce Judge J. M. DeArmond and County Attorney B. Frank Haag as candidates for re-election to their respective offices, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. Their names appear in the regular column, therefore, and it will be our pleasure, next week, to make suitable comment upon their aspirations and their fitness for the offices sought.

BALLINGER BOYS OFF TO JOIN NAVY

Yesterday there was a full passenger coach of Ballinger boys on No. 25, bound for California to join the navy. Among these were two nephews of our esteemed citizen, W. C. Rayburn, W. C. Rayburn, Jr., and Carl Rayburn. Mr. Rayburn had only a moment to converse with the boys and bid them farewell. The Reporter joins in the fervent God bless them, and the hope that they may be returned safely home and to loved ones.

Wm. Dunn and son, of Roswell, N. M., were here this week on a visit to relatives.

J. C. Bryant, cowman from Glasscock County was in Midland this week on business.

Silk Dresses

Just received this week all beautiful numbers. The newest spring styles in silk dresses. Prices ranging from

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We are receiving new things in this department almost daily. Novelty hats for spring just received. These are the newest in Hats for men.

Florsheim Shoes

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 - Men's Nainsook Union Suits, a splendid garment for the price, the suit 50c
 - Men's Munsing Union Suits in the extra quality Nainsook checks, made the Munsing way, the suit \$1.00
 - In woven lises, either ankle lengths, or three-quarter lengths, long sleeve or half sleeve, at the suit \$1.50, \$2.00 and up to \$2.50
 - Ladies's Summer Munsing Union Suits in woven lisle, at the suit, 85c, \$1.00 and up to \$1.50
 - A few specially good values in Boys' and Misses' ribbed lisle hose left, at the pair 25c
- This cash store is still selling O. N. T. thread at 5c the spool and will continue to do so as long as the 500 dozen we have bought, lasts, but as soon as this lot is gone we will be forced to get more as it cannot be bought for the price today. Buy what you need now, here at 5c
- Considering the price of merchandise of every kind today, we are showing some specially good values in Boys' Knee Pants in summer weight worsteds, at the pair \$1.50 to \$2.00
- Boys' all wool, Blue Serge Suits, just in, the suit \$9.00
 - Boys' genuine Coolkeny Crash Suits, pinch back models, all sizes \$6.75

Special values to close, in about one hundred pairs of Ladies' and Misses' Pumps and Oxfords in small sizes 2 1-2 to 5 1-2, see these at One Dollar and \$1.85.

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MORE ABOUT THE WASHINGTON TRIP

Hon. T. T. Garrard Gives Interesting Account of Visit to Secure Army Canteen

(The article following was received last week too late for publication in that issue. Even so delayed Mr. Garrard's comment is interesting and will be appreciated by our readers.—Editor.)

Editor Reporter:
I only got back from Washington City on the early morning train of March 4th, and as I was busy in court at Odessa practically all last week I did not have a chance to report on my trip to Washington City in an effort to get a canteen at Midland, and I will now give you my version of the trip in addition to what Mr. O'Donnell has already said.

It may seem strange to a Midland man to say that the T. & P. is the best road over which we traveled going to and returning from Washington City; however, such is the case, and the only train that we rode on during the whole trip which even approximated schedule time was our own good Texas & Pacific. One is reminded on the very outset that our country is at war because of the railroad equipment, inexperienced men on all sides who have not yet learned well the new business which they have just taken in hand.

On our trip we traveled over the Texas & Pacific, Katy, B. & O. and Pennsylvania railroads, and when you get into what we call the northern states we find trains being operated and office work being done by men

who have had practically no experience, or at least very little in the work that they are doing. You can hear on every hand that the large percent of railroad men, both in office work and the train operation service have joined the colors and gone to France, and on one or two occasions the writer had trouble getting tickets made out as ticket agents were so inexperienced in their business that they did not know and couldn't make out a ticket that a man could get out of St. Louis on.

Because of trouble and lack of men the writer understood that 65 engines froze up and were put out of commission in St. Louis in one night. All of the new engines and new railroad equipment which have been completed since he United States entered the war has been turned over to the government, and all the railroads are operated with old equipment. All trains running into St. Louis from every direction are from three to ten hours late and going into Washington City they are likewise late from three to twelve hours. No road over which we traveled, or which we had occasion to investigate in seeking out the best route home attempted to or did run on schedule time. For these reasons we arrived at our destination somewhat belated.

As already stated by Mr. O'Donnell, he had some trouble in getting his pass fixed up at St. Louis, and the writer beat him in Washington City by about 24 hours. It does a Texan good in our capital city to let the easterners know that he is a Texan, even though they may be somewhat jealous or envious of him. Because of the many good things which have come to Texas during the administration of President Wilson and since the outbreak of the war, a lot of

States and people are envious of Texas because of her prestige and power. About the first thing that a Washingtonian says to you when he learns that you are from Texas is that "Your Texas senator put booze out of the District of Columbia." Texas has three members of the President's cabinet, our Texas senators stand high with the administration, and Texas today has practically one-third of the national army in training within her borders.

Washington City just at this time is a busier place even than Midland during the busiest days of her great fair. Hotels are over-run and large numbers of people go to Baltimore for hotel accommodations and then come back to Washington City to do the business they have to do.

One is very much impressed with the fact that a real war is on when he has occasion to visit any of the government departments. The writer had occasion to be in Washington some few years before the declaration of war and it was an easy matter at that time to see any member of any of the various governmental departments, but at this time work is so extensive and responsibility is so great that it is impossible to get into any of the governmental departments or see any of the higher officials without getting some one with a pull to arrange dates and give letters of introduction. Before you can get into the state, war, navy or treasury departments it is necessary to have a pass from higher up, but thanks again to our able United States senators, this difficulty was easily overcome.

One is again impressed that a war is on and things worth while are being done because no one can tell you now just where to go to get what you want, nor who to go to get it, as the old order of things has been completely changed. The army and war departments and all organizations looking to the organization of and equipping of an army have been completely re-organized. Army officers who before the war had charge of the various equipment, maintenance offices, have been displaced by civilians who have had expert knowledge and experience in different lines of construction, organization, manufacture and equipment. The change has been so great, and so complete, and the growth so enormous that the average congressman or government official don't know just how to direct or advise one.

On my arrival in Washington City I went to see my old school mate, J. Marvin Jones, congressman from the Amarillo district, told him my business there, and he had no more idea than I did who to go to see. I next visited our congressman, Thomas L. Blanton, who was very nice and courteous and who offered to take us to

see Secretary Baker. However, on my first night in Washington City I was a guest of a newspaper correspondent, a fellow student at Chicago University, at a lecture given by Private Feat, of the Canadian army, at the National Press Club room. As I could not locate a room in which to lodge that night this same newspaper man very courteously divided his room with me and confidentially tipped me off that Secretary Baker was on his way, or would be on his way to France.

After seeing Representative James L. Slayden, Daniel E. Garrett, Jeff McLemore and a number of other Texas congressmen we again returned to the office of Senator Morris Sheppard and found out that the man to see in regard to the building of a new cantonment was General William Graves, also a Texan. General Graves advised us that as long as conditions remained as they are now the government would not establish any new army camps, but he intimated, and we got the impression that if all did not go well with our allies, more new camps would have to be built, but at the present time there was no intention of building any more camps. General Graves also told us that as a matter of experiment, his department wrote letters to various sections of the country last year enquiring about rifle ranges, and as a result of those inquiries he had had fifteen delegations from as many Texas towns to call on him on one day to get a rifle range. However, he said that the signal corps were seeking to establish some camps, but just at that time nothing definite was being done. We then, through the courtesy of Senator Sheppard, had the pleasure of calling on Secretary McAdoo. My companion, Mr. O'Donnell, greeted Mr. McAdoo as the next President, which seemed to hit the right spot, as the Secretary was very nice and congenial and seemed to be interested in the conditions of the western country.

From the treasury department we then called by the executive offices and saw Mr. Tumulty. Mr. O'Donnell put in his application with Mr. Tumulty for the position of Ambassador to Ireland when peace was declared. Whereupon Mr. Tumulty called the guard at his door and introduced Mr. O'Donnell as the Ambassador to Ireland and asked the guard to show him over the executive offices. We passed from guard to guard, each calling Mr. O'Donnell ambassador to Ireland, and we had full access to the President's room and the cabinet office, each guard firmly believing that he had the real ambassador in tow.

The writer made an effort to get the generals we visited, the secretary of the treasury, the President's secretary and a number of the other department officers to express their opinion as to the length of time they thought the war would last, but no one would express any opinion along that line. However, the senators and congressmen to whom we talked were of the opinion that the war would be a long drawn out affair of not less than three years, barring some accident.

One can truly say now that Washington City is a real live capital city, and without exaggeration say it is the biggest capital in the entire world. To give an illustration of the big things that are being done and the enormous growth in the government departments we have only to cite you to the fact that the government is now contemplating erecting a building for 50,000 lady stenographers, who have been employed by the government since the outbreak of the war, and all other departments of activity have increased in proportion to this.

While, in all official Washington there is the general opinion that the war will last a long time, every one is of the opinion that the outcome will be the complete defeat of Germany. We heard the preaching of wheatless and meatless and boneless and fruitless days all along the trip, but it was heart breaking to see so much corn going to waste. Across Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and part of Pennsylvania we passed many corn fields in which corn has neither been cut and shocked nor pulled from the stalk, and hundreds of fields in which corn had been cut and shocked, the ears shucked off and piled on the ground and rotting. It seems that we saw enough corn shucked and piled on the ground to last a whole country for months if it were properly saved.

Our trip on the whole was a pleasant one. We were rushed for time all the way around. Distances are so great in the city of Washington, and buildings are so large that it is almost as much walking as one man would want to do to go from the Senate Chamber to the house of Representatives and from the representatives office building to the senate office building, and to the other end of the avenue where is located the war, navy, state and treasury departments and executive offices. It's a long ride.



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A three days stay on a mission such as we were on was really a short time in which to see the men and do the business we had in hand. To do a job of that kind one would really have to camp on the trail of the men who really had the letting of the job. We however did as much as could be done within so short a time. Saw every one that was to be seen and we are content with the fact that we know our United States senator, who had already presented our claim to the war department, will do anything in his power to help us out on any proposition, and when the time comes that new camps will be established the war department and General Graves know where Midland is, what it is and the best route to take to get here.

In conclusion, I might add that our United States Senator Morris Sheppard, who was in Midland some two years ago was so impressed with our country that he is now thinking of making some investments here.

My good friend O'Donnell is a ratter on business of this kind, and you can take it from me, from some of the talks that he put up if there was anything doing at this time we would certainly be in the middle of the doing.

I was surprised, however, to hear O'Donnell say as he did through your paper last week that he had a wife at home, for I heard him protest so vigorously on numerous occasions throughout the trip that he was not a married man, that I myself had come to believe it. Tom T. Garrard.

League Resolutions

Whereas, our president, Mr. M. F. Armstrong, has been one of our most faithful members and most efficient officers, and

Whereas, we have learned that he is soon to go from us to make his home elsewhere, therefore,

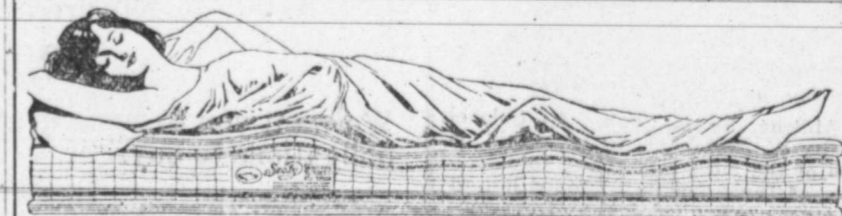
Resolved, that it is with the deepest regrets that we yield him up; that we commend him to the love and esteem of the good people wherever he may go; and that our prayers and best wishes go with him.

Resolved, further, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our League, a copy be sent to The Midland Reporter, for publication, and a copy be furnished Mr. Armstrong.

Ned Watson,
J. W. Cowan,
Committee.

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UNIQUE THEATRE

The last episode of "The Red Ace" with Marie Walcamp was shown last Monday night, and the title of this last episode was "Virginia's Triumph." Once again has this delightful actress scored a big hit in serials in Midland and all with one voice will hail her coming again. Marie Walcamp is an actress that has few equals and no superiors in the movie world, when it comes to wild western productions. Most actresses that play these parts are of the doll-baby variety and their interpretations are generally of the burlesque and have no weight, but Marie Walcamp has a rival in Helen Holmes, who is now in a new serial that plays every Monday night entitled "The Railroad Raiders." The first episode of this great railroad story was presented last Monday night to a packed house. This serial is billed out by the Mutual-Signal Film Company and is all that you would desire in a beautiful romance and exciting adventure. When it comes to daring and bravery, Helen Holmes is a girl that considers no risk too great to make a play. You should start in next Monday night on the second episode of this great serial and see it through.

Tonight, Friday, E. H. Sothern in "The Man of Mystery," will be presented. This noted actor is and has always been one of America's foremost stars. He has played with Julia Marlow in the famous Shakespearean masterpiece "Romeo and Juliette," and these two, in fact, brought more out of this romance than all others

who have ever played it upon the speaking stage. This noted individual has stepped from the great masterpieces to one of a little more of the popular variety and in this play tonight he will undoubtedly show you what great acting really is.

Tomorrow night we will again be entertained with a Big V comedy and a regular program of drama.

The management informs us that as soon as they move into the air-dome, some time next month, that he intends to put on the picture shows every night again.

Forgot What He Needed

From the Republican, Mt. Gilead, Ohio: The editor had an interesting experience some time ago, when a young gentleman came to this office and asked for a copy of the Morrow County Republican. He scrutinized it carefully when a copy was handed him, and then said: "Now I know!" "What is it you are looking for," we inquired. "My wife sent me after a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I forgot the name. I went to several stores and the clerks named over everything in the line on the shelf except Chamberlain's. I'll try again, and I'll never go home without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy." The Republican would suggest to the proprietors of stores, that they post their clerks, and never let them substitute. Customers lose faith in stores where substituting is permitted, to say nothing of the injustice to makers of good goods and the disappointment of customers. Sold by C. A. Taylor & Son, adv 1 mt.

For a Bad Cold

Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It has stood the test of time and can be depended upon. Sold by C. A. Taylor & Son, adv 1 mt.

CO-OPERATION PLEA FOR WAR SAVINGS

District Adviser Wilson Points Out How Small Savings May Amount to Enormous Sums

Complete co-operation of all the people is necessary to win this war. This is a war of thrift and industry—a war of materials and foods, as well as a war of battles. The man who can loan the government only five cents a day is apt to think that that amount is too small to be worth while. Such is a wrong and seriously mistaken attitude. If you save five cents a day and loan it to the government, and your neighbor does the same, until the one hundred million American citizens have enlisted and saved an extra five cents, each, per day, the total saving will amount to five million dollars a day. Make your own calculation, and see how this piles up as the months go by.

One soldier cannot charge a German trench, but the individual soldier does not refuse to fight because he cannot win the battle alone. One sailor cannot man a war ship, but the individual sailor does not for that reason shrink from facing the dangers of the sea. The average individual cannot loan the government enough money to equip one company of soldiers, but with every man, woman and child in the United States making a loan to the very limit of their ability, the entire army will be wonderfully equipped and the war will be won. The war must be won. Everything depends on it. Happiness, life—liberty itself, which is dearer than life. What is our money worth to us if we lose it? If we win, we get our money back, with interest. Who will not risk everything on such a stake? Save your pennies, and your nickels, and your dimes, and your dollars, and buy thrift stamps and war savings stamps.

Geo. T. Wilson, District Adviser, War Savings Com.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately subsisting between Jim Dublin, D. C. Coates and Jno. Price, county of Midland, Texas, under the firm name of Price Auto Company, was dissolved by mutual consent on the 25th day of February, A. D., 1918. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be received by the said Jim Dublin and D. C. Coates and all demands and debts of the above named partnership of Price Auto Company are hereby assumed by the said Jim Dublin and D. C. Coates and are to be presented to them for payment. This 25th day of February A. D., 1918.

Jno. W. Price
D. C. Coates,
Jim Dublin.

adv 21-4t.

OLIVER FANNIN PROMOTED TO FIRST LIEUTENANT

We learn this week that Oliver Fannin, son of our townspeople, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Fannin, has been promoted from second to first lieutenant in the infantry of the U. S. army. We congratulate the young man, for by his energy and hard working he has risen to this higher office.

Have buyer for large tract of good farming land. Must be a bargain. Address, J. D. Cunningham, Mentrose Apt., Room No. 1, Houston, Texas. adv-22-3t

VALUE OF VELVET BEANS FOR STOCK FEED

Regarding the value of velvet beans for stock feed, I would say that a ton and one-half of velvet beans in the pod would be worth fully as much as a stock feed, as one ton of cottonseed meal, says Don T. Griswold of the extension service A and M. College of Texas. The beans will yield a greater amount of food if they are ground up. Pigs will eat the beans from the whole pod after they have been shelled out.

The hogs are worth \$14.00 to \$15.00 per cwt. and shorts are worth from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per cwt., there should be a profit in feeding the pigs. Hogs ought to gain 100 pounds on 500 lbs. of food, or less. If this feed costs only \$10.00 and the hogs sell for \$14 per cwt., there is a margin of at least \$4 per cwt.

We will state it in another way. If a pig weighing 100 pounds, is worth only \$12 or less, and 500 pounds of feed costing \$10 brings him up to a weight of 200 pounds, when he is worth \$18, there is a margin of at least \$6. There should be money in feeding hogs on this margin.

Pigs will do better on a variety of feeds than they will on one feed alone; however, I do not know where you can replace wheat shorts when they cost only \$2 per cwt., at this date, although of course, these prices are subject to change.

THE Willard Service Station Has Moved

into their new and permanent location, at the second door south of the moving picture show.

They are better located than they have ever been, and are better equipped to extend pure Willard Service to their customers.

When in town, or when you drive on Main Street, stop and have your battery tested and filled with distilled water. It is absolutely FREE.

The Still Better Willard Battery does not need to be reinsulated during the life of it. Insulation is 90 per cent of battery trouble.

The Still Better Willard Battery will last two or three times longer than any battery with wood insulation.

Ask them about this Rubber Threaded Insulated Battery

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TWO MIDLAND BOYS ARE MADE CORPORALS

It will be remembered that Bart Wilkinson and Louis Sharp were in one of the more recent contingents that went from Midland to Camp Travis. Both have been made corporals and this week we had a letter from them that was intended for publication. They write:

"Dear Friends:
Will take pleasure in dropping you a line, as we are leaving Camp Travis and are going into the regular army at Houston, in the 4th division. We are still in the ammunition train.
"We are very glad that we are still together, and we are going to kill a German if it takes both of us.
"We are leaving with good records and with promotions as corporals; so we have not laid down altogether.
"Hoping to hear often from Midland, we remain,
"Corporal Bart Wilkinson,
"Corporal Louis Sharp."

WANTED—To buy a few setting hens. See or phone B. P. Harrison at The Reporter office. 21t

INCREASE IN PARCEL POST PACKAGES

Postmaster Taylor requests us to announce that you can now send 70 pounds by parcel post to the first, second and third zones, and 50 pounds to any place in the United States, the length and girth not to be more than 84 inches. You can send live day old chicks by mail without insurance or C. O. D. privileges, providing they can reach destination within 72 hours.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas, County of Midland.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain execution issued out of the Honorable Justice Court, Precinct No. 1, Midland County, on the 8th day of February, A. D., 1918, by R. E. Crowley, justice of the peace of said court, for the sum of one hundred and 20 and 15-100 dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of H. F. Hardin in a certain cause in said court No. 1325 and style H. F. Hardin vs J. E. Cooley, and placed in my hands for service, I, W. E. Bradford, as sheriff of Midland County, Texas, did, on the 9th day of February, A. D., 1918, levy on certain real estate, situated in Midland County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All of lot No. 2 in block No. 2, West Midland Addition of the

town of Midland, Midland County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of J. E. Cooley, and that on the first Tuesday in April, A. D., 1918, the same being the 2nd day of said month, at the court house door, of Midland County, in the town of Midland, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said execution, I will sell said above described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. E. Cooley.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Midland Reporter, a newspaper published in Midland County.

Witness my hand, this 27th day of February, A. D., 1918.

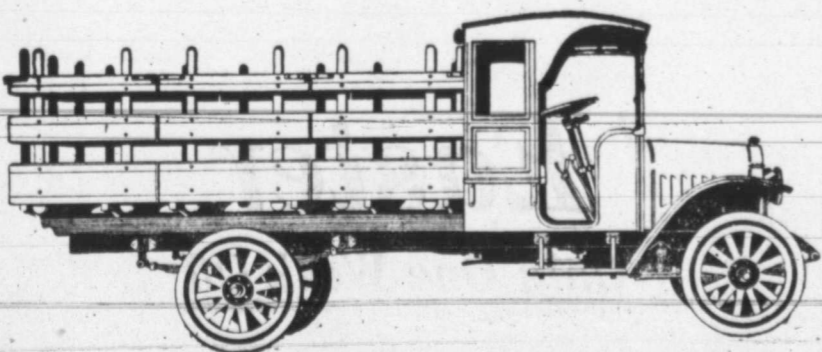
W. E. Bradford,
Sheriff Midland County, Texas.
adv 22-3t

For Rent

The concrete garage formerly occupied by Spaulding Bros. Can give possession April 1st. See W. J. Moran. adv 24-2t

Considerably over 40 per cent of all new cars being produced this year are Goodyear equipped. See Western Auto Supply Company. We have any size that you want. adv 201f

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We extend many thanks to our old monthly customers for staying with us on our new cash system. We don't think we have lost a single old customer and have gained some new ones. People, it's right to pay cash and wrong to have things charged, so come to see us and we will pull together.

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Announcements

All candidates announcing in this column, do so subject to the action of the Democratic primary on July 27th, pledging themselves, as Democrats, to abide the party's decrees in all things.

For Judge of 70th Judicial District: CHAS GIBBS

For Attorney, 70th Judicial District: TOM T. GARRARD, Jr. BEN PALMER

For County Judge: J. M. DE ARMOND

For County Attorney: B. FRANK HAAG

For Sheriff and Tax Collector: W. E. BRADFORD SAM PRESTON

For County and District Clerk: NEWNIE W. ELLIS R. L. PARKS

For County Treasurer: I. H. BELL

For Tax Assessor: JOHN CROSSETT W. G. PEMBERTON

ANDREWS COUNTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Candidates in Andrews County who announce this week in this column do so subject to the action of the Democratic primary, July 27th, 1918, pledging themselves, as Democrats, to abide the party's rulings. Announcement fees payable in advance.

For County and District Clerk: MRS. DORA DOUGLAS R. M. MEANS

Take the slack out of slacker by investing in War Savings Stamps.

Are you an American or are you just living over here? Prove it by purchasing War Savings Stamps.

SPLENDID WINNINGS OF HENRY M. HALFF

Also Has Arranged to Safely Exhibit Show Cattle at the Dallas State Fair.

Henry M. Halff returned home last Sunday, and Tuesday morning unloaded the remnant of his show herd.

Mr. Halff left here two weeks ago and besides showing his stock in Oklahoma City and Fort Worth made an important visit to Kansas City.

Up to now the State Fair of Texas has been neglecting cattle in their premium lists and exhibits. The main cause of this has been that ticky cattle were allowed on the fair grounds.

Mr. Halff has exhibited three consecutive years in Dallas, but—always with great fear of getting ticks on his cattle and losing animals which he values too highly to be replaced at any cost.

He has urged the fair management and his friends in Dallas to exclude tick cattle and has at last been successful in barring the tick, not only from the fair grounds, but from Dallas county. After doing that, all that was necessary was to offer satisfactory premiums in order to have in Dallas the greatest live stock show in the United States.

The State Fair of Texas has the buildings and holds the record for attendance over any annual fair in the United States. Mr. Halff went to Kansas City with Mr. W. H. Stratton, the secretary of the State Fair of Texas, and arranged with the American Hereford Association to offer this fall premiums for Hereford cattle alone amounting to \$10,000, which is more than was paid in Dallas last fall on all breeds and more than has ever been offered anywhere on any one breed. To spend this amount the first premium will have to be one hundred dollars and the tenth place twenty-five. The exhibitor who stands tenth will win more money than is usually paid for first place.

Mr. Stratton has secured the hearty co-operation of Mr. Kinzer, the secretary, and Mr. Van Natta, the Texas director of the American Hereford Association. Mr. Kinzer is going to hold an auction sale during the fair but has not yet announced the terms and conditions, but assures Mr. Halff that nothing but the tops will be offered.

The short horn breeders and the Angus breeders have fallen in line and although they are not offering quite as much in premiums as the Herefords they are offering enough to get all the best cattle to exhibit and you can be assured that the State Fair of Texas will show this fall the greatest exhibit of beef cattle ever presented to the public.

Mr. Halff started with 12 registered

Herefords, 3 grade steers, 2 Belgian horses, and 2 Holstein nurse cows. In Oklahoma City he showed one steer and six registered Herefords and sold the steer and five of the Herefords.

Both the Oklahoma sale and show was very disappointing to Mr. Halff. Through a misunderstanding as to when the Herefords would be judged neither Mr. Halff nor his crack Scotchman was there to show the cattle. In spite of this drawback he was awarded first on steer, third on senior bull, third, seventh and eighth on junior yearling bull, third on yearling heifer.

The steer, weighing over sixteen hundred pounds and bringing sixteen and a quarter, amounting to over \$250, was sold to the packer.

The sale of registered Herefords was very disappointing. The sale was not properly advertised and there were no buyers there for good cattle although there was unlimited demand for bulls and heifers up to \$300. Mr. Halff's five head averaged \$415, which is less than half he considered them worth. He took his medicine cheerfully, expecting to get his losses back in advertising by placing these good Herefords in new localities.

The Fort Worth show treated Mr. Halff better. He won first or second in every class he exhibited, Herefords or horses. Took second and third with his Holstein nurse cows and the judge told him that if his Holstein had been fresh in milk she would easily have been grand champion Holstein of the show. Mr. Halff bought and brought back with him a Holstein male and in future will give more attention to his Holsteins and show the public that the Midland Country can produce milk and butter just as well as beef.

He exhibited his horses in registered grades and went to the top in every class, winning first and champion with his registered Belgian and first in class with his grade Belgian. There was no champion offered in grade class because this class was open to grade draft horse, mare, or gelding, any breed.

In Herefords Mr. Halff won first or second every time he showed in open classes and for Texas specials won every first. His steers won first and second in open classes and won firsts in Texas specials. We enumerate his winnings below:

Open Classes: First on steer yearling. Second on steer calf. First and fourth on junior yearling bull.

First on junior bull calf. Second on senior heifer calf. First and seventh on junior heifer calf.

Texas Specials: First on steer yearling. First on steer calf. First on bull calf. First on senior heifer calf. First and fourth on junior heifer calf.

In the auction sale he topped the auction, selling Beau H. 625 for \$25.00. Buyer, Whaley & Jones, of Gainesville, Texas.

Other sales were: Hero H. 702, to N. D. Pike, of Weatherford, Okla., \$1275; Lady Hampton 1st, to R. V. Colbert & Son, of Stamford, for \$770; Heroine H. 704, to Mr. Saunders, of Hereford, \$680; Belle H. 705, to Mr. Cauble, of Albany, \$460, making a total of \$6685, or an average of \$1137.

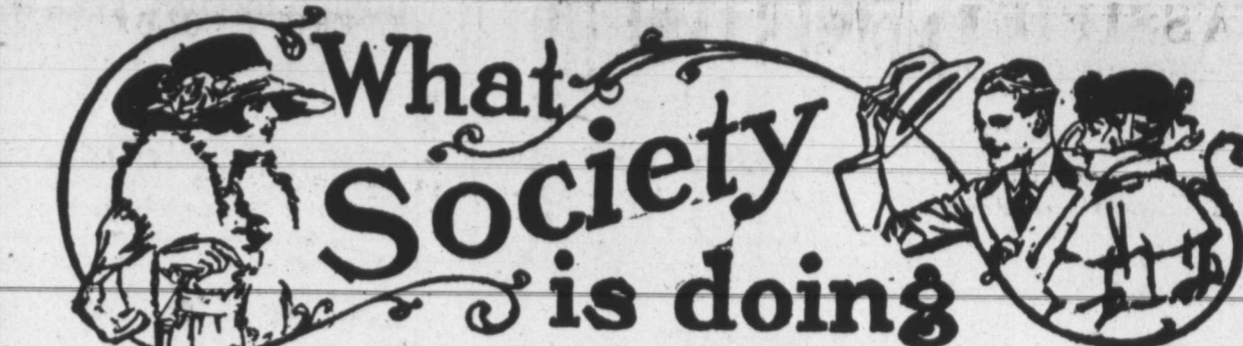
Considering the unsettled condition of the cattle market, owing to wars and drought and the fact that four of these cattle were sucking calves and the fifth under two years old, these prices are satisfactory and prove that with the high cost of feed it is only the best cattle that pay their way. Since his return Mr. Halff has received a wire from his man in Oklahoma that he sold and delivered four head of dry cows at \$500 each to Mr. Flannigan, of Wheeler, Texas. Mr. Halff still has over 100 head of registered Hereford breeding cows and although he sold the choice of his herd in Fort Worth, is already planning to show in Dallas this fall. His money winnings in Fort Worth on fourteen head of stock amounted to \$409.

We may add that B. N. Aycock & Sons also showed in Fort Worth last week, and with splendid results. They, however, are attending the convention in Dallas this week and we can have a report from them later.

ANOTHER OLD CONFEDERATE PASSED AWAY SUNDAY

Chas. Lewis came down Wednesday from Odessa and reports that his father, C. M. Lewis, died last Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Lewis served in the civil war on the Confederate side under General Parson. Deceased leaves five sons and one daughter to mourn his loss. He died at the ripe old age of 83.

Our Texas laddies are going across the ocean soon to join the other Sammies. Remember the Tuscania! War Savings Stamps sink submarines. War Savings Stamps save soldiers.



By Lydie G. Watson, Phone 88

Meeting at Rhea Cottage

Circle No. 2 of the Baptist Women's Auxiliary is to have a meeting next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. J. B. Rhea.

The members are very urgently requested to be present as business of great import is to be discussed.

This circle is planning something for the very near future, which will not only be interesting as a social feature, but also truly beneficial in its purpose. On Saturday evening, March 30th, they are going to have a box supper as a benefit for the Red Cross. A jolly good time is promised everyone, so be sure and attend.

Epworth League Entertained

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Scharbauer, always lovely, looked as though it might have been a bit of the Emerald Isle itself on last Tuesday evening when they entertained the Epworth League with a St. Patrick party. The lovely green flags of old Erin were used for decorations and the many diversions of the evening were also in keeping with the memory of the old saint. It was a most joyous occasion, and this crowd of Christian young people abounding in life and rollicking spirits, very much appreciated.

SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES

Methodist Church: Following are the services for the coming week: Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Junior League at 2:30 p. m. Senior League at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. All are most cordially invited. Run-It J. W. Cowan, Pastor.

Presbyterian Church: The regular services at 11 o'clock Sunday, will be held as usual. At the evening hour the congregation is invited to the union service at the Baptist church, at which time Bro. Foster will preside and Bro. McKissick will preach. B. Y. P. U. Missionary meeting—Cuba and Panama. Leader—Gladys Basham. Song, "Send the Light." Song, "A Call for Loyal Soldiers." Scripture reading, Psalm 2, by group B. Introduction—Leader. Cuban Relationship with the United States—Ida Mae Willoughby. Cuban Ideals of Government—Mrs. J. E. Nelson. Selection—Girls' Quartette. Cuban Missions under the Southern Baptist Direction—Mrs. R. Y. Barron. Evangelistic and Colportage Work—Miss Lula Mae Brunson. Special Needs in Cuba—Miss Eileen Harrison. Our Panama Missions—Mrs. Locklar. Report of Panama Work—Mrs. I. C. Bell.

Junior League: Leader—Bessie Johnson. Song No 278. Subject, "Faith." Reference reading, Luke 17:1-7. Roll call and response with reference word, "Faith." Song No. 19. Sentence prayers. First psalm in concert. March by all. Bible story—Wilford Cobb. Piano solo—Ethel Norwood. Reading—Viola Puckett. Vocal solo—Velma Puckett. Announcement and joining of new members. Closing song, No. 92. Benediction.

E. R. Schnaubert was in this week from Upton County, and says that his cattle on the Rio Grande, are doing very well.

Farmers who plant cane and sorghum for sugar and molasses are helping to relieve the "sweetening" shortage. And the money these stamps bring in will aid in winning the war and make the farmer money if invested in War Savings Stamps.

Jno. R. Wadsworth, of Barstow, was a business visitor here this week.

preciated Mr. and Mrs. Scharbauer's hospitality.

Miss Iris Estes III: Mrs. S. W. Estes was called to Ft. Worth Thursday to attend her daughter, Miss Iris, who has been ill almost ever since her return to school after the holidays. Mrs. Estes returned home Tuesday accompanied by Miss Iris who will remain until she has thoroughly recuperated.

Meeting at Mrs. Chas. Gibbs: Tomorrow afternoon the young married women and the young ladies of the Baptist church are to meet with Mrs. Chas. Gibbs for the purpose of organizing an auxiliary.

Mrs. W. W. Lynch, who for the past few weeks has been visiting her mother, Mrs. L. J. Stilwell, left Monday afternoon for Montgomery, Ala., where Major Lynch is now stationed. Mrs. Lynch was accompanied by Mr. Mat Armstrong, whose departure will be much regretted by the many friends whom he has won during his sojourn in Midland.

Mr. H. A. Lawson, who will be so pleasantly remembered as one of the former managers of the Texas Oil Company in Midland, has received his lieutenant's commission in the tank service, and expects to be called immediately for active service in France.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Smith left Monday afternoon for a few days' visit in Dallas, and from there to Carthage, where they will visit Mr. Smith's little daughter.

Miss Lois Craddock, of Wichita Falls, is a charming addition to the younger society circles of the city this week. She is a guest of her sister, Mrs. C. W. Wulfjen.

Wilber Wimberley, a student of Simmons College, is here this week, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wimberley.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scharbauer, and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Edwards were among those who departed Sunday afternoon for Dallas.

Mrs. Lawrence Shields arrived last Friday from Austin, to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Francia.

Friends of Miss Lucile Horton will be pleased to learn that she is now convalescing after a lingering illness.

Miss Susie Graves left this week for Austin to be an attractive guest of Miss Margaret Lawson.

Mrs. Ed Callaway left Tuesday for Fort Worth to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Crowley.

Miss Willie Saunders, of Big Spring, was a week end guest of Miss Susie Magruder.

Mr. and Mrs. Copley Harris left on Tuesday for Temple and other eastern points.

Mrs. H. P. Cahill, of El Paso, is here, a guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. P. Rankin.

Messrs. Jno. M. Cowden and Geo. Gray left Sunday afternoon for Fort Worth.

Mrs. D. M. Trammell departed on Tuesday for Fort Worth.

Mrs. Jax Cowden left Monday afternoon for a visit to Fort Worth.

Mrs. Ben Anthony is now convalescing after a rather severe illness.

With Easter Only One Week Off... at... The Ladies' Store You will find on display the very latest styles in Millinery for all. A special showing during next week for the children. Special showing in Ladies' Dresses, Suits, Skirts and Fancy Blouses. The 20% Discount Sale still continues on Corsets. Get a splendid fit in the Frolaset Corset for less money. Miss Maggie McCormick

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Rates, five cents per line each insertion. No ad accepted for less than 25 cents. Cash in advance is required of those not having a regular account with this paper.

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE CHEAP—Large work horse, in good order. Apply to Walker-Smith Co. 24-ft

WOOD—See W. L. Clark or phone 285 for wood. 40-ft

FURNISHED ROOMS

ROOMS—For light housekeeping. Bath, electric lights, telephone, etc. only 1-2 block east of Llano Hotel on Wall Street. Mrs. Jemison, phone 224. 41-ft

BUSINESS NOTICES

Cold weather is coming. Don't crank your head off on that Ford Coleman & Allen have just installed a special machine for re-charging magnetos, and it does the work without you having to take down your motor. adv 52-ft

POULTRY AND EGGS

EGGS—Full blood Barred Rock eggs for sale. \$1 per setting. Mrs. Eichberger, phone No. 361. 23-ft

TO LEASE

TO LEASE—Three sections of land about twenty-five miles west of Andrews, being section 8 and 11, in block A50, and 1, in block A51, Andrews County, Texas. Ira C. Morgan, Cleburne, Texas. 20-4t

MISCELLANEOUS WANTS

WILL TRADE—Good horse for milk cow and pay difference, if any. C. Holzgraf. 1t-pd

J. H. Phelps was in town this week from Rankin and reports the range continues dry. He ordered The Reporter.

What are you, lender or sender? War Savings Stamps are the answer. Isn't that little baby worth saving for?—Then buy some baby bonds for the tiny fellow.

W. Bryant, a farmer living twenty miles south of Dallas, is in the city this week on a visit to his father, Wm. Bryant, on the ranch six miles south of town.

Does your church own a War Savings Stamp or two? Why not have a Sunday when all contributions will be in the form of Thrift Stamps?

G. W. Livingston, stockman from near Amarillo, was here Tuesday on business.

War Savings Stamps make Wilhelm wobble.

Pure Fresh Milk and Dairy Products

Delivered to any part of the city twice each day. Your patronage appreciated. Phone 394. L. B. TANKERSLEY

Set a Hen or, better still—

Set TWO Hens

at the same time and give both broods to one—thus reducing the labor and expense of rearing the young chicks. And while you are at it, might as well get eggs from pure-bred general purpose stock, such as the

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MONEY INVESTED IN WAR SAVINGS STAMPS PATTERNS—COMES BACK WITH GOOD INTEREST.

This little bag of money represents the cost of a War Savings Stamp. It is the price of the smallest interest-bearing bond issued by the United States Government. The money in this bag, if lent to the Government, will aid materially in winning the war. Every time a War Savings Stamp is purchased the Government is lent enough money to buy one hundred rifle or machine gun cartridges, a pair of soldier's shoes—hundreds of things American fighters must have if we win the war and for which they look to the Government and the folks at home to supply them. They must have those things or lose.

This big bag of silver and gold represents the money that the postmaster will give for every War Savings Stamp.

brought to the postoffice on January 1, 1928. War Savings Stamps pay their owner four per cent interest compounded quarterly; they commence bearing interest the very day they are sold. During March a War Savings Stamp can be bought for \$4.14. On January 1, 1923, the Government will take it back and give the owner a crisp five-dollar bill or five shiny silver dollars for it. In March 200 War Savings Stamps, the greatest number that the Government will permit one person to own, cost \$828.00. On January 1, 1923, the Government will redeem them for \$1,000.00.

Every month adds a cent more to the purchase price of a War Savings Stamp. In April they will cost \$4.15; in May \$4.16 and so on until in December the buyer of a War Savings Stamp will have to pay \$4.23 to get one. After December 31, 1918, no more of the War Savings Stamps of this issue can be bought. The little Government bonds are on the bargain counter for one year only.

By purchasing War Savings Stamps, Texans are saving money; they are making money; they are helping materially to win the war; they are doing a necessary patriotic duty; they are laying foundations for their own prosperity—putting away a protecting umbrella which will rob the rainy day of its discomforts. By investing regularly in War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps, the little twenty-five-cent brothers of the War Savings Stamps, and refraining from the use of non-essentials, so that goods and service needed to win the war may be released, Texans are mastering the basic principles of thrift which will bring to them prosperity and plenty.

Money invested in these little Government bonds is not given to the Government; it is lent to the Government and every stamp buyer is given a mortgage on the United States of America. It is no sacrifice to buy War Savings and Thrift Stamps. The person who buys them shows long-headed financial judgment and has the satisfaction of knowing that he is helping his country to win a war upon which his own safety and happiness depend.

The time to talk patriotism has passed. It should be practiced now. Get a War Savings Stamp.

Your dimes will grow into dollars if invested in War Savings Stamps.

Are the children in your town getting a square deal? Are they being allowed to learn the principles of thrift?

EVERETT COLBY



Everett Colby of Orange, N. J., is a member of the United States Food Administration's Commission to France, who has returned recently to the United States. He will make a tour of Southern Texas during the week of March 17-23, beginning on March 17 at Houston. He will give an account of what he saw of food needs and deprivations in France, England, Italy, Belgium and the Balkan States; and will be heard at Houston on March 17, San Antonio on March 18, Austin on March 19, Bryan on March 20, Galveston, March 21; Beaumont, March 22, and Marshall on March 23. Special rates will be made for his lecture from adjoining cities and towns by the railroads. Every patriotic Texan should hear this speaker. At the same time Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur of the Leland Stanford University and Miss Kate Barnard will be speakers at Richmond, Cuero, Victoria, Brenham, Navasota, Bay City, Conroe, Orange, Palestine, Jacksonville and Longview. The commission's investigations of the food situation started at once. Every day until early in January when the tour was concluded in France, every member of the commission made the most of every moment to find how urgent is Europe's need of American food. London and Paris were visited. The training farm, where English women are learning to become agriculturists, was inspected, and in France Mr. Colby, with other members of the commission, visited many of the farming centers. The commission has been able to form an accurate resume of the situation, both from informal observation tours, and trips made in company with British and French officials. The actual situation will be presented by Mr. Colby in vivid, impressive fashion. Mr. Colby is an attorney, has been a member of the New Jersey house of representatives, and of the New Jersey State senate, and of the New Jersey National Guard.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

B. A. Oden, of Barstow, was in the city the first of the week and reports that he will plant 15 acres in cantaloupes this spring.

Fred Lundy was in town this week from Glendale and gives a good report of conditions.

B. F. Gilbert, from Florey, was in town this week and reports the range still very dry.

S. C. Martin, of Coahoma, was in Midland this week on his way to visit his ranch near Eunice, N. M.

C. B. Aber, of Fort Worth, is a guest of his brother Jno. Aber, on the "C" ranch. He ordered The Reporter.

J. N. Carson, postmaster and merchant at Eunice, N. M., was here this week for supplies, and reports the range still dry out there.

W. P. Hunter was in from the "5WLS" ranch last Monday and reports pretty fair conditions.

J. L. Ellis, of Odessa, was a business visitor this week.

G. C. Blocker, of Hill County, was a business visitor this week.

Albert Shipp, cowman from Gaines County, was on the streets this week and reports stock doing very well.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately subsisting between Jim Dublin, D. C. Coates and Jno. Price, county of Midland, Texas, under the firm name of Price Auto Company, was dissolved by mutual consent on the 25th day of February, A. D. 1918. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be received by the said Jim Dublin and D. C. Coates and all demands and debts of the above named partnership of Price Auto Company are hereby assumed by the said Jim Dublin and D. C. Coates and are to be presented to them for payment. This 25th day of February A. D. 1918.

Jno. W. Price, D. C. Coates, Jim Dublin.

WEEKLY MARKET REPORT FROM KANSAS CITY

Kansas City Stock Yards, March 18th.—Today 17,000 cattle, 20,000 hogs and a loss of 3,500 sheep, compared with last Monday; five markets 62,000 cattle, 155,000 hogs, 25,700 sheep a gain of 7,000 cattle, 41,000 hogs and a loss of 28,500 sheep. Cattle receipts increasing, hogs extremely liberal and sheep disappointing all around. Beef steers opened slow, 10 to 15c lower, hogs closed 50c off, and sheep generally firm. All trains arrived in good season.

Beef Cattle—Good supply of beef steers, including a few choice fed natives, Westerns and Colorado pulpers continue to predominate. Trade slow; sales average 10 to 15c off. Natives, up to \$13.45, pulpers mostly \$12.40 to \$12.85. Arizonas light, \$11.00. Butcher classes scarce, fully steady, mixed yearlings \$10.85 to \$12.25. Bulls opened weak, closed active and firmer. Heavy Colorados \$8.75. Calves steady, Arizonas \$12.00.

Stockers and Feeders—Supply moderate to light. Choice fleshy feeders and good stockers active, prices steady to firm. Fewer light weight common stockers, generally steady to weak. Colorado feeders \$11.90 to \$12.05. Natives \$12.60 top. Stock cows, heifers and all kinds of breeding stock in strong request at firm prices. Top three loads \$11.50. Stock calves steady, not many here.

Hogs—Heavy receipts all around, nearly a record in Chicago, was a heavy load for the selling side. Trade opened slow and uncertain, mostly 25 to 40c lower and closed generally 50c off. Tops \$17.25 for lights; over 200 lbs., \$17.10 and bulk of all \$16.25 to \$17.15, against \$17.30 top and \$16.85 to \$17.15, bulk last Monday. Big movement anticipated this week.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts still far below requirements and fell short of the estimate today. Active demand at steady to firm prices. Fat lambs readily absorbed up to \$18.00 and ewe lambs, \$18.50 as high as any time. Western lambs, \$17.75 to \$18.00. Colorado yearlings \$15.50 and feeding ewes \$11.25. Colorado lambs sold at \$17.00 for feeders.

J. A. Rickart, Market Correspondent.

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UNION MEETINGS ARE VERY INTERESTING

The services of the union meeting, as set aside for each Sunday evening in March, to pray for the allies in the great world war was held last Sunday evening in the Methodist church. All of our ministers and congregations are co-operating in this movement and great interest and enthusiasm was shown last Sunday night. A very large congregation was present and all were attentive listeners to all that was said. Mayor H. A. Leaverton made a very interesting talk upon the "Conservation of Food," and Rev. W. H. Foster, pastor of the Presbyterian church preached a powerful and very appropriate sermon and all were deeply impressed by the young minister's enthusiasm and elegance in his discourse. Aside from sermon and talks and prayers by the laymen, a delightful musical program was rendered. All the choirs of the city assembled together and the music was very inspiring. Two selections were rendered by the male choir and each voice blended and harmonized well. The Eucharistic Club also rendered two numbers, "Schubert's Serenade" especially being played and interpreted in a way that was very pleasing to all who love the old masterpieces. Next Sunday night the meeting will be held in the Baptist church and Rev. J. T. McKissick, of the Christian church will preach.

Thrift Stamps make old Kaiser Bill billious. Attend the union services at the Baptist church Sunday night. Order early and get choice flowers for Easter gifts and decorations. Elma F. Graves, Midland, Texas. adv. If you can't wear khaki, then at least wear a War Savings Society button. A man without a War Savings Stamp is a man without a country. Thrift Stamps are the little carpets that pave the way to Berlin. Buy War Savings Stamps and make the Kaiser accent the last syllable of Potsdam. It's easy enough for us to hear you say what you are, but we don't know much about you until we see a thrift card sticking out of your pocket. Chas. Crowley came home the first of the week from Oklahoma and north Texas, where he has been on a prospecting trip. Our former townsman and merchant, F. F. Gary, now a merchant of Big Spring, was in town this week on business. A. B. Hutchison and wife came home this week from Runnels County where they have been for the past month. We are glad to report Mr. Hutchison's health much improved.

Knowledge plus Training is Power

Classical education is all right. The ability to measure the distance of the remotest star or to read with fluency the thoughts of people who lived centuries ago—thoughts expressed in their own language—is indeed a magnificent accomplishment. But Business Firms, the large corporations, prefer that class of Red Blooded Americans who, instead of wasting time trying to solve the age-old riddle of why a black hen lays a white egg, content themselves with learning the best way to GET THE EGG. In America

Business is King!

A young man or woman starting out in life trying to make a success without knowledge and training in business, is working against their own interest. A DEFINITE AIM IN LIFE is necessary. YOU must know how to set your sails so as to steer your ship into the port of success! You must know how to figure accurately the common problems coming up in business life—you must know the elements of commercial law, as applied to business transactions—you must be able to write a neat, readable hand, you must know how to keep books in an up-to-date manner—to use a typewriter and to take down the words of others in shorthand. Then if you hope to reap the greatest success you MUST know HOW to sell your services to the best possible advantage. We do not overstate facts, young man or woman, when we tell you ALL THESE THINGS and more are thoroughly imparted to you at our college.

If We Sit by Your Own Fireside

And tell you the Human Interest Stories of some of our old students, how they have gone from obscurity to prominence in the commercial world, it would make a tale as thrilling as those of the Arabian Knights of Old. TRUTH is always stranger than Fiction. We have trained hundreds who have succeeded—young people just like YOU! We are anxious to have you with us. We teach thoroughly,

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GOVERNMENT ASKS
YOU TO RAISE PIGS

Town and City Plans Whereby Food
Wastes May be Stopped and
Made Profitable

Special to The Reporter:
How best to make use of the food
wastes of a town, changing them into
pork, at the same time avoiding the
nuisance of keeping the pig in the
back yard, is a vital problem in these
days of high priced feed and urgently
needed pork.

Some cities and towns in other
States have solved this problem by
feeding their garbage to pigs on a
tract of ground, chosen with reference
to distance, water supply, drainage,
shade and other desirable features.
The garbage is collected daily with a
motor truck, hauled out and fed.

The following plan is for a 50-hog
unit, such as would be required by a
town of 3,000 population, and is based
on an output of one-third of a pound
of food waste per person per day and
the experience of other cities that a
ton of garbage will feed 100 to 150
pigs per day, depending on their size.
Cities and towns of larger population
should add units in proportion.

Requirements for a 50-Pig Unit
1. A 3-acre tract of land, with ac-
cess to running water or connected
with the city water system and well
shaded. The tract should be divided
in half for large and small pigs.

2. A fenced feeding floor, 10x30 in
size, made of concrete, having a gate
at each end and a partition in the mid-
dle with a gate in it. The floor should
be placed in the middle of the tract on
the side next to the road. It is de-
sired to supplement garbage with
grain-feeding, self-feeders can be
placed conveniently. No vehicles
should ever be driven into an inclosure
for hogs.

3. Garbage takes the place of con-
centrates only in the ration. In order
to feed economically there should be
suitably fenced pasture added to the 3
acre tract at the rate of one acre to
each ten hogs, if the land is available.
Plant to Sudan grass as soon as the
frost is off the ground in the spring
and to oats in the late summer.

4. Buy animals weighing about 100
pounds, and feed until they weigh 175
to 250 pounds according to the class of
hog and condition of the market.

5. The householder should furnish
a small container 3 to 5 gallons in size,
having a tight cover, and keep it on a
small shelf near the alley gate. An
ordinance should require that no
water, ashes, coffee grounds, lemon
peelings, washing compounds, broken
glass, or other harmful substances
should go into it. The garbage should
weigh about 7 pounds to the gallon.

6. It will be most economical to
make the collections with a small
motor truck having a steel water tight
body with a capacity of one or two
tons, anything less will give trouble.
One man should be able to collect all
the garbage and take care of the hogs
in a unit of fifty.

7. Sanitary feeding, vaccination
against cholera, rat and fly suppres-
sion, and good herd management are
absolutely essential. Concrete founda-
tions, feeding floors, drinking
troughs, and wallows can be flushed
with the hose, carry no odors, and
furnish no harborage for rats. Troughs
should be covered and be sup-
plied through pipe with float valve
boxed over. Disinfectants should be
used liberally.

8. Do not feed garbage to sows that
are carrying or suckling pigs.
The sows receive no damage apparent.

ly, but the pigs will not thrive and
most of them will not live. Put the
sows back on garbage after weaning
if you wish. The safe plan is to op-
erate the piggery as a fattening prop-
osition, and propagation as a separate
affair.

It is impossible to give an estimate
of the investment required, owing to
different land values, haulage dis-
tance, etc. Aside from the land and
connection with the city water system,

if buying is done carefully and sand
and gravel are near at hand, the out-
lay for a 50-hog unit, including the
hogs should not, in our opinion, ex-
ceed \$3,000, and can probably be made
much lower. The cost per unit should
be less, of course as the piggery in-
creases in size, as saving in outlay can
be made in many ways.

Profits, also, cannot be estimated, as
all depends on management. Freedom
from disease, selling prices, and other
varying factors. Feeding to swine
is a more economical form of garbage
disposal than incineration or reduction.
The profits per pig for the time the an-
imal was retained on the municipal
farm at Lansing, Michigan, is given
as \$12.60, the selling price of pork
being 14c per pound. However, this
question, other than as to the avoid-
ance of loss should not enter into con-
sideration. This is a crucial time in
the history of the world, our first duty
being to save every pound of waste and
change it into food, and the cities
must help in every possible way.
Shortage and high prices of feed make
it almost out of the question for the
farmer to produce pork other than for
his family needs; if the cities don't
help their meatless days will very soon
become seven in the week, and our ar-
mies will have to go without, also.

For further information, or for any
assistance we can give, write to B. F.
Johnson, District Food Administrator,
Austin, Texas.

Notice

Estate of Calvin Meyers, deceased-
in the County Court of Midland
County, Texas. The State of
Texas: To the Sheriff or and
Constable of Midland County-
Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to sum-
mon Lou A. Meyers, executrix of the
estate of Calvin Meyers, deceased, by
making publication of this citation
five days previous to the return day
hereof in some newspaper of general
circulation which has been published
continuously and regularly for a pe-
riod of not less than one year in your
county, to appear before the county
judge of Midland County, Texas, at
the court house of said county in Mid-
land on the 22nd day of March, A. D.,
1918, then and there to answer the
petition of N. W. Ellis and R. D.
Healy, filed in said cause on the 9th
day of March, A. D., 1918; wherein,
they ask, as sureties on the bond of
said executrix, to be released on said
bond, and to show cause why she
should not give a new bond-as execu-
trix of said estate.

Herein fail not, but of this writ
make due return, showing how you
have executed same, to the return day
of this 9th day of March, A. D., 1918.

W. J. Sparks,
Clerk County Court, Midland County,
Texas. adv 23-2t

NOTICE PARENTS

Any father's or mother's son who
will go about town with a target gun
or air gun, or nigger-shooter and
wantonly destroy window lights in vac-
ant buildings is a criminal. If his
lawless tendencies are not curbed he
will later in life rob a bank, burglarize
a house or murder somebody if an
opportunity is presented. Midland is
infested at this time with a number
of these embryonic bandits, and the
sooner they are brought within the
pale of the law and a full measure of
justice is meted out, the better it will
be for the boys and the community.
They are being watched with this end
in view. An Irate Citizen.

HELPFUL WORDS

From a Midland Citizen
Is your back lame and painful?
Does it ache especially after exer-
tion?
Is there a soreness in the kidney
region?
These symptoms suggest weak kid-
neys.

If so there is danger in delay.
Weak kidneys get fast weaker.
Give your trouble prompt attention.
Doan's Kidney Pills are for weak
kidneys.

Your neighbors use and recommend
them.

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'I have used Doan's Kidney Pills off
and on for quite a long time and from
the results I received, I can certainly
say they are a good, reliable medi-
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weak back and they have never failed
to relieve me. Anyone troubled by
their kidneys should get a box of
Doan's at Taylor & Son's drug store.'
Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't
simply ask for a kidney remedy-get
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Mrs. Jemison had. Foster-Milburn Co.,
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BILLY SUNDAY SIZES
UP KAISER BILL

Thinks Ten Million Cuss Words Would
Be Insufficient to Fit Cut-
Throats of Germany

The Reporter don't think too much
stress can be placed upon the atroci-
ties of Germany in its frame-up war.
Evidently Billy Sunday is of a like
opinion, for the following is an ex-
cerpt from a recent lecture of his and
which has appeared in the Gulf Coast
Lumberman:

"I believe I was to say something
about the war. Now here goes. Some-
body said America is the last oppor-
tunity for heaven to redeem itself.
Germany is the last opportunity hell
has, and now this fight is between
heaven and hell, Kaiser Bill and
Woodrow Wilson. Now take your
sides.

"If there is anybody in this build-
ing who is not going to like what I
am going to say, I stand ready to
hand him his money back right this
instant, and the quicker he beats it
the better.

"Thousands of the flower of our
manhood will die on account of ONE
WEAZENED-EYED, BULL-NECKED
WITHERED-HANDED, BLACK-
HEARTED SKUNK. You must be
blind as a bat; you must be nuts if
you can't see God's hand in this war.

"That hot dog bunch across the
water and old Hindenburg are up
against a regular bunch now, and we
are going to pour patriotism into
every corner of this land and bring
out the traitors.

"Any of those who don't stand for
the stars and stripes can GO BACK
TO WHERE THEY WERE KEN-
NELED.

"We'll never forgive or forget or
make up with such a bunch of cut-
throats. Don't let anybody say we
are not fighting the German people.
That's all bunk.

"Do you think we'll let them get
away with the plea that they were
misled by that WEAZEL-HEADED,
LANC-JAWED, PUTRID-BRAINED,
MURDER-HEARTED POLTROON?

"No sir. They've had their chance
and now it is too late.

"That God-forsaken bunch of cut-
throats think they can beat us. They
have another thought coming. We
have got to get their scaly skins.

"Does that dirty bunch over there
think we are not going to retaliate
when this war is over? Well, I should
hope not!

"If they think they can dig thou-
sands of graves for the flower of our
land and spit torpedoes into our wo-
men and children and then when it is
all over come to us and smile and say,
'Let's trade together again,' we'll say,
'GO TO HELL WITH YOUR
TRADE!'

"They thought we couldn't get ships
to take our men over there, but we'll
show that dirty gang how to get to
Berlin before they can say jack rabbit.

"This whole war is a frame-up.
They've had spies planted in this
country and all parts of the world for
forty years. They are the kind we've
got to drag out and skin alive-line
up before a firing squad.

"Great God, but I get so darn mad
when I think of what idiots we have
been in letting 'em do it. A pacifist
is a traitor.

"England and France have stood
up and fought our battle like God-
fearing men for three years. Now
Woodrow and old Uncle Sammy are
in it, and we'll 'k 'em to a frazzle
and then grind the frazzles into the
mud where they belong.

"Nero was a Sunday School teacher
compared to the kaiser. God's hand
is in this war. If you can't see God's
hand in it, my good friends, you're
blind, you're nuts.

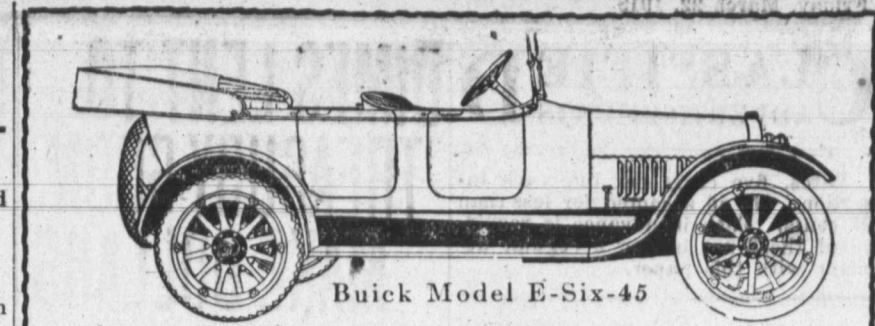
"God took a part in the battle of
the Marne. Yes, and He stood be-
hind those brave Frenchmen and help-
ed them jab their bayonets in the
paunches of the cut-throat gang. God
has different ways of doing things.

"A left hook to the jaw is many
times better than a prayer.

"I'm sorry the Lord's limitation of
the English language does not let me
go further. They make me so mad
I've got to swear. If there were ten
million cuss words in the English
language, I wouldn't be able to find
words that would fit those cut-throats.
"America is the last country in the
world to take the count from Ger-
many. If Germany puts 10,000,000
men in the field, we'll put 15,000,000.
And you fathers and mothers and sis-
ters and sweethearts, don't forget you
will not be able to tell people your
your boy is at home. Not on your
life.

"It'll be the proudest thing in the
world for you to be able to say that
your boy is lying in a grave over in
France.

"Observe meatless days and wheat-



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STANTON REPORTER
RESUMES PUBLICATION

The Stanton Reporter again comes
to our exchange table this week, and
this time the name of Miss Lela
Stamps, as editor and manager, is at
the mast-head. Miss Stamps is a most
estimable and worthy young lady, is a
practical printer, and deserves all the
support of Martin County. The first
issue of this little publication under
the new management, is newsy and
well edited, modest and devoid of any
stereotype greetings. Miss Stamps
simply asks for the co-operation of
Stanton and Martin County in her
undertaking. We congratulate the
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Leave your order for anything in
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NOTICE OF ELECTION
Notice is hereby given that at a
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the City of Midland, held on the 2nd
day of March, 1918, an election was
ordered, to be held on the first Tues-
day in April, 1918, for the purpose of
electing the following officers of the
City of Midland, for a term of two
years.

To-wit: Two Aldermen.

Said election will be held at the
county court house, in the City of Mid-
land, Texas.

Witness my official signature this,
the 2nd day of March, 1918.

H. A. Leaverton,
Mayor City of Midland.

Attest: Newmie W. Ellis,
Sec'y City of Midland. adv 22 4t

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Eat slowly, masticate your food
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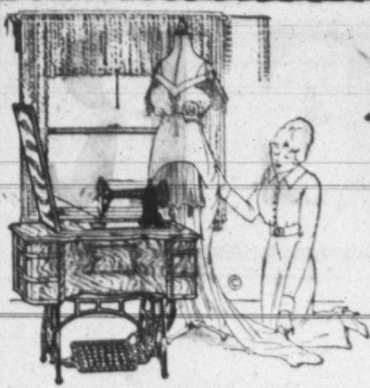
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Getting Rid of Colds

The easiest and quickest way to get rid of a cold is to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This preparation has been in use for many years and its value fully proven. No matter what remedy you use, however, care must be taken not to contract a second cold before you have recovered from the first one, and there is serious danger of this. A man of middle age or older should go to bed and stay in bed until fully recovered. It is better to stay in bed three days at the start than three weeks later on. For sale by C. A. Taylor & Son. 1mt.

Keep Well. Do not allow the poisons of undigested food to accumulate in your bowels, where they are absorbed into your system. Indigestion, constipation, headache, bad blood, and numerous other troubles are bound to follow. Keep your system clean, as thousands of others do, by taking an occasional dose of the old, reliable, vegetable, family liver medicine.

Black-Draught. Mrs. W. F. Pickle, of Rising Fawn, Ga., writes: "We have used Theford's Black-Draught as a family medicine. My mother-in-law could not take calomel as it seemed too strong for her, so she used Black-Draught as a mild laxative and liver regulator. We use it in the family and believe it is the best medicine for the liver made." Try it. Insist on the genuine—Theford's, 25c a package.

FEDERAL INCOME TAX IN BRIEF

The Requirements Boiled Down for Busy Folks.

Returns must be filed on or before April 1, 1918. Tax due may be paid now or on or before June 15, 1918. If you are single and your net income for 1917 was \$1,000 or more you must file a return. If you were married and living with wife (or husband) and had a net income of \$2,000 or more for 1917 you must file a return. Husband's and wife's income must be considered jointly, plus income of minor children. Income of a minor or incompetent, derived from a separate estate, must be reported by his legal representative. Severe penalties are provided for those who neglect or evade the law. For false or fraudulent return there is a penalty not exceeding \$2,000 fine or year's imprisonment, or both, plus 100 per cent. of tax. For failure to make return on or before April 1, 1918, fine is from \$20 to \$1,000, plus 50 per cent. of tax due. Returns must be filed with the Collector of Internal Revenue of district in which you live. An agent may file return for a person who is ill, absent from the country or otherwise incapacitated. Each return must be signed and sworn or affirmed by person executing it. Single persons are allowed \$1,000 exemption in computing normal tax. A married person living with wife (or husband) is allowed \$2,000 exemption, plus \$200 for each dependent child under 18. A head of family, though single, is allowed \$2,000 exemption if actually supporting one or more relatives. Returns must show the entire amount of earnings, gains and profits received during the year. Officials and employees are not taxable on the salaries or wages received from a state, county, city or town in the United States. Interest on state and municipal bonds issued within the U. S. is exempt from federal income tax and should be omitted. Interest on United States government bonds is also exempt, except on individual holdings of Liberty Bonds in excess of \$5,000 par value. Dividends are not subject to normal tax, but must be reported and included in net income. Gifts and legacies are not income and should not be included on the return of the beneficiary. Life insurance received as a beneficiary or as premiums paid back at maturity or surrender of policy is not income. Payments received for real or personal property sold is not income, but the profit realized thereon is income for the year of sale. Amounts received in payment of notes or mortgages is not income, but the interest on such notes or mortgages is taxable income. From the entire gross income certain allowances are made in arriving at the net income. Necessary expenses actually paid in the conduct of business, trade or profession may be claimed. A farmer can claim payments for labor, seed, fertilizer, stock feed, repairs on buildings, except his dwelling; repairs of fences and farm machinery, materials and small tools for immediate use. The amount of rent paid for a farm may also be claimed as a tenant farmer's expense. Payments for live stock are allowable if bought for resale. But if bought for breeding purposes cattle are an investment, not an expense, and cannot be allowed. A storekeeper can claim amounts paid for advertising, clerk hire, telephone, water, light and fuel, also drayage and freight bills and cost of operating and repairing wagons and trucks. A physician can claim cost of his professional supplies, rent, office help, telephone, expense of team or automobile used in making professional calls and expenses attending medical conventions. A dentist can claim similar items, except team or auto expense, which are not necessary in his profession. Expenses that are personal or connected in any way with the support or well being of a person or family are not allowable. The costs of machines, instruments, vehicles or implements that are more or less permanent in character are not allowable as an expense. They are investments. Interest paid on a mortgage or other personal indebtedness is allowable on a personal return. All taxes paid within the year can be taken out on a federal return, except federal income taxes, inheritance taxes and assessments for local improvements. Losses sustained in business or through fire, storm or shipwreck or by theft, except when compensated by insurance or otherwise. Wear and tear of rented buildings or machinery used in business may be claimed. You can claim the amount paid to the Red Cross and to other charitable, religious or educational organization to the extent of 15 per cent. of your net income.

APRIL 1 LAST DAY FOR FEDERAL RETURNS

Penalties for Income Dodgers Are Severe—Get Your Return in if You Are Liable.

April 1, 1918, is the final day allowed under the federal income tax law for the filing of federal income tax returns. Persons who are required to file returns under the provisions of law and who fail to get their returns in on time are subject to severe penalties, as follows: For making false or fraudulent return, not exceeding \$2,000 or not exceeding one year's imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of the court, and, in addition, 100 per cent. of the tax evaded. For failing to make return on time, not less than \$20 nor more than \$1,000, and, in addition, 50 per cent. of the amount of tax due. If on account of illness or absence from home you are unable to render your return within the time prescribed by law you may obtain an extension of 30 days if a request therefor is filed with the collector of your district before the due date of the return. In this request you must state the reason why the return cannot be filed within the time prescribed by law. Collectors of internal revenue are not authorized to grant extensions of more than 30 days, but the commissioner of internal revenue has authority to grant a reasonable extension beyond 30 days in meritorious cases. If you desire an extension of more than 30 days your request should be addressed to the commissioner and should contain a detailed statement covering the reasons which make it impossible for you to file your return on or before April 1. The internal revenue men are now completing their tour of the country, during which they were in touch with the people of every city and town. If you failed to get in touch with the deputy which visited your section it is not too late to get advice. Consult your postmaster as to where the nearest deputy is now. Get your blank form, study the directions and the requirements as shown thereon and make your return without fail if your income was sufficient to come within the bounds named in the law. It is pointed out by Commissioner Roper that it is important that the people comply with the federal laws as fully as they are complying with the drafts for men and the conservation of foods and fuel. "The war must be paid for," says Commissioner Roper. "Congress has as much right to conscript a just portion of income as it has to conscript our boys. The tax for 1917 is designed to reach moderate as well as large incomes, so that all persons who are in financial position to bear a portion of the heavy government expenses can be assessed in proportion to their ability to pay. "The man who is barely making a living or barely supporting a family is not affected by the 1917 law. But the man who is able to bear a share of the burden has been reached by the new law, and he should accept his responsibility in the same patriotic spirit that our young men have shown in offering themselves for this great purpose of the country to make the world safe for people of all kinds to live in and to govern themselves. "This tax is one which recognizes women as on an equal basis with men. The unmarried woman or the married woman with a salary must make tax return just the same as any man. Only the woman supporting her mother or other members of her family may take out \$2,000 exemption. Under the law the head of the family is the one whose earning power contributes to the family's support. Similarly a widow with small children to support can take out \$2,000 exemption and \$200 additional exemption for each of her children under eighteen. Thus it is intended that the law shall work no hardship to women having to struggle to get along. But each must file her return if her income is \$1,000. A man whose wife dies and who is left with small children to support upon a moderate income may also take full exemption under the new tax law and also claim \$200 exemption for each of his children under eighteen. The widower under the law is a single man and must make tax return accordingly. Married men need not file returns unless they are earning \$2,000 or more. "This is as much a national obligation as the reporting for duty of a man drafted for service with the colors," says D. C. Roper, commissioner of internal revenue. "As it stands, it is much a matter of the man or woman's own conscience. It is for him or for her to determine just how far he is liable to the tax. He must figure his own income and if it reaches the figures named in the law must make faithful report upon it to the proper authority. "This tax is distinctly a war measure and will be in effect during the war. "This is a people's tax—it reaches right down into the pockets of the small wage earner; it makes him a partner in the job of winning the war."

Better than three out of every four cars leave the factories on Goodyear cord tires. Let the Western Auto Supply Company put a cord tire on for you the next time that you need a tire. adv20ft

ROSCOE MITCHELL



Roscoe Mitchell, who distinguished himself as a speaker during the Liberty Loan campaign, was a representative in Europe of the United States Food Administration Commission to investigate food conditions in the nations who are associated with us in war. He will tour Northern Texas during the week of March 17-23, opening his engagement at Dallas on March 17, and then going to Sherman, March 18; Fort Worth, March 19; Waco, March 20; Corsicana, March 21; Greenville, March 22, and Texarkana on March 23. Touring Northern Texas with Mr. Mitchell and speaking for the Food Administration are also Miss Elizabeth Kelly and John D. Barry. These two speakers will speak at Denison, McKinney, Weatherford, Denton, Cleburne, Ennis, Waxahatchie, Terrell, Paris, Clarksville and Mt. Pleasant. Mr. Mitchell's trip through England and France under the auspices of the Food Administration was for the purpose of observing actual conditions under which the civilian population and the armies live, and these actual conditions with the comparative obligations they impose on the United States, to will present in his address. European officials extended every courtesy to Mr. Mitchell and his associates on the U. S. Food Administration's Commission in order that the survey might be accurate and in a measure official. Mr. Mitchell was taken through the army camps, Mexico and French-speaking days with the fighting men and living on the ration served the soldiers. His visit to General Pershing's camp, and his talks with American staff officers, will prove to be deeply interesting to Americans generally who will also be interested in Mr. Mitchell's report of actual conditions in France and England.

FISHERMEN MUST GET LICENSE TO OPERATE

REGULATION ALSO APPLIES TO DEALERS IN SALT WATER FISH, OYSTERS, ETC. After February 15 all salt water fishermen and distributors of seafood not already licensed will be required to operate under license granted by the United States Food Administration, and Administrator E. A. Peden has sent notices to the fishermen and dealers affected by the new rules and regulations to apply at once for their licenses to the license division at Washington. Notice has been sent through the representatives of the fish, game and oyster commission. The proclamation covers all fishermen engaged in any period of fishing, whether fishing independently or on shares. It covers, as well, all persons in the commercial distribution, including catching and selling of any or all varieties of salt water fish. The term salt water fish is defined to embrace all forms of seafood taken from salt water. This includes crabs, lobsters, clams, all shell fish and crustaceans under the control of the Food Administration. Any person, firm, corporation or association engaged in catching or distribution of any form of seafoods who engages in business after February 15 without securing a license, will be liable to a fine of not more than \$5,000, or imprisonment for not more than one year, or to both fine and imprisonment. Application blanks for license can be obtained in the larger fishing districts on the coast from wholesale fish distributors or from the Food Administration in Washington direct. When filled out they should be mailed to the United States Food Administration, License Division, Washington, D. C. This division will also answer any requests for information. The Food Administration does not intend to regulate the price of fish and seafoods in the fishing districts, and distributions and prices, so far as fishermen and producers are concerned, will move along natural lines as before.

TEN TONS COTTON SEED MEAL IS WHOLESALE LOT

Any quantity of ten tons or more of cotton seed meal shall be considered a wholesale proposition, according to a new ruling of the cotton division of the Food Administration. The buyer of such a quantity shall not be charged more than the agreed price, plus drayage or cartage that may be necessary to make delivery. All sales of cotton seed meal consisting of less than ten tons is considered a retail sale, for which not exceeding more than \$2.50 per ton above the agreed wholesale price may be charged.

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First National Bank



Condition on Nov. 20th, 1917

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Bad Taste in Your Mouth. When you have a bad taste in your mouth you may know that your digestion is faulty. A dose of Chamberlain's Tablets will usually correct the disorder. They also cause a gentle movement of the bowels. You will find this to be one of the best medicines you have ever become acquainted with. For sale by C. A. Taylor & Son. adv 1mt. We would like to accommodate everybody, but can not possibly do so. Midland Fuel Company. adv 16 ft

We Will be Pleased to Have You Discuss Your Cattle Loan With Us.

Capital \$100,000, coupled with other resources and unsurpassed connections, we feel amply able to take care of your needs, no matter how large. Small loans will also receive careful consideration.

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Grocery and Confectionery. A nice line of groceries delivered to any part of city. A modern, sanitary restaurant where the best the market affords, is served to eat. An up-to-date confectionery, where choice confections and soft drinks are dispensed. We Solicit Your Business. Lee Heard & Son, Props. Phone 147

Good Service

Means promptness, accuracy, full weight, cleanliness, wholesomeness and a square deal all the time, according to our interpretation, and this is the kind of service we try to give. We appreciate your business.

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to give our time and efforts to the smallest need of our customers. This service is uniformly extended to large and small patrons.

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TRUE DEFINITION OF A "PRO-GERMAN"

He is Against Us For He Favors Germany and Amongst Us He is Contemtable

There are "pro-Germans" everywhere. Even Midland, we are afraid, is not free of them. The Gulf Coast Lumberman, in a recent issue, defines a "pro-German" in the following comment:

In the same measure that we as a nation—have been all too lenient in our treatment of those alien enemies whom we catch red handed acting as spies for the Imperial Kaiser of Hell, so are we also disposed to thoughtlessly underestimate the seriousness of the condition which we are pleased to call—"Pro-German."

What is a "Pro-German," anyway? Let's consider.

A "Pro-German," according to the general definition, is one who is in favor of Germany winning the war. But get down to the roots of the thing and what is he?

Nothing more—nor less—than this: He is in sympathy with the German methods of warfare!

He believes in the torture of little children!

He believes in the crucifixion of women!

He believes in the emasculation of prisoners of war!

He believes in wholesale rape!

He believes in nameless mutilation of God-fearing women!

He believes in the commitment of every outrage, every horror, every bestiality, every indecency, every hopeless crime against God and man, woman and child, that the sewer-like mind of any army of men-beasts, urged on by a Master Beast, can conceive of.

He believes in the pillage of the whole world; in the enslavement of mankind by a hideous monster; he believes in everything that is wrong, and nothing that is right; he is not only willing but anxious to see the whole world drowned in blood and tears for all time to come.

In short—he accepts a share in the responsibility for every mentionable and unmentionable crime committed by the army of the Beast since the war started as an accomplice and accessory.

THERE IS NO MIDDLE PATH TODAY, my Christian friends!

You are either FOR Germany or against her!

You are either FOR right—or

CHAS. L. PARKER DIED IN DALLAS

Heart Failure During Operation Causes Instant Death—Remains Shipped to Pecos

The many friends of Charles L. Parker were shocked Wednesday morning when a message came that he had passed away during an operation for appendicitis at 7:30 that morning in the Dallas sanitarium, heart failure being assigned as the cause of his sudden death.

Charles, as he was known among his many friends in Midland, was one of our finest young men. We say "our," for although he was living in Pecos at the time of his death and although much of his boyhood was spent on the "Y-Bar" ranch, his high school life was spent with us where he graduated with honors from our high school. He was the soul of honor, quiet, unassuming, friendly, and numbered his friends by those who knew him. During his high school days in Midland, he made a profession of religion and joined the Baptist church, and all who knew him recognized in him a high toned Christian gentleman, one who manifested in his daily walk and conversation the spirit of the Master.

After leaving the high school here, Charles spent three years and a half in the University of Texas, leaving the university on account of ill health. While there he met Miss Jane Dawson, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University, whom he afterwards married. Their lives together have been lives of happiness. Their home was in Pecos where Charles held a responsible position in the First National Bank.

Charles was reared by his sister, Mrs. J. T. McElroy, who all but idolized him and to whom he was devoted as few brothers are devoted to a sister. He was a kind brother, a devoted husband, a true friend, a noble Christian young man. The Reporter joins with the many friends in Midland and elsewhere in extending deep sympathy to the bereaved loved ones.

against it! You are either a man—or a barbarian! Classify yourself!

J. P. Combest, cowman from Cooper, N. M., was here this week on business and reports light rains last week.

NEWS FROM ANDREWS By Mrs. "X"

Let Him Live

As long as the flowers their perfume give,
So long I'd let the Kaiser live—
Live and live for a million years,
With nothing to drink but Belgian tears;
With nothing to quench his awful thirst
But the salty brine of a Scotchman's curse.

I would let him live on a dinner each day,
Served with silver on a golden tray—
Served with things both dainty and sweet—
Served with every thing but things to eat.

And I'd make him a bed of silken sheen,
With costly linens to lie between,
With covers of down and fillets of lace,
And downy pillows piled in place;
Yet when to its comfort he would yield,
It would stink with the rot of the battle field,
And blood and brains and bones of men
Should cover him, smother him—and then,
His pillow would cling with the rotten clay—
Clay from the grave of a soldier boy,
And while God's stars their vigil keep,
And while the waves the white sands sweep,
He should never, never, never sleep.

And through all the days, through all the years,
There should be an anthem in his ears,
Ringing and singing and never done,
From the edge of light to the set of sun,
Moaning and moaning and mooring wild—
A ravaged French girl's bastard child!

And I would build him a castle by the sea,
As fine a castle as ever could be;
Then I'd show him a ship from over the sea,
As fine a ship as ever could be,
Laden with water lilies and sweet,
Laden with everything good to eat;
Yet scarce does she touch the silvered sands.

Scarce may he reach his eager hands,
Till a hot and hellish molten shell
Should turn his heaven into hell;
And though he would watch on the wind-swept shore,
Our Lasitania would rise no more!

In "No Man's Land" where the Irish fell,
I'd start the Kaiser a private hell;
I'd jab him, stab him, give him gas;
In every wound I'd pour ground glass;
I would march him out where the brave boys died—
Out past the lads they crucified;
In the fearful gloom of his awful tomb,
There is one thing I'd do before I was through;
I'd make him sing in a stirring manner,
The wonderful words of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The athletic meet will be held at Andrews on the 12th of April, in which will be decided the district contestants in racing, jumping, etc. On the night of April 12th the literary contest will be held. This includes declaiming, reading, spelling and story telling. An enjoyable time is expected and it is hoped that all schools in the county will be represented. An invitation is extended to all. No admission.

The list of grand jurors during the term of court were as follows: John Castleberry, foreman; Jess Slaughter, Will Underwood, J. V. Gowl, Geo. Gates, A. B. Snipes, Guthrie Allen, Hunter Irwin, G. E. Sutphen, A. W. Logsdon, T. M. Moore and Henry Vaden. The grand jury adjourned Monday afternoon, no bills having been found.

The boys of the Stanton high school played the boys of the Andrews high school on the Andrews school grounds Saturday, Stanton winning, the score being 20-24. Our boys did excellent team work and it was a very exciting game all the way through.

On March 29th the school will present a play entitled "Jumbo Jim," admission 25 cents. Then on April the 3rd will be another play, "Maidens all Fyrlorn." Admission 25 cents. The proceeds will go to the basket ball team.

The young people enjoyed a party Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Brown.

EASTER



Easter comes on March 31, this year, and that is unusually early.

Dame Fashion demands that we be prepared on that occasion, and we are ready to supply you with the most up-to-date spring apparel. We realize that this is not a time for spending money promiscuously, for clothes, and that every dollar spent must be spent profitably. With this fact in mind, we have bought our spring merchandise in the most practical way possible. Our spring clothing is not cheap, but it is economical. We have combined style and quality and shall sell at the lowest possible price. We are able to give you unusual values because we sell for cash.

Ready-to-Wear Department We invite you to call in and see our Dresses, Suits, Skirts, Blouses, Petticoats and the various other articles in this department. We have in the last few days received another lot of "Anderson Gingham" Dresses, in very attractive styles and colors, that sell for \$5.50 and \$7.00. It is a pleasure for our clerks to show you our goods, and we want you to see them whether you buy or not. We are here to serve you.

Dry Goods and Staple Department Now is the time to buy dress goods. We bought early, and can give you the best prices in Tissue Gingham, Imperial Chambray, Percalé and Gingham. Have you seen the new Collars and Neckwear for Ladies? We have all the new styles in Fillet Lace and other materials. Our stock has been replenished in all the lines of staple goods and we are anxious to supply your wants.

Men's and Boys' Department Let us prove to you that we can save you money on a suit. We have suit values and styles in Kuppenheimer and Kirschbaum suits that will cost you 25 per cent less than "Order Book" prices. We can fit you. Come here to buy your Easter Hat, Shoes, Shirts and accessories.

EVERYBODY'S

J. H. BARRON, Prop.

District court met last Monday with Judge Chas. Gibbs presiding. The business at this term was quickly disposed of. The only cases tried were a number of delinquent tax suits.

Mr. Burl Holloway returned to Midland Monday after a week's visit to his ranch west of Andrews. Mr. Holloway reports cattle doing exceptionally well on his ranch.

Bob Hendrick, of Denison, after visiting his brother, G. W. Hendrick, returned home Sunday accompanied by his nephew, Cecil Hendrick.

Mrs. M. I. Gibson after visiting her sister Mrs. J. E. Parker returned to her home in Mertzon, this week.

Andrew King, of near Shafter Lake was in town a few days this week attending to legal business.

Rev. W. E. Lyon, the presiding elder, will occupy the pulpit at the Methodist church Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Parker went to Midland one day this week to accompany her sister, Mrs. Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. Thornberry and daughters were in this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lary Shields.

J. H. Routh and Lee Maddox have been working over the phone lines at Florey this week.

District Attorney Garrard, of Midland, was here Monday attending district court.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Savage have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Means this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn Reiger were in from their ranch east of Andrews on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Brown were in Midland shopping last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hendrick were here from Fasken, Saturday.

Henry Scott was here Saturday from Shafter Lake.

C. W. Logsdon returned from a visit to Clyde this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Irwin were in town Monday.

THE NEW STORE OPENED YESTERDAY
The new store, with Frank Dyer and J. E. Shumate in charge, opened its doors, next door north of the post-office, yesterday, and the first day was splendidly satisfactory. The sales were unexpectedly large, and the establishment promises to become very popular.

Marvin Storey and Taylor Gardner have bought the tailoring business of John Motyl and are located in the building next door south of the old Warnock Cafe. See their advertisement elsewhere in The Reporter. These young men guarantee to please you in all their work.

J. T. Inman, of Elgin, Okla., was a brief visitor this week, a guest of his brother, J. P. Inman, for only one night. He was on his return home after a visit to another brother in Northwest New Mexico.

Dr. Buchanan's practice is limited exclusively to diseases of eye, ear, nose and throat and the fitting of glasses. He will be in his Midland office as usual, tomorrow, Saturday.

W. T. Crier is here again this week from his farm near Abilene. He reports promising crop prospects.

G. W. Thaxter, former chief engineer of the M. & N. W., is with us this week from Kansas City, on business.

Mrs. W. T. Beauchamp returned this week from Fort Worth, where she has been assisting her sister, Mrs. Hull, in nursing the latter's eighteen months old baby girl, that passed away this week, after a lingering illness.

Gordon Reiger was in from his New Mexico ranch near Roswell, this week and reports stock of all kinds coming very well.

Forest Kelley came in from the "C" ranch this week and reports that he has killed prairie dogs over 140 sections. He ordered The Reporter.

Billy Epley was on the streets last Wednesday from his ranch 25 miles northeast of town and gives pretty fair reports.

J. V. Barnes, of Andrews County, was in town this week and reports that he has recently sold a bunch of cows at satisfactory prices.

A. E. Blitch, M. & N. W., Ry. agent at Fasken, was in the city this week on business and says they are expecting steel rails by the first of next month.

Marvin Roberts received a telegram Monday from Fort Worth informing him of the critical illness of his father.

Y. E. Kerr, a young cow man from Odessa, accompanied by his father, were in the city this week.

Brooks Estes and family were in town this week from their ranch and reports no losses.

Appeal to Midland Red Cross Members

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I am willing to offer my spare time and work for that purpose. I am also authorized to offer \$50 to the Red Cross for the first car you are saving, \$100 for the second, etc.

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