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## FARMERS TO BE INVITED TO SEE WORK STARTED ON RED BLUFF

An inspection of the Red Bluff dam site during the first week in June when every farmer in the territory to be benefited by the construction of the Red Bluff reservoir will be invited to the site for the purpose of inspection and seeing the work being carried on by the governmental surveying party was planned at a meeting of the Pecos Valley Water Users' Association of Texas at Grandfalls this week.

Word has been received that the core drilling outfit, which will explore the underlying strata of the reservoir site and determine its water tightness will reach the site late in May, delays occasioned by the necessity of additional explorations having caused the date to be set back again. When these core drills are completed the investigations of the U. S. Reclamation Service will have been completed, and engineer Fred Bonstedt will forward his report to the Washington headquarters for action.

If the report is as favorable as investigations by engineers employed by the farmers lead the farmer to expect the reservoir will probably be constructed under the terms of the Smith-McNary bill now before congress.

Arrangements for the trip have been placed in the hands of Walter N. Sutherland, secretary of the Pecos Chamber of Commerce, and announcement of the date will await the arrival of the machinery on the grounds.

At the Grandfalls meeting all differences between the eight members of the association were ironed out by a decision to decide all matters by a two thirds instead of a majority vote. For some time the method of voting has been under discussion and has delayed the completion of the organization. Some of the larger districts contended for a vote on the acreage basis while the smaller districts desired each district to have equal representation in order that they would not be overwhelmed and the control of the organization made possible for three districts. By the compromise agreement some of the larger or some of the small districts must join with the majority to carry a proposal.

Under the by-laws as finally adopted the association is given power to contract with the government for the construction of irrigation work and to handle all power rights incident to the construction of the dam.

The association is now under contract with the U. S. Reclamation service for the geological survey of the dam site which the core drilling will complete. For this work the sum of \$5,000 is held in deposit by the government and will be utilized to pay for whatever investigations have been made.

The Red Bluff reservoir site is located on the Pecos River about three miles north of the New-Mexico-Texas state line. A line of hills known as the Red Bluff hills are divided by the Pecos River for the space of a quarter of a mile, and it is at this point that it is proposed to construct the dam backing the water up the Pecos River toward Malaga for eighteen miles and providing a reservoir calculated to be large enough to store water sufficient for 160,000 acres of farm land. Governmental figures on the flow of the Pecos River at this point over a period of years shows that a sufficient amount of water flows by the dam site to provide the waters needed for irrigating that amount of land. R. G. West of the Texas board of Water Engineers and the Reclamation Service is to reconstruct the water measuring device at the reservoir site next week.

The waters of both the Delaware and the Black Rivers will be caught in addition to the natural flow of the Pecos River set by the courts as 100 second feet, and this flow is believed to be ample.

Seven districts and a proposed district fathered by the Pecos Chamber of Commerce have been allotted water from the reservoir according to the amount of acreage in the present districts, and these figures total 159,389 acres. Provision is made in the by-laws for the admission of additional acreage by a three-fourth vote of the membership if the water supply proves sufficient.

The districts which are members of the association and the acreages allotted to each district are as follows:

Barstow district, 22,930 acres; Grandfalls district, 44,359 acres; Cedervale district, approximately 5,000 acres; Imperial district, 25,000 acres; Pecos River Reservoir Irrigation Company, 31,500 acres; Porterville district, 2,500 acres; Farmers Independent district, 10,000 acres; Proposed Pecos district, 20,000 acres.

The Pecos district has not been definitely located as yet, but the

## DISTRICT COURT SPENDS BUSY WEEK GRAND JURY REPORT

District Court convened Monday, Judge Gibbs presiding. The suit of the First National Bank vs. Max Ritz in which a verdict for plaintiff having been rendered by a previous trial and which verdict was reversed by the court of Civil Appeals was retried this week and resulted in a verdict for Ritz. The other important case was between the Standard Sulphur Company of New Orleans and the Commercial Finance Company of Detroit, Mich. Suit was for possession of a large amount of railroad iron, bolts and ties, now in possession of the Toyah Valley Sulphur Company at Orla, Texas. The jury rendered an instructed verdict for the Finance Company.

The grand jury handed in its report which is published in full and both juries were discharged for the term, although Judge Gibbs has ordered court to convene on Monday, May 29th at 10 a. m. Several criminal cases will be called at that time.

The case of Gunn vs. Gunn for divorce is continued as defendant G. B. Gunn has neither been served nor filed a waiver.

Pecos, Texas, May 10, 1922. To the Honorable Chas. Gibbs, Judge of the District Court, Reeves County, Texas:—

We beg leave to report to Your Honor that we have completed our labors. We have been in session for five days during this term and have reported into court 44 bills of indictment, of which 13 are for felony offenses and the remainder for misdemeanor offenses. We have had before us many witnesses from Toyah, Pecos and Balmorhea. We call attention to the fact that practically all the misdemeanor offenses are for gaming, and this jury has made a special effort to ferret out evidence upon which to base indictments for gaming and have given attention to the local situation as to the violation of the liquor laws of the State, in keeping with the charge of Your Honor when we were impanelled.

We find no crime wave prevailing in Reeves county and we believe and hope that our efforts will clarify the situation as to law enforcement.

We have had the full co-operation of the sheriff of the county and his force in our labors and commend his efforts toward aiding us and which aid has been of material assistance in our work. We desire to especially commend Mr. Baker, the district attorney, who has given us full and complete co-operation in our labors and has exerted every energy towards the examination of witnesses to the end that facts might be developed and brought from such witnesses upon which to base indictments, and feel that his work before the grand jury at this term deserves this special mention, since many of the jurors have had experience and the opportunity to observe the effect of the work of the attorney before the grand jury and know that much depends upon such work in the development of facts.

We recommend that this report be published in the Reeves county paper.

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RAY ARNOLD.

Tom Roberts and T. T. Downes of Toyah, were in Pecos this week doing jury service and made the Enterprise a very pleasant visit while here.

Chamber of Commerce is given power to place the water rights for 20,000 acres wherever the organization may think it most useful.

The officers of the association as the committee names are as follows: President, W. H. Browning, Jr., Pecos; vice-president, W. H. Grey, Beunavista; treasurer, J. G. Love, Pecos; secretary, J. H. Boogher, Grandfalls. Members executive committee—from Barstow district, J. H. Miller and R. B. Thurston; from Cedervale district, Lee Monroe, and B. T. Biggs; from Grandfalls district, J. M. Boogher and John Miller; from Imperial district, E. E. Barren and J. Hagg; from Pecos River district, R. H. Grey and J. F. McKee; from Porterville district, William Mayer and Floyd Goodrich; from Pecos Chamber of Commerce, W. H. Browning, Jr., and Dr. Jim Camp.

Committees—Executive, Dr. Jim Camp, E. B. Barron and J. H. Boogher; financial John Miller, J. H. Miller and William Meyer; legislative, R. H. Grey, C. K. McKnight and B. T. Biggs.

## R. E. TAYLOR MAKES TRIP TO SAN ANGELO REPORTS MUCH RAIN

R. E. Taylor, who owns one of the finest cattle, sheep and goat ranches in the south part of New Mexico, bordering on Texas, was in Pecos Wednesday on his way home from San Angelo where he attended a quarterly meeting of the executive committee of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association. Mr. Taylor states that the association will hold its annual meet at San Angelo on June 27-28-9 and 30th, at which time they will celebrate in true western style. On the first day they will have a free barbecue and barbecue, hot from from the pit on sale daily thereafter. Besides this there will be speaking from prominent men from all over Texas, including the governor, if it be possible to get him at that time. Mr. Taylor also states that he expects Congressman Hudspeth to be on hand on this occasion. He states that there will be every manner of attraction that can be secured and that the entertainment will be the best the association has yet had if no slip be made in the arrangements now planned.

When asked about that country Mr. Taylor said, "I could not tell much about it for the superabundance of water to be seen everywhere. The lakes were all full and there was water everywhere you looked so that you could not tell much about it. "However," he said "the grass is green and will be fine now in a short time." Mr. Taylor states that one of the most unusual sights seen by him on the entire trip was a small windmill clipping off at the rate of about a mile a minute pumping water into a lake the water in which stood about half way to the top of the tower and covering about fifty acres of land.

Mr. Taylor is up-to-snuff when it comes to raising cattle, sheep and goats, and is not to be sneezed at as regards his wealth in his family which numbers some ten or twelve. He is congenial and jolly and one whom you are pleased to meet with along the journey of life—always adding something cheerful and agreeable to the routine of life. He paid the editor of the Enterprise a most delightful visit while here and left literature regarding his association and the big annual meeting to be pulled off in San Angelo in June, leaving a pressing invitation to the editor to be there.

## Wm. J. Bryan Speaks At Balmorhea

William Jennings Bryan, thrice candidate for the presidency, delivered an address to the citizens of Balmorhea yesterday. The entire school of that town and Saragosa were rounded up to hear the address. His remarks were principally confined to the advantages of education, its usefulness and the satisfactory results attained thereby. His discourse was received with applause and approval and the silver-tongued orator left for El Paso. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan are traveling to California by auto, Mrs. Bryan is crippled with a complicated form of rheumatism and is practically helpless. She is a member of the legal fraternity, and is considered a very brilliant woman, but has not practiced law for some time.

## Judge E. F. Higgins Is Pecos Visitor

The Hon. E. F. Higgins, whose announcement as a candidate for re-election as associate justice of the court of Civil Appeals for the eighth judicial district appears in another column, was a welcome visitor to Reeves county last week. Judge Higgins is an old citizen of Pecos, having lived here, quite some time ago. Many of the old time residents were glad to see him and the very favorable impression he created with new friends have made many improvements in his political fences. Judge Higgins resides in El Paso and the judicial district to which he is attached covers a wide territory. He has the confidence and respect of the best legal talent in his judicial field and through his gentlemanly bearing and cordial greeting towards his constituents, his request for re-election is well fortified.

## Proposed Rodeo For Balmorhea

It is rumored on the streets that an extensive rodeo will be held on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th of July at Balmorhea. The preliminaries are well under way and if matters materialize as anticipated the valley ranchmen will entertain in their usual and hospitable style.

W. A. Estes prominent ranchman of Monahans, is here this week.

## PECOS HAS CHANCE FOR TRUNK TELEPHONE LINE

Armed with a thick sheaf of facts and figures about the Pecos territory H. S. Snell, industrial engineer, left on Thursday to make a report to the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company regarding the revenue possibilities of a long distance telephone connection for Pecos.

Mr. Snell spent about five days in the Pecos territory, and in the territory covered by the connection of the Pecos & Northwestern Telephone Company, which by a recent connection extends as far south as Marfa and Alpine, making a careful collection of data showing the amount of business done in each section from which he will compile an estimate of the probable revenue to the phone company.

While in Pecos Mr. Snell obtained a great deal of information from the officials of the telephone company, the Chamber of Commerce and J. G. Love, president of the Pecos Valley State Bank.

The investigator is not an official of the phone company, but as he explained it, he had been employed by the company to make the survey. It is understood that his report will show the probable revenue to be obtained through the Pecos office, and that the matter will then be referred to the engineering department for an estimate as to the necessary expenditure to connect Pecos with the Bell system. If the estimated revenue is sufficient to indicate that it would pay interest on the investment then Pecos will in all probability have more long distance connections and citizens will be able to talk to Los Angeles or New York from their homes if desired.

While Mr. Snell gave no inkling of the plans of the company it is understood that if a connection is made that a trunk line would be built along the T. & P. from Big Spring to El Paso through Pecos giving Pecos quick connections in either direction.

Since the local phone company was purchased by Mr. I. Sparks and his son, Ralph Sparks, two years ago the company has made a large number of improvements, planned additional improvements and made a number of extension of the system.

At the present time Pecos is connected with the Davis Mountain country and the towns of Alpine and Marfa through the most recent extension.

Considerable money has been spent in improving the city lines of the company, and several thousand dollars was used recently in installing cables instead of open wires through the business and residence district. The company has ambitious plans for the future as fast as the revenue received by the company will permit.

## Parent-Teachers Elect Officers

The Parent-Teachers Association held its last meeting for the school year Friday afternoon at the school building. There was a goodly number in attendance. The award of the one-fourth holiday for the greatest number of mothers present went to the third, the sixth and the seventh grades. Reports from the various committees showed that a splendid year's work had been accomplished, and the association expressed its appreciation to the retiring officers for their efficiency and faithfulness to duty by a rising vote of thanks.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. W. W. Dean; vice president, Mrs. L. W. Anderson; first vice president, Mrs. J. E. Starley; second vice president, Mrs. Pat Wilson; third vice president, Mrs. M. W. Collie; recording secretary, Mrs. Elmer Johnson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. John Hibdon.

## TOYAH VALLEY ALFALFA

There will be harvested by the Toyah Valley Alfalfa farmers this year about 4500 acres in hay. Some of the more advanced crop is being harvested this week and most all the first cutting will be under way within the next ten days.

We are informed by J. G. Love, President of the Pecos Valley Bank, who has made an extensive survey of the field, that the yield will be gratifying to the farmers and that an average of one ton to the acre will be harvested, and 350 cars will be shipped from the first cutting and at any reasonable price for new pea green the growers should realize a fair compensation for their investment and labor.

Arbitrary freight rates have been the predominant drawback to marketing the valley crop and if any advantages to the farmers along this line would become operative; the hay producer would realize a fair income for his efforts.

## BELL NO. 1 GETTING DOWN TO CRITICAL POINT—RIVER WELL STILL DRILLING—REPORT OF FIELD

### BELL NO. 1 WELL.

Prospects for the early completion of the Bell No. 1, are bright as a result of the progress made during the past week. Considerable delay incident to the lack of sufficient fuel as result of traffic tie-ups following the storm, and some difficulty in removing the packed-in cuttings from the hole has threatened a further delay, but the progress made during the last few days indicates that the setting of the casing and the start to drill into the gas formation is but a short time ahead.

This well is again showing a great amount of oil and gas as a result of reaming through the three hundred odd feet of oil saturated formation which preceded the formation carrying the heavy gas flow, estimated at 10,000,000 cubic feet daily, and bailers of oil are being taken from the well daily.

Every effort is being made to speed-up operations, and late this week the drill had cleaned out to within forty feet from the bottom of the hole, and the reamer was within 150 feet of the bottom, this work remaining being such as it was estimated that it could be completed in four to five days.

The additional casing needed to carry the five inch string to 2700 feet reached the well this week and will be set, according to announcement as soon as the hole is cleaned out.

Ira J. Bell, trustee of the company, is in touch with a large number of independent oil operators in Texas, who are expressing a great deal of interest in the result of the Bell test, and a number of these are expected to reach Pecos when the well is drilled in.

### TOYAH BELL NO. 2 WELL.

A new string of six inch casing has been ordered for the Toyah Bell, and is expected in Pecos next week. The new plans for this well are understood to contemplate slipping this six inch casing over the five inch casing now in the well, so that the latter may be more easily pulled. The six inch swedge at the bottom of the five inch casing is to be broken off.

It is reported at the well that the swedge has been able to go to 3,000 feet from the top in the five inch casing, and not much difficulty is expected in putting the bottom 1,000 feet in shape to be pulled. The oil flows, while irregular, continue at the Toyah Bell and many estimates have placed the amount at fifty and seventy-five barrels daily. Due, however, to the condition of the hole the production is not causing the excitement that would otherwise result.

### RIVER WELL.

Work at the River well has been continued during the week through the efforts of Mr. C. A. Owens, and a few of his local associates, and the drill late this week was below 4360 feet still working in a grey lime formation showing a small amount of oil, while an encouraging amount of gas rises from the well.

The cuttings from this well have been thoroughly examined by Drue D. Christner, consulting geologist, who is thoroughly acquainted with conditions in the Pecos territory, and he has emphatically recommended that the drill be kept in operation at all costs. The cuttings indicates that the drill is working in the formation that overlies the Delaware lime and Delaware sands, and although the formation is proving thicker in the River well territory than farther to the north in the field the conditions are reported to be such that it is considered a legitimate expenditure of money to continue operations.

### PECOS-ANGELES WELL.

Expectations are that the reaming operations and the setting of casing in the Pecos-Angeles well will be completed next week. Mr. O. F. Scherer, secretary and manager of the company, states that on the completion of this work the well will be shut down for a time pending the completion of certain arrangements. The company has recently lost a large number of permits through expiration, and Mr. Scherer states that the acreage now held by the company does not justify the continuance of operations, until other arrangements are made.

### LOS PECOS WELL.

Drilling was resumed at the Los Pecos well this week following a mechanical delay, and operations are being pushed.

### WILLOUGHBY WELL.

After successfully and completely shutting off the water with the mudding in process at the Willoughby No. 1, and starting the drill after some weeks delay it was discovered that the shoe had in some manner been jammed and the casing had to be pulled in order to put in a new one. This work was begun the early part of this week. This it is believed, will cause only a short further delay, according to Mr. Willoughby, who is in charge of the well.

The showing of oil and gas in this well are such that they will not attempt to drill further until the hole is clear of water and everything is in readiness to take care of the oil which Mr. Willoughby confidently expects to strike in a very short time after drilling is resumed.

### LAURA WELL.

The six inch casing had reached the bottom of the 2400 foot in the Laura well this week, although numerous delays had resulted from the difficulty in obtaining fuel. Drilling is to be immediately resumed, it is understood, and an effort will be made to carry the casing to 2700 feet before it is to be set. It was necessary to use this casing because of caving formations in the well.

## Couple Landed in Jail Charged With Burglary

About two or three months ago J. C. Hunter and son, Leonard, passed through Balmorhea with a wagon and team bound west. They carried three or four days and are alleged to have appropriated a game rooster, valued at \$50.00. Last Wednesday they returned and from the load of supposed loot which they carried they seemed to have experienced a very profitable trip. They are accused of burglary on this visit and the direct evidence is feed, harness, etc., taken from the Balmorhea Mercantile Company's store and the store operated by L. R. Wilson. They were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Massey, who recognized his former visitors. This man and his son are evidently sporting characters as they had in their possession the identical rooster stolen on the first visit and the bird was fully equipped with steel spurs and evidently had fought a few battles during its enforced absence. There were other game birds with the outfit besides a miscellaneous assortment of supposed loot consisting of a set of dental tools, electrical tools, water bags, new boots, new folding cots, blankets, a roll of leather and other articles. Father and son were brought to Pecos and lodged in jail by the sheriff and his deputy. Indictment has been returned by the grand jury and their trial is set for May 29th.

## Earle B. Mayfield Visits Pecos

Earl B. Mayfield, candidate for U. S. Senator visited us lately in the interest of his campaign and to become better acquainted with our people.

He is affable, interesting and likable and makes a strong plea for many needed improvements in laws which would benefit the public at large as well as the taxpayers of his own state.

He advocates that rate making powers should be restored to the State Railroad Commission, of which he has been a valued member for a long time. Among other economic measures are the reduction of the number of federal employees, the reduction of excessive appropriations.

He is strong for longer-term credits for farmers and stockmen; absolute prohibition of immigration for a period of two years; separation of church and state; enforcement of laws through regularly constituted channels and for making first violation of the prohibition law a felony. Mr. Mayfield made many new friends in Reeves county.

## Off to Baptist Convention at Jacksonville

The Southern Baptist Convention will be held at Jacksonville, Florida, the latter part of next week. Rev. J. M. Garner and Miss Warren Collins, our very efficient assistant postmaster, will attend as delegates. They will leave here tomorrow or Sunday. It is the intention of Miss Collings to extend her trip from Jacksonville to Cuba returning by other points of interest. Her annual vacation from her postoffice duties affords this chance of well deserved outing.



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**SOMETHING ALWAYS HAPPENING ON THIS OLD WORLD OF OURS**

The following interesting story written by Nora Cole Skinner appeared in Sunday's Dallas News: It seems that we live on excitement. If it isn't one thing it's something else. And this is true not only for the individual, but for the Nation.

We often hear the expression, "What will the papers have to talk about when this question is settled?" or, "What would they have done for news if such and such a thing had not happened?"

Don't worry. It is always happening. With 1,500,000,000 people milling around all over the earth, something is happening every minute, and the main worry with the papers is what to leave out. Thrills a-plenty, and we jump from one current to another.

It must have been a placid, restful world in the long ago before the advent of the telegraph and the telephone. Our own neighborhood furnished our daily grist of news; happenings of the outside world trickled in thirty days later, and then we may be sure the news was greatly abbreviated.

I wonder what the nerve specialists did for a living in those days? Perhaps there were none, as nerves is a modern invention, being one of the concomitants of our madly rushing civilization.

And yet it is all for the best. Excitement is a stimulant, it is constantly urging us forward, and making us do things. Other people are doing things, we read about it every day in the papers, we see it on the screen, and latent talent, sleeping ambition, idle dreams are aroused by the accomplishment of others, and we, too, join in the mad rush. We can't tell what we can do until we try. To try and fail is no disgrace, but not to try is ignominy.

The world has been in an awful stew for the last five or six years, but unless all signs fail it will emerge a better world. Every nation and everybody has been fighting for a place in the sun, and at times the future has been dark indeed, but all this clashing of steel against steel has sharpened the intellect of man, developed the race all the way down the line, and out of the seeming chaos we see emerging a new era in science, discoveries and inventions that will eclipse any similar period in the history of the world. It had to come. There was too much unrest and energy unloosed not to produce something momentous.

But much of the news of the day has no meaning, exerts no lasting or far-reaching influence. It furnishes excitement for the hour or week, it causes talk, comment, but it is soon displaced by something else. It doesn't effect our life or the life of the Nation; it is all on the surface, like a storm at sea, and we go about our daily tasks undeterred. Thus passes in review Fatty Arbuckle, Madelyn Obenchain, William Desmond Taylor, Margot Asquith, Newberry, Ford and Muscle Shoals, Bryan and evolution, the bonus, the four-power treaty and so on, and infinitum.

**Bryan's "Monkey Notions."**  
I can't proceed further without pausing to say something more about Bryan and evolution. In 1896 Bryan became a national figure with his "Crown of Gold" speech and received the Democratic nomination for President at the Chicago convention. He was defeated, as he was on two later occasions, and has never held public office since that date except the few months he was in President Wilson's Cabinet. Yet throughout all this period of twenty-five years he has been constantly before the public in one form or another, and is always good copy.

Now we are witnessing the spectacle of him setting the church and the educators by the ears with his views on, rather against, evolution.

Mr. Bryan had been invited to address the International Sunday school convention to be held in Kansas City in June. But it seems that Mr. Bryan does not believe in the Darwinian theory and he never has been known to be bashful about expressing his views on all subjects at all times, so he took issue with some learned evolutionary professor on the matter and proclaimed it

from the housetops, even wrote a book.

Result No. 1: His invitation to speak at Kansas City was withdrawn by the managers of the convention.

Result No. 2: A division in the church, some for Bryan, some against, with the St. Louis Presbyterians even going so far as to boycott the convention.

Later, however, the invitation to speak was reissued. It is understood the Nebraska commoner accepted the last invitation.

**Evolution Pro and Con.**  
It all seems very childish to me. The evolutionary theory has never worried my young life, and I'm glad it has not. I heard a distinguished bishop of the church state last week that it is an old, old subject that was settled long ago, found to make no difference one way or another, and forgotten, but that every once in a while the discussion is revived by somebody who just heard about it and he starts a much ado about nothing.

The evolutionary theory is based on circumstantial evidence, and in such cases, you know, the evidence must be strong to convict. Yet I have seen some people that almost made me believe in Darwin. My father used to spring that old joke on me, and say: "Your father might have been a monkey, but I'll have you to understand mine was not!" If people will insist that their forebears had long tails, I am not in a position to prove they had not, and I refuse to fall out with them about the matter and stop speaking. They may be right.

Mr. Bryan was not to address the convention on evolution. He is, we all know, a Christian gentleman, and whatever we may think of his political views and judgment, we do know that he is true to the Prince of Peace and has always stood foursquare on every moral issue that has confronted the Nation.

Why the invitation to speak was withdrawn because Bryan did not believe in Darwin's theory is hard to understand. Evolution was not to be discussed at the convention, but perhaps it was felt that nobody could be responsible for what Bryan might be led to discuss. Evolution is not an issue. You can believe in evolution or not believe in evolution; it does not conflict with our Christian religion. Some of our best and brainiest ministers are found on both sides of the question, and, as the theory is incapable of being proven, or has been so far, let those who want to believe in it do so and those who don't want to believe in it do as they like.

**Christ the Main Question.**  
It is a minor question, anyway, like all questions that separate one denomination from another. The main question, and the only one that counts is Christ. Preach Christ and push his banner forward against the common enemies, ignorance and sin, and the minor questions and divisions will disappear.

Life is just one thing after another, and this seeming issue of today is but a tempest in a teapot. It has excited us all for the moment and caused a lot of good men to do some very foolish things, but it will pass, be smoothed over some way, the convention will take place in June per schedule and this little incident be forgotten like all other headlines.

But not so Bryan. Like Banquo's ghost, he will not down, and we will hear from him again.

**GOOD VOTERS.**  
Fenceral Smith says he never planned a fool or a rascal for being elected to office, but places the blame where it belongs, which is on the shoulders of the fools and rascals who vote for him.—Mineral Wells Index.

Exactly. But some of us who would deny, possibly resent, the classification of fool or rascal, have been guilty at odd times of voting men into office against our sounder judgment. We are so prone to look upon the ballot as our own, instead of our country's that sometimes we use it personally instead of patriotically. Let the rule be, in the forthcoming elections, to vote not for Smith, Brown and Jones, but to vote for Texas. If Smith, Brown and Jones stand and will work for the best interest of Texas, let us vote for them. If they do not, or any one of them does not stand for all that Texas is entitled to in the way of service from a servant, let us vote against them or him. A careless vote, a vote cast in the hope that it will not be the means of foisting a good fellow, but an unfit candidate, into office, is an unpatriotic vote. Who are the patriots? Are they those who magnify their patriotism and make broad their phylacteries, or are they those who quietly and conscientiously strive to support our institutions and make effective our laws?—State Press in Dallas News.

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THE OLDEST SETTLER

Old Uncle Andy Higgins has inhabited these diggins, accordin' to his statements, nearly ever sence the flood. He swum the old Mizzoury to evade the petty jury, when her highest bluff was nothin' but a little dab of mud.

He hears us fellers grumble, when the weather takes a tumble, an' never calls a halt until she's twenty-nine below,—but soon old Uncle Andy has us feelin' fine-an-dandy, when he tells us how they froze in squads, some sixty years ago.

When summer heat is fiercest, and coolin' breezes scarcest, old Uncle Andy chuckles with his everlastin' grin. And says, in his opinion, there's a mighty warm dominion where, chances is the most of us will likely flounder in!

# Punchettes

by  
Rev. M. A. MATTHEWS  
D.D., LL.D.



THE UNBALANCED WOMAN

If she is unbalanced or unseated or out of her place, what is the cause? Who is to blame? Who brought about this change? There is but one answer. Her God-decreed protector is to blame. Man is wholly responsible. The federal head of the family is guilty.

Woman's place is home. Her throne is the domestic circle. She didn't leave it of her own volition. She didn't sacrifice her place voluntarily. Man is wholly responsible for the unbalanced condition of woman. He is the federal head of the family. It is his business to provide and protect. And it is his business to exercise the righteous discipline necessary to a perfect home and a good government. He has utterly failed in these last two duties. He has failed through indulgence, because of a lack of courage, a sense of responsibility, and a willingness to face his plain duty. He has practiced indulgence until he has made the woman extremely extravagant.

The average girl hates work, despises domestic responsibility, and is criminally conspiring to avoid those high duties.

The man has neglected to build the home, to make it attractive and magnetic. Consequently, the woman

has gone out into the world. Many of them because of necessity have been forced into the trades to live. Many of them have gone out into the world because the head of the family did not perform his duty, did not make the home happy, did not regulate it. Women have been thrown into the nerve-wracking conditions of the outer world. The strain is too great, her nerves are unsettled; she is unbalanced. Her unbalanced condition has produced a state of extravagance, female recklessness, which is jeopardizing the whole domestic life of America. The man is wholly to blame for these wretched conditions.

If fathers do not go back to their homes, and husbands do not perform their duties as federal heads of their families, the domestic life of America will suffer irreparably. The guilt of the men has unbalanced the women and has produced social conditions which bring the blush to every cheek.

MR. THOMAS ON THE RAILROAD PROBLEM

The railroad problem was not solved by the enactment of the Transportation Act, although students of it are pretty well agreed that it was simplified by that legislation. Since there is yet something to be done, and since that something must be done by Congress, that problem is a pertinent consideration in the present senatorial contest. But The News is sure that the kind of consideration being given to it by at least three or four of the candidates for the senatorial office will not aid in the solution of it. It believes, on the contrary, it will be a hindrance. The News has been moved to say

this by the report of Mr. Thomas' remarks on the subject during his speech at Amarillo the other day. Mr. Thomas is reported to have said:

"The Esch-Cummins law was the consummation of congressional iniquity. It illustrates the power of corporate greed to shape legislation. The railroads of the country are the hijackers of the country's commerce. A few families own a controlling interest in the chief railroads of the country. The railroads are plastered with inflated stock and bond issues. The American people, under forms of law, are robbed by extortionate freight rates to pay dividends on fictitious railway values." The News does not know where

Mr. Thomas gets his "warrant for such statements as those. But if permitted to guess, it would suggest that he is a student of the literature put forth by the Plumb Plan League, an organization which, it will be recalled, is engaged in trying to convert the country to a peculiar kind of Government ownership.

The statement that the Transportation Act is "the consummation of congressional iniquity" may be allowed to pass, with no other observation than that, if it is, Mr. Wilson is deeply implicated in that sin or crime, he having approved it, and in circumstances which would have made his veto an absolute preventive of its enactment. That its enactment "illustrates the power of corporate greed to shape legislation" is challenged by the fact that the railroad men of the country were by no means united in supporting that measure. The statement that a few families own a controlling interest in the chief railroads of the country may be left to its own extravagance, although it may be said, for the enlightenment of the few who may be credulous enough to accept it, that the stocks of the railroads of the country are distributed among something like 700,000 people.

At no time since the enactment of the Transportation Act have the railroads earned as much as 6 per cent. Some of them have earned much less, and a good many of them nothing. The last monthly report of earnings The News has seen showed that, for that month, their earnings were at a rate of only a little more than 4 per cent. If "hijacking" is robbery, and if robbery is the taking of more than a fair return for service, those earnings, The News protests, acquit the railroads of the charge Mr. Thomas brings against them, and this independently of the circumstance that their earnings have not been and can not be more than public authority allows.

It is true that Mr. Thomas founds that charge upon the assertion that the railroads are "plastered with inflated stock and bond issues," and that the "people are robbed by extortionate freight rates to pay dividends on fictitious railroad values." If that were so, the demand for railroad stock and bonds ought to be strong; whereas but few of the railroads are able to find a market for their issues. But there are more specific facts to show the absurdity of that assumption. One is that the work of valuing the railroads, of appraising the property that they use in public service, has been going on for several years, and we have lately been getting some returns from it. These show, with negligible exceptions, that the value of the railroad properties so far appraised exceeds the aggregate of the par value of the stocks and bonds that have been issued against them. The case of the Rock Island, to which The News had occasion to refer several weeks ago, affords a notable though not exceptional instance. Notwithstanding the financing of that company had been productive of scandal in times past, the report of the engineers showed that the value of its property exceeded the total of its capital debt.

The falsity of that statement is made grosser by the fact that, as it relates to existing freight rates, concern whatever. Even if it were true that "the railroads are plastered with inflated stock and bond issues"—and all the authentic information there is on the subject contradicts the statement—it would not be true that freight rates are made extortionate by the necessity of paying dividends on "inflated stock and bond issues," for the reason that in

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making freight rates the Interstate Commerce Commission has not been governed by the amount of outstanding stocks and bonds, but by the value of the property employed in transportation service, as determined by men who have some scientific competence to appraise that property.

After many years of tinkering with it, we have a troublesome railroad problem on hand. The cost of transportation service is burden-

some, and yet the railroads can not get the capital they need to keep the service abreast of the demand. And one of the chief reasons why so much effort has been productive of so little satisfaction either to the railroads or their patrons is that the railroad problem has been discussed by our public men pretty much in the way that Mr. Thomas discussed it at Amarillo. It may be politically profitable to discuss it in that way; experience indicates that it is

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The following persons announce their candidacy for the respective offices subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July:

For Associate Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals, Eighth Supreme Judicial District of Texas:

E. F. HIGGINS, re-election.  
(of El Paso)

For District Judge:  
W. A. HUDSON.  
TOM GARRARD.  
CHAS. GIBBS, Re-election

For District Attorney, 70th Judicial District:

T. F. SLACK, Pecos.  
HIRCE HOLT, Barstow.  
B. FRANK HAAG.  
B. W. BAKER

For County Judge:  
JAS. F. ROSS, re-election.

For Tax Assessor:  
F. P. RICHBURG.  
W. W. CAMP, re-election.  
TOLBERT GARRETT.

For County Attorney:  
ROY I. BIGGS.  
HARRY MACFIE.

For County and District Clerk:  
S. C. VAUGHAN, re-election.

For Sheriff:  
E. B. KISER, re-election.  
E. G. DOTY.

For County Treasurer:  
M. A. DURDIN, re-election.  
C. B. JORDAN.

For County Commissioner Precinct No. 2:  
A. W. HOSE.

For County Commissioner Precinct No. 4:  
R. N. COUCH, re-election.

For County Commissioner Precinct No. 5:  
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**DIG INTO THE OIL ROMANCES**

If there is to be a real investigation of the leasing of the naval oil reserves after Secretary Fall conducted secret negotiations with the Sinclair Oil interests for the exploitation of the Teapot Dome field, the disclosures are likely to prove interesting. The Sinclair interests appear to be perfectly frank in their explanations, but the government is peculiarly reticent and seemingly in conflict with some statements that have been made. A complete airing of the spectacular achievements of the Sinclair Oil Company undoubtedly would be an inspiration to the youth of the country, which feels to some extent that present-day opportunities are not those of the "old days." The romance of millions that could be unfolded in all probability would put fiction in the shade. From an interesting beginning, the Sinclair Company has mounted the ladder until it has gone so far as to fix prices for the Standard Oil Company, while its enterprising president has experienced a life not less filled with interesting incidents than that of the elder Rockefeller. So far as the government deal is concerned, Wall Street appears to have had knowledge of the proposition before the public had any inkling of it, so there was no opportunity for the public to express its views or to point out any weak spot if it existed. Congress knew as little as the public, so that the principle of the "public be damned" seems to have operated throughout the transaction. A little light now, even though late, will do no harm.

**ALAS, THE POOR MEAT PACKERS!**

While the meat packers are groaning their complaints of poor business to the public, lamb chops are costing the people 80 cents a pound. Why cannot the government make a real investigation, stripped of all wholesale economic and bewildering theories, and let the people know why the housewife is robbed and who gets the money. If the farmers got extortionate profit, the news would be shouted from the housetops, and the retailers could not long remain in business in the light of outrageous gouging. If the packers are not getting it then their skirts should be cleared, because, frankly, the people believe the meat trust and the meat trust only is to blame.

When the cow was simply carved into meat and the rest thrown away, meat could be had at reasonable prices, but as soon as the by-products were developed, as soon as more money was made out of the horns and the hide and the rest of the trimmings, the price of meat, instead of falling, began to rise and it has gone up ever since. When the supply was excessive, business was poor, meat was a drug on the market, and so "profitable" prices simply had to be charged. When a supposed shortage struck the country, then prices leaped by reason of the law of supply and demand. Surely it is time all of this jugglery was stopped and a few plain understandable facts were placed before the people. The meat trust should be fairly dealt by. At present it is regarded as the most impudent of business malefactors, and it is only fair that the truth should be smoked out.

**HAY WANTED**—Two tons of No. 1 alfalfa hay wanted at once. Do not want damaged hay. State price. Enterprise office.

**Notice To Subscribers**

There are a few foreign subscribers on the Enterprise subscription list in arrears. The force is too busy to send out statements to these—the expiration of their subscriptions will be found in the figures just after the name. All these names will be dropped from the list after this week unless the required amount to reinstate them and place their dates ahead is sent in before the next issue. If you want the Enterprise sent to you it might be well to watch the dates on your paper and if behind on subscription, get busy. These names will be cut from the list for the purpose of cutting expenses on paper and postage bill and therefore there will be no extra copies printed to supply those who are behind. So do not write in and ask for back copies when sending in your subscriptions. If you get busy you will have plenty of time to get your subscription in before it is too late for next week.

**ANOTHER VINDICATION**

The Jack Dalton well in Palo Pinto county, Texas, is another vindication of the wildcatting campaign which is testing so many sections today.

The wildcat has never been appreciated at his true worth by those outside the oil industry itself. To his indomitable spirit is attributable all of the vast wealth engendered and resulting from the production, refining and marketing of petroleum and its products, a total now reaching into the billions, and greater than that represented by any other industry.

Were it not for the wildcat there would not be an oil field in the world today, for when all is said and done, and with due credit to the big advance in geology during the past few years, it is the bit which affords the only conclusive test of any area. There has been some criticism of late of the Texas wildcatting campaign. Those responsible for this criticism apparently believe that it is the result of a scatterbrained, irresponsible movement to sink the public's money into a number of deep holes located wherever fancy struck the drillers of them.

As a matter of fact, there is probably not a test going down in Texas today but what was located on sound geological advice and which does not have as good prospects of getting oil as the Jack Dalton wildcat had when it was started. The Dalton Ranch venture had its inception as a so-called "promotion." Stock in the venture, the Dalton-Givens Oil Company, was offered the general public for several weeks. The offering failed to meet with any response, however, and the project was abandoned, finally. But R. S. Dalton, who was one of the promoters of the proposed company, had the true wildcatting spirit. He believed that a big pool lay waiting the awakening drill underneath his Palo Pinto county ranch. By persistent efforts he managed to interest some of his neighbors and a few residents of Mineral Wells in the test. Money was not over plentiful and many times it appeared that operations would have to stop, but each time Dalton managed to do a little more friendly financing.

Crews working on the test took part of their pay in shares and by one method or another drilling was continued. Finally, at 3,963 feet when, apparently, all hope of production was gone, the wildcat justified the faith that had been placed in it by blowing in as big a producer of high grade oil. Those interested in the gusher stand to make millions out of their venture, as they have approximately 9,000 acres surrounding the test and it looks now as though an important new field had been opened up.

There is nothing very unusual about Dalton's story to those familiar with the oil industry. It has been repeated over and over again in various parts of the world. It is, usually, the small operator or small company that brings in a new field. Very few of them are credited to the account of the big companies who have funds enough to go in and buy what acreage they want after a field has been proven or to protect themselves with offset acreage around a hundred drilling tests. And it is a story that will be repeated over and over again as the years roll by. There are dozens of companies and syndicates offering their shares to the public today that have as good if not better prospects than the Dalton well had at the outset. And in the very nature of things there are some of them that are going to achieve the same glorious result.—Texas Oil Ledger.

**HONEY PHILOSOPHY FOR 1922**

How we would value a friend who was all goodness, all self sacrifice, all kindness, all forgiveness, always ready to help us and powerful enough to do it—the chap who stands by in the storm and who never deserts. If we threw down a pal of this kind I suppose we'd be thought crazy, and yet—we go to church on Sunday, pretend to believe all these things about man's only lasting friend, the Great Creator, we put a quarter in the plate and then say "see you next week."

Those who desire their advertisement read will take note that the Enterprise covers the field, not with a statement of so much circulation but with a sworn statement which is backed up by the actual proof of the pudding. The list is not padded to show prospective customers (and this is not intended as a reflection that others are doing so) but the editor is not afraid to show the list and let the customers count the papers or watch the counter on the press, or take the postoffice receipts. Recently a two-bit local in the classified column sold a cow for P. R. Payne to a customer in Kent of Van Horn.

**MISS MABEL BESSIRE MARRIED**

Information came to The Enterprise that Miss Mabel Bessire, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bessire of Toyah, was married in Houston in April to Mr. Lauzier, son of Dr. Lauzier of Baylor College, Belton, and whom Miss Mabel met while a student in the college there. Mr. Lauzier is spoken of in highest terms and holds the position as marine salesman for the Pierce Oil Company. Miss Mable possesses many noble qualities of heart and mind and is a practical housekeeper. She was reared at Toyah where she has many friends who with the Enterprise wish for her bon voyage on the matrimonial barque of life.

You can't get strong on a weak, flimsy diet. Tone up your stomach. Eat plenty of nourishing food and build up your system. Tanlac does it. Get a bottle from the Pecos Drug Co. (Advertisement)

**OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE PECOS VALLEY STATE BANK**

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RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$418,909.46
Loans, real estate	32,452.50
Overdrafts	2,502.79
Bonds and Stocks	9,656.17
Real Estate (banking house)	29,000.00
Other Real Estate	7,387.60
Furniture and Fixtures	3,405.11
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand	52,517.84
Interest on Depositors' Guaranty Fund	7,706.53
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	15,598.83
Other Resources	9,585.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$588,722.08</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$110,000.00
Surplus Fund	20,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	3,159.60
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	19,650.63
Individual Deposits, subject to check	295,541.96
Time Certificates of Deposit	14,805.05
Cashier's Checks	9,154.61
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	116,410.23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$588,722.08</b>

State of Texas, County of Reeves.

We, J. G. Love, as president and Walter Browning, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. G. LOVE, President.  
WALTER BROWNING, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of May, A. D. 1922.

(SEAL) JANE LOOBY,  
Notary Public, Reeves County, Texas.

**CORRECT—ATTEST:**  
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**STRAYED CHILDREN**

Just as the Enterprise was going to press, word was phoned Sheriff Kiser that the two young sons of Mrs. Lucy Mitchell aged 5 and 7 years were missing from their home and all efforts to locate them were futile. They had been absent about four hours and Mrs. Mitchell was told by other children they had gone to the river. Sheriff Kiser located the youngsters at the residence of Mrs. Dave Tudor and carried them home in his car. These kiddies are grandchildren of Dr. J. A. Leeman whose wife was buried here this week.

Dr. J. A. Daniel came in the forepart of the week from Alabama to attend district court. The Doctor is looking and feeling much better than when he left here several months ago. He left here yesterday for Tucson, Arizona, where he will spend a few days before returning to his home in Alabama. Dr. and Mrs. Daniel, the latter still in Alabama where she is well and happy, both have many warm friends in Pecos and Reeves county who are always glad to see them and to know that they are well and prospering.

Charles Manahan, Frank J. Cavett, Earl Easterbrook and Ralph Williams were in Brownwood the early part of the week in attendance upon the state firemen's convention.

Get ready for Commencement Sale, Friday, May 12 to 20. We will sell all trimmed hats at 20 per cent discount.—Lillie Poe.

Mrs. Donley arrived this week from Austin for a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Buchholz.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jackson moved last week to Crosbyton.

The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Piehler is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Clem Calhoun, recently a practicing attorney in Pecos came up from El Paso this morning, bought a new car, and met many of his friends. Clem was our popular and efficient county attorney and the Enterprise regrets he left here. Mr. Calhoun has established a very lucrative practice in El Paso and is well pleased with his venture. His new car, 1922 model, was stolen in El Paso a few days after his arrival there and has never been recovered. He left for his home via Balmorhea and will stop one night at Van Horn. Mrs. Calhoun is broken hearted over the loss of her car, but she and the baby are enjoying good health. At present she is visiting her parents in Sherman, Texas. Clem's many friends were pleased to see him.

**NOTICE**

I have moved my stock of millinery from the Pecos Light office to the Wadsworth Dry Goods Company's store and am closing out my entire stock. If you are looking for bargains don't fail to call and see my stock of beautiful hats.

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All children troubled with Worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S STEELLESS CHIL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or disperse the worms, and the child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

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**REPORT OF CONDITION OF**

**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

AT PECOS, IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON MAY 5, 1922.

**RESOURCES**

Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, acceptances of other banks, and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank (except those shown in b and c)	\$263,790.97	
Total loans		\$263,790.97
U. S. Government Securities, Owned:		
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value)	50,000.00	
All other United States Government securities (including premium if any)	1,200.00	
Total		51,200.00
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.		3,000.00
Banking House		8,822.65
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank		17,568.59
Cash in vault and amount due from national banks		44,030.71
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13	44,030.71	
Miscellaneous cash items	121.49	121.49
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer		2,500.00
Collections		577.72
Total		\$391,612.12

**LIABILITIES**

Capital stock paid in		50,000.00
Surplus fund		50,000.00
Undivided profits	17,475.05	
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	3,488.65	13,986.40
Circulating notes outstanding		49,997.50
Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States and foreign countries (other than included in Items 21 or 22)		6,208.84
Cashier's checks outstanding		5,589.64
Total of Items 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25	11,798.48	
Individual deposits subject to check		181,735.14
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31	181,735.14	
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)		34,094.60
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 32, 33, 34, and 35	34,094.60	
Total		\$391,612.12

State of Texas, County of Reeves, ss.  
I, T. H. Beauchamp, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

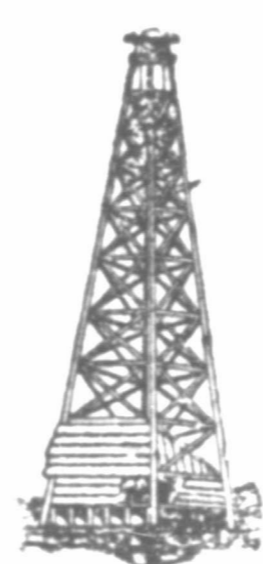

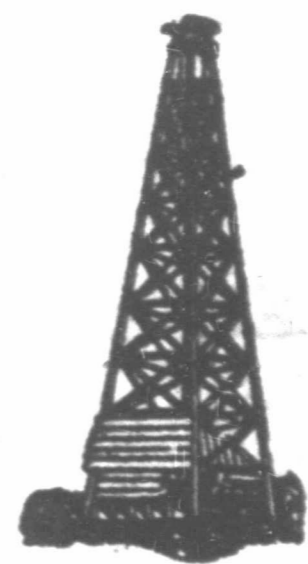
T. H. BEAUCHAMP, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of May, 1922.  
(SEAL) E. L. COLLINGS, Notary Public.

CORRECT—ATTEST:  
C. C. KOUNTZ,  
R. S. JOHNSON,  
H. R. ANDERSON, Directors.

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Showing part of the holdings of the Willoughby Petroleum Company and associated interest in Block C-13, Public School Land, Reeves County Texas.

<p>Sec. 2</p>  <p>Willoughby's No. 1 Well</p>	<p>Sec. 3</p> 
<p>Sec. 11</p>	<p>Sec. 10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Free leases with stock out of the East Half of Section 11 and Section 10. Between these two wells where, when the expected boom starts, you will be in the "Golden Lane" of the Willoughby pool.</p>
<p>Sec. 15</p>	<p>Sec. 16</p>  <p>Willoughby's No. 2 Well</p>

Mr. C. H. Willoughby,  
Toyah, Texas.  
Dear Sir

I am anxious and have longed to be in on the opening of a great oil field and need the profits many have received from having had the foresight to avail themselves of such opportunity as now seems to be presented by yourself and associates. Without obligating myself you may mail me the full particulars of your Opportunity and Practical Monthly Payment plan with which I may secure stock and a Free Lease in the Golden Lane of the Willoughby Pool.

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Come in and select your commencement hat at 20 per cent discount from May 12th to 20th.—Lillie Poe.

I. J. Sims and Edwin Vickers arrived home this morning from the K. of P. Lodge in session in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Donald Bell returned today from St. Louis where she had been on a visit for some time to home folk.

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**OIL STRIKE ON STAKED PLAINS EXTENDS FIELD**

Amarillo, Texas, May 5.—Over the crown block, in three successive gushes, within a few seconds of each other, before the drillers could successfully close the control head, was the report made by W. H. Holmes, one of the owners of the Smith-Capers well, who came to Amarillo Saturday afternoon, following the sensational oil strike in that well at 4 o'clock Saturday morning.

The drillers were saturated with oil as they worked fast and furiously to check the flow, to prevent a possible firing of the well from the boiler, only a few feet distant. The control head was jammed before the oil could be cut off, and it will be necessary to equip the well with a new control before the hole can be manipulated with safety, the oil man declared.

**OTHER SECTIONS OF PALO PINTO CO. SHOW ACTIVITY**

Mineral Wells, Texas, May 5.—In Palo Pinto county the old Brazos producing district, south of Mineral Wells, is feeling the stimulus which has resulted from completion of the Dalton wildcat, twelve miles northwest of Mineral Wells. The Brazos wells are twenty miles southeast of the Dalton but they produce from about the same level, both from true oil sands, and in this respect the formations are believed to be the same. Of course, it is not expected that the Dalton may be classed as an extension of the Brazos field, because of the great distance. It is considered more likely that the Brazos field is located on an outcropping of the same sand as was found in the Dalton, with the indications that the Dalton well has discovered a much richer district of the same formation.

In the northwestern part of the county, west of the Dalton, the old Eggleston test which was drilled to a depth of 3,444 feet some months ago, has been taken over by the Revere Oil Company and will be completed. It is three miles south of the Roark well of the Ralco Oil Company in Young county, which came in at 3,780 feet.

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**AUTHENTICITY OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURE**

By Prof. H. E. Dana.

(Editor's note.—The following article, taken from the Southwestern Journal of Theology, is ably written and the subject should be of interest to all our people, and since many readers of the Enterprise are interested and the request for its reproduction is made by readers of the Enterprise, the editor is glad to reproduce it. Since it is long it will require two or three weeks to complete it, therefore those interested would do well to preserve each copy of the paper until the article is completed that they may have the story complete.)

**1. The Problem Stated.**  
By the authenticity of the Holy Scriptures we mean their validity as viewed in the light of their historical origin. The problem is therefore historical, and must be settled on the basis of substantial historical considerations. The dogmatizing of an overzealous orthodoxy may win the sanction and applause of the masses, but it fails utterly to satisfy the mind of the real thinker. And it is this thinker with whom future generations must reckon. He is the one who determines the progress of human thought. After the eloquent voice of the popular dogmatist has been stilled and forgotten for many decades, the influence of the cool, calculating, thoughtful investigator is just beginning to reap its greatest harvest. As we who love the old Book face the acute criticism of the twentieth century, we fail utterly to comprehend the situation, if we expect to preserve the truth by a mere wholesale condemnation of the questions which are raised. The absolute validity of true science no

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION.**

The State of Texas,  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Reeves County,—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of 24 days, before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Reeves county, a copy of the following notice:

The State of Texas,  
To all persons interested in the Estate of Lizzie Singleton, deceased, R. L. Singleton has filed in the County Court of Reeves County, an application for the Probate of the last Will and Testament of said Lizzie Singleton, deceased, filed with said application, and for letters testamentary which will be heard at the next term of said court, commencing on the 2nd Monday in July A. D. 1922, the same being the 10th day of July A. D. 1922, at the Court House, thereof, in Pecos, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Pecos, Texas, this the 10th day of March, 1922.

S. C. VAUGHAN,  
Clerk County Court Reeves County, Texas.

By H. P. KERR, Deputy.  
36-2t.

**SHERIFF'S SALE**

The State of Texas,  
County of Reeves.  
By virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Tarrant county, on the 27th day of March 1922, by Mrs. G. Frank Coffey, for Clerk of said Court, against M. E. Somerford, for the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Ninety and 75-100 Dollars (\$2319.75) and costs of suit, in cause No. 58054 in said Court, styled H. C. Graf, Jr., versus M. E. Somerford and placed in my hands for service, I, E. B. Kiser as Sheriff of Reeves county, Texas, did, on the 9th day of May 1922, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Reeves county, describing as follows, to-wit:

All of the N. E. One-quarter and the North half and the South E. S. One-quarter and the East One-half of the South west quarter, of the South east One-quarter of section 23, block 53, public school lands in Reeves county, Texas, and containing 300 acres of land, and levied upon as the property of said M. E. Somerford. And on Tuesday, the 6th day of June 1922, at the Court House door of Reeves county, in the town of Pecos, Texas, between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M. I will sell said Real Property at public vendue, for cash to the highest bidder, as the property of said M. E. Somerford by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale.

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 Pecos Times and Enterprise a newspaper published in Reeves county.

WITNESS my hand, this 9th day of May 1922.  
E. B. KISER,  
Sheriff Reeves County, Texas.  
38-4t.

one can dare to question, and whenever science calls us back to a new investigation of the rational grounds of our faith we surrender our cause and beg the whole question if we decline to respond. We must meet a scientific approach with a scientific response.

In many quarters of evangelical orthodoxy we meet a summary denial of the necessity of any effort at the defense of the authenticity of the Scriptures. With confident assurance they declare that the Bible is able to take care of itself. There appears to them no justifiable reason for raising a voice of protest against the assaults of criticism. They say we may leave it to God to defend His truth. By this attitude we are forcibly reminded of a certain well known incident in missionary history, when a great English preacher severely rebuked a young missionary enthusiast with the words, "Sit down, young man! When God gets ready to save the heathen He will save them without your help." Identically the same principal is involved. Just as God will save the heathen only through voluntary instrumentality, so He is depending at this hour upon the heroic loyalty of His people to defend His word and truth against the onslaughts of materialistic infidelity. And if His people who love His word allow the complacency of a mistaken optimism to delude them with reference to the immense crisis which is this day upon us, the Bible is lost to humanity. God will defend His truth; but He will defend it through human instrumentality. It behooves us, who love His truth, looking to Him for wisdom and strength, to address ourselves seriously to the problem of Biblical authenticity.

**1. The Elements of the Problem.**

With reference to the historical origin of the Scriptures two matters present themselves for investigation. First, their genuineness as to authorship; and second, their credibility as to motive. These two matters constitute the elements of the problem of Biblical authenticity.

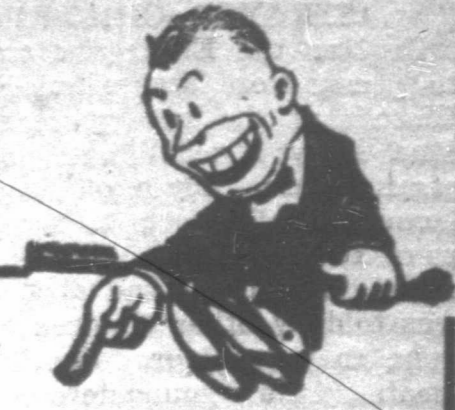
(1) The genuineness of the Scripture as to authorship. The question of the particular identity of the author is here a matter of but little concern, except when the name of the author is a part of the sacred text. The question of supreme importance is his character. The mighty influence of the Bible over the religious consciousness of Christianity is largely based upon the belief that its various books were produced by great religious leaders, of sincere, devout, and holy character, living in close and constant fellowship with God. Any other conception of their character would be wholly out of harmony with the idea of divine inspiration. It would be exceedingly difficult to conceive of a man as a medium of divine inspiration, who had forged to a document the name of a traditional hero as a means of foisting upon the people some pet scheme or theory of his own. Of course the objection is raised that in the day in which the books of the Bible were produced the matter of such literary forgery was not nearly such a breach of the current ethical as it is today. The truth of this statement cannot be denied, but still we can but raise the question whether such a procedure comports with the highest ethical conception of God. Would God employ such a method as a medium of revelation? We would at least wish to establish our Bible on more substantial grounds.

(2) The credibility of the Scriptures as to motive. Why was a particular book written? Christian consciousness receives it as the sincere expression of a heart on fire with a message from God. We regard our Scriptures as designed to fulfill holy purposes, in keeping with the transcendent ideals of deity. It would be a serious shock to the sensitiveness of the Christian soul to discover that a book long cherished as sacred and divine was really produced with a purely human and selfish desire to advance a process of sectarian propaganda, or defend some favorite policy which is demonstrably of human invention. We want to believe that our Scriptures arose from impulses far more deserving of respect than that. The instinctive Christian claim for the Bible is that it was written by holy men and for holy purposes. Is such a claim justifiable in the light of all the evidences? Such is the problem of Biblical authenticity.

**2. The Issues Involved.**

What have we accomplished when we have vindicated the authenticity of the Holy Scriptures? Are the issues at stake of sufficient moment to justify the effort? Those questions broach the consideration of the part which the Bible performs in the progress, happiness, and well-being of mankind. We inquire here into the contact of the Scriptures with the great practical problems of human life, and the splendid idealism of human aspirations. When we have established the validity of our claims for the Bible what practical results have we secured?

(1) We have provided human life with an authoritative moral standard. Man is a moral being, and there is no fact of which he is more keenly conscious. In every age of his history and every stage of his development he has demonstrated his sense of moral responsibility. And there is in him an instinctive craving to discharge this responsibility. Never does a human



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Suddenly there comes a halt. Buying slows up, and timid unbusinesslike merchants curtail advertising and the buying halt continues. Then advertising is stopped and business becomes stagnant.

When trade needs no stimulus the merchants buy space like drunken sailors, but when trade needs a strong push, they contract.

If business spent one-third the money in advertising when trade is booming and three times the money when trade is poor, business would find stability.

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Don't throw chips on a blazing fire. The wood is needed when the fire is low. Advertising now means a real service to the buying public. The people want to know where and what they can buy economically.



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being sink so low into the degrading depths of sin, that there is not a tug at his heart for a higher and better life. In his quieter moments, when he is cut off from the fascinating glamour of sin, and isolated from the frantic rush and din of a busy world, when he stands face to

We come now to submit the matter to a threefold test: The test of history, the test of science, and the test of experience. It can maintain the authenticity of the Scriptures at the tribunal of these three great acid tests, then our souls may rest upon the confident assurance that we have the best and most rational grounds for our faith.

**II. The Bible And History.**  
Is the Bible possessed of historical validity? Its records stretch away back into the remote ages of a far distant antiquity. Are those records to be depended upon? The Biblical critic of a century ago, with dogmatic confidence, answered this question in the negatives. But the research and discoveries of the last hundred years have very seriously disturbed his complacency.

**I. The Old Testament.**  
The chief attack at the point of historicity has been made on the Old Testament. The critic of the early nineteenth century dogmatically declared the Old Testament to be devoid of any corroborative support, and that its testimony, standing alone, could not be accepted. He reinforced his contention with an ad hominem argument by referring us to the dictum of our own Scriptures, that by the mouth of two or three witnesses shall any fact be established, while the Old Testament stands as a single witness, uncorroborated, and hence without historic credibility. And not content with this supposedly fatal stroke, he went on to point out discrepancies and inconsistencies in the Old Testament itself, and to show that it did not tally with what little was known of contemporaneous history. Its representations of political conditions and the progress of events in the Far East were said to be largely fictitious. And the conservative Biblical scholar had no answer to offer, save the answer of faith, and this the critic summarily ruled out of his court of historical criticism. Thus he gloated in pride over what he considered to be the utter destruction of the historical trustworthiness of the Old Testament. But today, thank God, the tide has turned. The romance of archaeology, the most fascinating process of modern science, has unburdened Mother Earth of untold treasures of historical data, which have thrown vast floods of light upon the Old Testament records. It seems a clear interposition of Providence that this mighty ally of truth appeared on the scene just at that moment when God's word was really becoming imperilled by the thrusts of a heartless and infidel criticism.

In 1843 Emmil Botta, a French consul in the region of Mesopotamia, set to work with a group of natives upon a mound near the little town of Khorsabad. First sinking a shaft directly into the summit of the mound, he struck what proved to be the edge of a great wall. With feverish excitement he urged on the work of the excavators, and it was not long before the marvelous contents of this unpretentious mound lay before his wondering gaze. Face with the wonderful, awe-inspiring fact of a personal self, when the influence of a reflective mood causes him to contemplate the solemn and mysterious reality of experience, then it is that the thought of the intense seriousness of life drifts into the horizon of his moral consciousness and grips his soul with startling sense of moral responsibility. Somewhere, somehow, away in the depths of his being, an irrepressible voice is declaring him accountable for the way in which he is living. In the midst of these moral reactions the higher tendencies of his nature gain for a moment the ascendancy, and fill his heart with a yearning for a nobler and purer life. There seizes his soul a mighty impulse to be a truly good man. But he is confronted and overwhelmed with the question of what constitutes true goodness and how it may be attained. Now shall he know the basis and limits of his moral responsibility, and how shall he meet the demands of his moral nature? To these questions the Bible offers the only adequate answer.

(2) This problem involves the substantial reality of religion. The fact of religion in human history is a phenomenon which science has not been able to ignore. It must be acknowledged and accounted for. The evolutionary scientist of the present day has proposed an explanation. He regards religion as having arisen from two elements, ignorance and fear. His ignorance of the origin or significance of certain phenomena made him to fear, and his fear led him to posit supernatural causes for the phenomena, such as spirits and demons. Then the idea developed of certain spirits having power over others, and finally the belief in one supreme spirit. From the notion of this single supreme spirit came the idea of God. Such is the evolutionary explanation of religion.

The logical antithesis of this theory is the idea of a revealed religion. If religion did not come as a natural development, then it came by special revelation; and the reverse proposition is just as true,

if religion is not the result of revelation it has come by natural development. And no one could successfully controvert the statement—in deed few would dare to challenge it—that if a personal God has revealed Himself to men the Bible is the record of that revelation. No other piece of religious literature in all the world can compare with it in its claim for that high place. Then if our Bible is not valid and dependable we have but one alternative for the explanation of religion, and that is the theory proposed by the evolutionist. But it is perfectly obvious that according to this theory religion is merely the vain assumption of a primitive mind, and has no basis beyond the vagaries of human imagination. Such a religion has little to recommend it to a thinking mind. But it is all we have left if we give up the Bible.

(3) In maintaining the authenticity of the Holy Scripture we secure a source of rich and ennobling experience. Nothing else has ever inspired the souls of men to such heights of love and sacrifice as have the teachings of this Book. From it man has derived the holiest sentiments which have ever stirred within his breast. The highest moments of rapture which the human heart can ever know come from impulses which are stimulated by the pages of that Holy Book.

But those experiences are conditioned upon a single fact, and that fact is faith. Destroy man's confidence in the truth of the Bible as a revelation from God and you stifle every religious emotion which its pages have inspired. The best in man can never be stirred by a conscious delusion. If the pages of the Bible represent the product of an honest, but misguided religious fancy, or the fabrication of a religious enthusiasm, it contains a very slight appeal to the holier emotions of the soul. When men cease to believe in the Bible they will cease to weep over its pages, to strive toward its ideals, to hale with blazing fervor its message, and to die in serene reliance upon its promises. Destroy the faith of humanity in the Bible and you have dried up the fountain-head of the highest and holiest experiences which the soul of man has ever known. Demolish the validity of the Holy Scripture and you have impoverished the human race to the point of abject desperation. The band that is laid in violence upon that Book may expect the shock of the mightiest protest which human devotion has ever raised. To thousands of humble and noble souls the Bible means all in life worth living for, and gladly will they lay life itself upon the altar before they will surrender their faith in that Holy Book.

(4) Finally, and most important of all, in defending the Bible we are conserving for the world its only hope of redemption. There is something radically wrong with man. No fact in the universe is more clearly obvious. His history is but the record of endless war and turmoil, and his life is a perpetual rehearsal of tragedy and crimes. Organized society has tried every possible recourse to curb the ravages of his perverse nature, but nothing has succeeded. We have tried punishment. We have built our jails and penitentiaries and courts of law, but man has defied the whole penal system and gone on in his sin. We have tried sympathy. We have built our hospitals and poor houses and various eleemosynary institutions, but man has imposed upon our charity and gone on in his sin. We have tried education, but instead of producing the saint which we proposed we have only refined the character of his sin. All these human institutions have their place, and perform their necessary function, but they are not sufficient, singly or combined, to solve the problem of sin. In the words of Jeremiah we cry, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" A half-drunken outcast fixed his face in the feeble glow of a dimly lighted street and met the inquiring word and pensive gaze of a city missionary with the pathetic appeal, "Oh God, for somebody to help me live a better life! These sad words voice the deepest need of the human race. The world needs somebody to help it up to a better life. The only one who can do that for the world is Jesus. His nail-scarred hand alone has the power to raise human life from the midnight gloom of depravity. But Jesus' redemptive work must stand or fall with the Bible. So completely is the significance of His personality and ministry identified with the Christian Scriptures that to destroy the faith of humanity in those Scriptures would be to forever annul the appeal of Jesus. Therefore, the problem before us contains the highest interest of human life: man's hope of purity and eternal redemption.

We have before us now in brief outline something of the problem of Biblical authenticity. The limits to which this discussion must be confined preclude a treatment of the matter in detail. An exhaustive treatment of the authenticity of the Holy Scriptures would require to take up each of the sixty-six books of our Bible, and go into all the evidence, both external and internal, and form an independent conclusion for each book. The material thus produced would be sufficient to fill a whole series of volumes on Biblical Introduction. From this vast field we select for

definite discussion here a general matter, and a matter of supreme importance. It is the question of the reliability of our conclusions in the study of the problem.

Is the Christian claim for the genuineness and credibility of the Scriptures the mere baseless assumption of a credulous religious fervor, or is it supported by the scientific testimony of substantial, dependable historical data? Does our Bible function effectively only in the realm of sentiment, or does it recommend itself to the most profound and acute intelligence? Must we, in holding to it as our infallible guide, disregard the impartial testimony of science and history? These are just now questions of immense moment, and questions which we cannot evade. The success of Christ's redemptive program, as it faces the twentieth century, depends to an alarming degree upon how we answer these questions. We must face them squarely and honestly and with open minds.

What had he found? He stood amid the gorgeous colonnades of the palace of the great Sargon! This was the Sargon mentioned by name in the twentieth chapter of Isaiah, and referred to in I Kings 17:6 as "the King of Assyria," who carried Israel into captivity. Many critics had flatly and confidently denied the existence of any such person and declared his name to be a mere invention of fancy. But now the French archaeologist stood in the very palace of that great Sargon himself, and upon the walls of the edifice were rows upon rows of inscriptions, challenging the radical critic with undeniable corroboration of the Old Testament account. Of course, there was nothing left for Mr. Critic to do but to accept his humiliation and retract his dogmatic denials.

In just such fashion as this the work of the archaeologist has gone forward, until today that ancient world of the Old Testament gleams in the white light of unchallenged history. But the critic, forced from his former position, has sought by a strained interpretation to turn these newly discovered facts into a buttress for a new set of infidel theories, thus proving that his motive is not an honest and open-minded search after truth, but a deep-seated and violent prejudice against revealed religion.

The attack on the historicity of the Old Testament has been made at five principal points: the origin and fall of the human race; the Deluge account; the table of nations in Genesis X; the historical reality of the Patriarchs of Israel; and the political relations of Israel with surrounding nations. If we can maintain the validity of these five important features of Old Testament history our case is unquestionably won. Our purposes here is to consider some of the objective evidences which contribute to the support of these accounts as historically reliable.

(1) The origin and fall of the human race. As to the matter of the origin of the human race, this belongs more properly to the discussion of the scientific test, and will therefore be deferred to that place. We confine our attention here to the historical evidences for the Fall. The evolutionist denies that man has experienced a definite moral lapse, resulting in his alienation from God and the vitiation of his nature by sin. He contends that, on the contrary, man has experienced a constant moral advancement through all the millenniums of his history. We are told that what the theologian calls sin is but the survival of the brute nature in man, inherited from his brute ancestors. This brutal residue is not to be eradicated by any such process as regeneration, but is to be gradually eliminated by means of education and culture. Man in his gradual ascent from the ancestral beast has little by little thrown off those brutal characteristics, and the chief need of the race is merely to assist his process of natural development. There is no need of any regeneration, because there has never been any depravity. The basis for this whole theory consists of the speculations of modern evolutionary science. We would place over against this speculative theorizing two simple arguments based upon objective facts. Though our first argument is deductive, yet it is a perfectly obvious deduction. The second argument is purely inductive.

a. Of course it need not be said that the facts about prehistoric man are beyond the reach of scientist or historian. Even the rankest evolutionist is compelled to declare that the origin of man lies in great obscurity. When we turn aside from the Bible there is nothing left but speculation. When we undertake to test the Biblical account of the moral experience of prehistoric man, the only logical method is to investigate the demonstrated moral nature of historic man, and deduce from that our conclusions. But notice, we begin by induction, basing our knowledge of man's moral nature upon the known facts of his history. When we have thus by induction formed a basis for argument, it is perfectly legitimate and logical to proceed to a conclusion along lines of deduction. What are the demonstrable facts of man's moral nature, and what the necessary implications of those facts?

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PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Taggart were visitors in El Paso this week.

Mrs. E. E. Dooley left Tuesday for Imperial where she will spend the summer with home folk.

C. G. Wright of Angeles with his wife and daughter were here for the circus.

Robert Reed of the U ranch was shaking hands with friends on the street in Pecos Thursday.

Tom Hart and E. B. Daniel of Toyah were members of the grand jury in session here this week.

Miss Blackmon of the school faculty made a trip to El Paso last week.

Sam Koen an old resident in Toyah was a visitor in Pecos this week in attendance upon the district court.

Wynn Hamilton and wife, formerly Miss Annie Wright, from Saragosa were visitors in Pecos Thursday.

Mrs. Charles Kendall returned Sunday from a visit of several weeks to her mother, Mrs. E. L. Stratton, in Los Angeles.

Dr. H. N. Lusk left Tuesday for El Paso to attend the meeting of the State Medical Association in session in that city this week.

Max Krauskopf is in Fort Worth in attendance upon a gathering of the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

Alfred Wylie of the El Paso T & P shop was a visitor at the residence of E. L. Collings this week.

Mrs. Max Ritz and children were in Pecos this week visiting relatives and friends and looking after business matters. They now reside in California.

Mrs. J. F. Christian arrived from El Paso the early part of the week for a visit to her many friends in Pecos who always extend to her a most cordial welcome.

Mrs. S. E. Cox of Lindsay, Oklahoma, arrived last week and was in attendance at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Leeman when she passed away.

E. J. Leeman of Duncan, Oklahoma, editor of a Duncan Daily newspaper, was in Pecos attending at the bedside of his mother, Mrs. J. A. Leeman, who passed away Monday. Mr. Leeman left yesterday for his home.

Young Bell, one of the promising ranchmen of Loving county received his circus orders early this week and was here with his family Thursday. Of course the circus did not particularly interest Young, but he was obliged to chaperon the wife and kiddies.

The following were in Pecos on business and pleasure Thursday: P. A. Harbert and wife; J. W. Alley and family from Saragosa. Floyd Goodrich and family from Porterville. Charlie Dodson and Gene Sweett with their families from Barstow; Finley Holmes and wife from Toyah.

D. O. Howard of El Paso, on old friend of the Leeman family, came down last week to assist in nursing Mrs. J. A. Leeman in her last illness. She had been to Mr. Howard as a mother in former days and he regarded her in terms of like endearment. He left for his home today.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Derrick were in from their ranch northeast of Toyah Tuesday of this week. Mr. and Mrs. Derrick are fine people and have the stick-to-itiveness to make a steak while the making is good. Here's hoping they some day get rich and are able to retire.

Nathan Slover came in Monday from Dallas where he had been in a hospital for some six weeks recuperating from an accident where in an acetylene welding outfit blew up and tore one of his feet to pieces. Nathan is a long shot from well yet but is getting along nicely and hopes to be able eventually to get about without crutches. He was working in Berkenridge when the accident occurred.

**CHARGED WITH THEFT**  
A negro giving his name as Grady Richards was arrested at Toyah this week for the theft of a watch and other jewelry to the value of over \$50.00. The watch was stolen from a Mr. Woolsey who operates a restaurant at that place.

Deputy Sheriff Jones made the arrest and landed Richards in jail. The grand jury returned an indictment against the alleged culprit and he will be tried in the district court May 29th.

**M. H. PIOR BADLY BURNED**  
Marshal H. Pior was badly burned at the Gates Tire and Filling station, of which he is the proprietor, last Friday. Mr. Pior was filling a car with gasoline which was driven by a young man who carelessly lighted a cigarette and threw the burning match so that the fumes of the gas ignited. The station caught fire and in Mr. Pior's efforts to extinguish the flames he was terribly burned about the hands and arms. All the upholstery of the car was destroyed and the building was damaged.

Mr. Pior has been confined to his home all of this week, but is on the streets today with both arms in bandages.

The gasoline pump used at the station is fire proof and were it not for this fact the entire structure would have been destroyed and a very disastrous explosion would have occurred.

**WHIRLWIND ELECTION**  
The High School students held a regular politico-style election this week for editor-in-chief and business manager of the Whirlwind for the ensuing year.

Regular printed ballots were used and the balloting was a replica of a regular fall election for congressmen.

A. J. Moran, better known as "Pat," was elected editor by a margin of one vote over Charles Hudson.

For business manager Cap Weyer was elected over Cliff Sims by a very substantial majority.

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**MRS. J. A. LEEMAN**  
The grim reaper of death again visited our fair little city and claimed one of its most beloved citizens. When it was announced Friday that Mrs. J. A. Leeman was seriously ill a pill of sadness was cast over all her many friends and they began to pour into the Leeman home to offer sympathy and assistance, but the last clear call had come and she met her pilot face to face, passing away quietly and peacefully Monday, May 8. Mrs. Leeman was born in Tipper county, Mississippi, October 19, 1850, the fourth child of Rev. J. J. Armour, a Presbyterian minister.

The family moved to Hunt county, Texas, when she was about ten years of age. Later they moved to Hopkins county, where on December 24, 1868, she was united in marriage to Sam A. Leeman of the same county. They were born seven children, two of whom died in infancy. The five remaining are Sam A. Leeman of Comanche, Oklahoma, Ed J. Leeman of Duncan, Oklahoma, W. B. Leeman of El Paso, Mrs. J. L. Mann and Mrs. Lucy Mitchell of Pecos. There are seventeen grandchildren and three great grandchildren. The deceased leaves also a sister, Mrs. S. E. Cox of Lindsay, Oklahoma—the only survivor of her father's family.

Mrs. Leeman was an honored member of the order of the Eastern Star, being a past grand officer therein. She was also a member of the daughters of the Confederacy.

Her Christian life however, is the emphatic part of her earthly history. She was converted at the age of twelve and united with the Presbyterian church, joining the Methodist church after her marriage. She has lived an active Christian life all along the way, reaching perhaps the zenith of her power during her residence at Merkel where those who knew her in those days speak in highest terms of her Christian activity. She was active in the Woman's Missionary Society, until health failed her—was at one time president of the society in Pecos where they have resided a number of years. Her piety was equal to her activity and like all spiritual elements remained and grew when the bodily affliction forced her from the field of activity. Christian conversation and prayer have ever been her delight. She is a saint gone to rest at the age of seventy-one years, six months and nineteen days.

Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock, conducted by Rev. L. L. Thurston, her pastor. Interment was made in Fairview cemetery. The Eastern Star Lodge having a part in the services. The floral offerings from institutions and friends were profuse. The Enterprise joins the many other friends of the family in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved in their sad hour.

**NOTICE OF RECITAL**  
Mrs. Lillian Butler's and Mrs. C. B. Jordan's music classes will give their annual commencement recital at the Baptist church Friday evening at 8:30, May 19. They will be glad to have all patrons and friends attend.

Miss Poe will give 20 per cent discount on all trimmed hats from May 12th to May 20th. 1t.

PRODUCER-COMPLETED IN SOUTH ELECTRA

Electra, Texas, May 5.—Another sensational producer has been completed in the westward extension of the South Electra pool. It is the Rio Bravo No. 2 of the Harvey-Cullum interests, which started swabbing 600 to 700 barrels daily before the hole was cleaned out, at a depth of 1,930 feet. It is regarded as even a better well than the Burnett No. 37 of the Planet Petroleum Company, in the same district, which came in 24 hours before for 750 barrels daily at the same depth. Those two are the biggest completions in Wichita county for months. Jennings No. 1-A of the Gulf Production Company is the third completion in that field, but the flow has not been estimated.

**SCHOOL CLOSURE FOR CIRCUS**  
Thursday was a great day for the school kiddies and incidentally the older ones also. The streets were lined with children with their parents and friends and the influx from the country was up to its usual conditions on Circus day. The school was closed to allow the students to visit the Gentry Bros. Animal Show and a few old gray headed citizens were trying to borrow children as a camouflage for their attendance. The ball club went to Marfa to play and the result will be published next week.

**CONFIRMATION IN ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH**  
Right Rev. Bishop Schuler of El Paso will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Catherine's church next Sunday morning at nine o'clock. The choir of St. John's church, Toyah, directed by Mrs. Agnes Lucas, will sing at the services.

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