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GOVERNMENT RING CHARGED WITH SHARING OF PROFITS

ARMY OFFICER AND RAILROAD EXECUTIVE ARE NAMED BEFORE CALDER COMMITTEE OF SENATE.

Washington, D. C.—Startling exposures implicating a ring of government officials in bituminous coal deals in which they are charged with having made enormous profits mounting into the millions were made today before the Calder committee of the senate which began an investigation of coal profiteering in the effort to fix responsibility for the prevailing high prices.

The sensational revelations were made by George H. Cushing, managing director of the American Wholesale Coal association, a witness before the committee.

Cushing gave to the committee in secret session the names of two government officials, one of whom was connected with the railroad administration and the other an army officer, whom he accused of using their positions to reap exorbitant profits on purchases of coal.

Will Furnish Other Names.

The committee was also informed by Cushing that a number of other names of government officials who were in the "ring" and reaped large profits will be furnished by him.

Cushing admission of the part played by government officials in the profiteering game fell upon the committee with dramatic suddenness. He had been describing to the committee the manner in which coal men profited and added nonchalantly: "But they could hardly be expected to do otherwise with government officials themselves making big profits in the business."

The statement brought Senator Kenyon, a member of the sub-committee, erect.

"What is this you say about government officials?" he inquired sharply.

Wants to Withdraw Remark.

Cushing hesitated. Then realizing the gravity of the situation, he requested that his remarks be expunged from the record.

"What revelation I would offer the committee would neither point a moral nor present a solution," he stated. But upon the insistence of the committee he agreed to divulge his information in private, and a secret session was immediately called.

Afterward it was learned that Cushing had furnished the committee with information to the effect that a group of government officials had organized a pool for engineering big deals in coal. He gave the name of a government official of the railroad administration, who left the employ of the government three months ago, and an army officer also.

Profit of \$150 a Ton.

Cushing said that the officials did not profit at government expense, but they were in a position by virtue of their connection with the government to know that enormous profits could be made in coal, and they went into the business "on the side." He said that one deal that he knew of in which 450,000 tons were involved, the officials had made a profit of \$150 a ton.

According to the witness, large consumers with the prospect of coal famine had approached the officials asking relief. They were unable to do it through the government, but realizing that big profits could be made if they could supply the needed fuel, they organized a pool to buy up huge stocks and meet privately the demands that reached them through official channels.

On one occasion, Cushing testified, he was approached by an official of this group seeking 400,000 tons, who offered him a commission of 25 cents a ton if he could fill the order.

At the conclusion of the hearing Senator Calder, chairman of the sub-

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Christmas Ball

On December 28, Mrs. T. A. Childers entertained for her daughter, Mildred Mary, with a Christmas ball and banquet, an affair that was probably the most brilliant social event in the history of our little city.

The dance hall at the opera house was wonderfully effective with decorations of red and green bunting, young spruce trees, holly and mistletoe and many small electric bulbs half hidden in the foliage. The Post band furnished perfect music with those blended strains of sad and gay that makes the dancers' heaven.

At 12 o'clock the guests repaired to the beautiful home of the hostess, where the same color scheme prevailed. In the blue dining and reception rooms small green Christmas trees, smilax, mistletoe, holly, red candles, and favors at each place, gave an indescribably festive air to the long tables where covers were laid for sixty-five guests.

While the band made music from a concealed alcove the merry people feasted upon every seasonable delicacy, including crab cocktails, turkey, creamed mushrooms, fruit salad, French pastries, black coffee and a marvelous punch, the "La Lalle," so good none could detect any lack of "punch" in it.

One pretty feature of this delightfully informal and unique event was the moonlight extras when the lights were turned off and the dances continued by moonlight by the light of a large yellow moon, two feet in diameter and near enough for an infectious grin to be discernible upon the moon man's face. This mechanical effect of a pretty illusion was the ingenious work of Mr. Gene Kelly.

Miss Mildred, the adorable little sub-deb in whose honor the ball was given, wore a lovely gown of burnt orange silk meline over taffeta with silver lace garniture.

Mrs. T. A. Childers was gowned in black silk and jet and wore diamonds; Mrs. Beck Pool, black velvet and diamonds; Mrs. Murphy, black satin; Mrs. Davis, brown silk and lace; Mrs. Ben Pruitt, brown lace; Mrs. Raymond Fitzgerald, dotted silk; Mrs. Allen, brown, tricotette and tulle; Mrs. Snyder, black satin and diamonds; Mrs. Bill McGee, turquoise taffeta; Miss Steel, embroidered Gorgette; Miss Cotter, plum-colored silk; Miss Ruth Robinson, pink taffeta; Miss Hester Brite, brocade turquoise silk; Miss Erickson, blue silk net; Miss Louise Young, pink and blue silk with gold trimming; Elizabeth Fennell, metal cloth and silver lace; Miss Neta Young, blue silk and lace; Miss Anna Belle Bunton, embroidered crape silk with feather trimmings; Miss Lolla Bunton, pink Gorgette; Miss Luci Belle Snyder, black velvet; Penelope Snyder, lavender silk and lace; Miss Mary Shannon, black and gold net; Miss Mamie Joe Farmer, Cerise tulle; Miss Tommie Simpson, blue silk; Myrtle Rawls, pink silk; Bill Rawls, blue Gorgette; Lillian Kleinman, black velvet. Besides these shimmering ladies several gentlemen attended, including: Milton Gillett, Ben Avant, John Prude, Mr. McFarland, Tom Snyder, Mr. Fitzgerald, Willie and Lucious Bunton, J. W. Pool, R. W. McGee, J. B. Pruitt, Mr. Steel, Mr. Murphy, Gene Kelly, Ray McDaniels, Lee Fischer, Horace Porter, Doran Wood, Ben Pruitt, Clemmie Davis, James Karsendick, Charlie Shannon, Harry Young, Russell Kleinman, Elsworth Share, Henry Arthur, Joe Mitchell, Burton Mitchell.

Birthday Party.

On the evening of the 29th Margaret Orr celebrated her 15th birthday. A number of her young friends met at the residence of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Orr, and helped her celebrate the occasion. They all report having had a most delightful time.

The St. George.

It is understood from reliable information that after April next the St. George hotel's rooms will be converted into offices, and that the building will no longer thereafter be used for hotel purposes.

Basketball.

An interesting game between the Marfa Hi and the Fort Davis champions was held at Marfa last Saturday, which resulted in 10 to 20 in favor of the visitors.

REPUBLICAN WHIPS EXPECT BITTER TARIFF FIGHT IN SENATE

COAL INQUIRY MAY GO OVER UNTIL NEXT WEEK — UPPER BRANCH MAY RECESS UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Congress will reassemble tomorrow after a brief Christmas week-end, but the holiday spirit promises to prevail, with little important business planned until the New Year. Many senators and representatives will not return to Washington until next week and, by written agreement, several hearings and other affairs will go over.

The opening clash in the senate on the emergency tariff bill, which passed the house last week, is expected tomorrow. Blocked by the Democrats last week, the Republican plan for tomorrow another effort to refer the measure to the finance committee. Notices accompanied Christmas greetings to all Republican senators from Senator Curtis of Kansas, Republican whip, urging a solid Republican phalanx tomorrow to vote the tariff measure into the committee. Senator Harrison of Mississippi and other Democrats opposing the bill, plan to use every parliamentary tactic in their power in a play for time. They do not hope to prevent ultimate committee reference, however. Prospects are that there will be a much more solid line-up against tariff legislation in the senate than in the house, and Republican leaders accordingly plan to forego formal hearings before the committee and hasten action in other ways. The majority leaders concede privately that interminable debate in the senate is in prospect and see slight possibility of obtaining the necessary two-thirds vote to invoke cloture.

Secretary Houston of the treasury department will resume his statement regarding national finances tomorrow before the finance committee. The secretary has been asked especially for specific advice regarding the bill for increase compensation to former service men.

Further hearings in the coal investigation of the reconstruction committee, headed by Senator Calder (Republican) of New York, may be held this week, but this investigation, which was suspended for the holidays, may go over until next week.

The house tomorrow will consider minor bills and during the week expects to begin consideration of its second regular appropriation bill, the sundry civil budget.

All important house committee work is suspended until next week. The house is to work 4 this week, except only New Year's day, but the senate may take another week-end recess for the last holiday of congress before the end of the session, March 3.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Republican and Democratic leaders in the senate clashed today over the house emergency tariff bill. Characterizing the measure as an embargo bill and a "shaking proposition" to restrict American commerce, Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, acting Democratic leader, proposed that the bill, instead of being referred as a tariff measure to the finance committee, be at to the commerce committee. He charged that the Republicans opposed to "rush through" the measure practically without consideration.

Acting Chairman McCumber of the finance committee, Senator Smoot of Utah, and other Republican leaders denied that the legislative contemplated embargoes. Senator McCumber promised "fair and adequate consideration" of the bill at month and stated that in its present form he would not support it, under any consideration.

Senator Hitchcock said the bill's policy was "suicidal."

"Its purpose is to erect tariff barriers," he said.

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\$2,300,000,000 TOTAL COST OF SOLDIER BONUSES

HOUSTON'S FIGURES GIVEN TO SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REGARDED AS DOOM OF THE BILL.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Approximately \$2,300,000,000 was the estimate submitted today by Secretary Houston of the treasury department, as the cost of carrying out provisions of the soldiers' bonus bill.

The secretary presented his estimate to the senate finance committee without comment other than to urge that no legislation be enacted which would lay an additional burden on the nation's finances. The estimate was accompanied by figures showing the cost of carrying out any one of the five optional provisions of the bonus bill provided all former service men chose a single plan. The figures for the various plans ranged from \$1,342,000,000 for the adjusted pay provisions, to \$4,532,000,000 for insurance provisions.

The maximum possible cost of the vocational training aid and the farm and home development plans were placed at \$1,880,000,000 each, while the secretary said the fifth provision, a plan for land settlement, held so many uncertainties that it was impossible to estimate the possible expenditures.

Failure of Bill Forecast.

Submission of the estimated total cost made an apparent impression upon members of the committee, which is considering the bonus bill as passed by the house at the last session. Members declined to forecast the decision of the committee on the question of reporting out the measure, but it was recalled that Senator McCumber, Republican of North Dakota, stated at the opening of hearings on the bill that its passage would largely depend on the state of government finances and that Mr. Houston had testified the treasury, with normal expenditures, would have a deficit of \$2,100,000,000 for the year ending next June 30, and a deficit of \$1,500,000,000 for the following 12 months.

During Mr. Houston's testimony, it became increasingly evident that the present treasury administration does not desire either to advise or recommend with respect to legislation providing for greater governmental expenditures.

Opposes War Finance Board.

Reiterating his opposition to revival of the war finance corporation, Mr. Houston declared the present sources of revenue were fast declining and added that he knew not where the money was to come from to meet the bonus payment should the bill be enacted into law. He avoided discussing the additional taxes carried in the bill and designed to meet its needs, referring the committee first to the survey of the taxation problem in his annual report and explaining he was unable even to prescribe ways of raising revenue for the current needs without readjusting and revising present tax laws to produce more money.

Dr. T. S. Adams, treasury economist and tax expert, at the suggestion of Mr. Houston, gave the committee a complete statement of revenue obtainable from the various taxes suggested to congress in Mr. Houston's annual report. He pointed to many new sources which might be utilized, but explained that much of the question of raising a tax levy centered first in the determination of a revenue policy which only congress could provide.

Dr. Adams also suggested that one of the greatest needs was a simplification of the revenue laws, a statement concurred in by Senator Smoot, Republican of Utah, who said there was an evident need for enactment of tax laws "which the average man can understand."

BRILLIANT CHURCH WEDDINGS

MARFA IS GAY WITH SOCIAL EVENTS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

Colquitt-Gillett

The event of unusual interest to West Texas and particularly to the people of the community was the marriage of Mr. Will Kellum Colquitt and Miss Leota Gillett on the evening of December 29, 1920, uniting two of the oldest and most substantial families. Will K. Colquitt being the son of the late Robert K. Colquitt who came to West Texas from Louisiana about twenty years ago and was active in the establishment of various enterprises, among them the Marfa National Bank, being its first president.

Miss Leota Gillett is the accomplished daughter of Captain and Mrs. James B. Gillett, so well and favorably known. Captain Gillett is a West Texas pioneer, having held many positions of honor; has served as a Texas ranger, chief of police of El Paso and several years sheriff of Brewster County, but now a staunch and wealthy ranchman of Jeff Davis county.

In the presence of a host of friends which filled the Baptist church and in a setting of beautiful ferns, smilax and cut flowers, the service which united the happy pair was said.

Mrs. Nat Gunter sang the bridal song, "O Perfect Love," before the entrance of the wedding party, accompanied on the piano by Miss Jessie Jones. At the conclusion of the solo the "Bridal Chorus" from "Lohengrin" was played for the procession. The ushers, Burton Mitchell and Doran Woods, leading down one aisle and Lee Fischer and Frank Jones the other.

The bridesmaids, Misses Dornie Finley, Luci Belle Snyder, Mary Shannon, Dorothy Mitchell, Will Rawls and Evelyn Fitzgerald, Katharine Mitchell, Penelope Snyder, Minnie Joe Farmer, Myrtle Rawls followed by matrons of honor, Mrs. Lee Evans, Mrs. Harper Gillett and Mrs. G. W. Evans, Jr., Mrs. W. A. Shannon.

Then came the maid of honor, Miss Hester Brite and the flower girls, Pansy Gillett Evans, and Madie Fern Evans. The bride entered with her mother and was met at the altar steps by Dr. R. L. Irwin, the bridegroom and his best man, Milton Gillett. The impressive ring service was used. Little W. Evans III, was the ring bearer and walked with the little flower girls, who carried baskets of rose petals to scatter in the path of the bride. The little misses wore dainty orchid tulle dresses with silver ribbons over the shoulders. The bride's gown was an exquisite creation of satin, with veil of filmy tulle caught to a coronet of orange blossoms falling in cloud-like effect over the train. A shower bouquet of valley lilies and brides' roses were carried.

Mrs. Gillett wore a French model of brocade silver on train, with this was carried an arm bouquet of Premier roses.

Miss Brite wore a lovely gown of cloth of gold with overdress of tulle and iridescent brocade.

The bridesmaids were gowned in a rainbow scheme. Their gracefulness and beauty was completed by carrying Colonial bouquets.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Colquitt entertained the bridal party and friends with a reception at their home after the ceremony at the church.

The house was tastefully decorated for the occasion and elegant refreshments served. The numerous presents received bespeaks the popularity of this happy couple.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Colquitt left for a wedding trip to San Antonio and Shreveport, La., to visit the groom's sister. They will return to make their home near Marfa on his ranch.

The many friends of the young couple join the New Era in extending congratulations to the groom on his good fortune, while wishing them every prospering gift of Smiling Fortune.

An Interesting Marriage.

The marriage of Frank J. Franklin and Miss Albina Pyka was solemnized

last Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Father Paloma officiating. This being the first marriage celebrated in this beautiful house of worship, attracted more than usual interest, and quite an audience of witnesses and worshippers were present.

There were evidences of beautiful flowers and decorations of the Christmas, and especially roses of pink carnations were most effectively arranged at the marriage altar. While the wedding march from Mendelssohn's Midsummer Night's Dream was being played on the organ by Miss Olive Weise the wedding party entered, and proceeded up the main aisle. The bride entered with Mr. Ferdinand Weber, followed by the groom with Miss Gussie Weber. Just after the pledging of the vows, Mrs. H. H. Kilpatrick sang Ave Marie (Bach-Gounod); following this was the mass and a most appropriate and eloquent discourse by Father Paloma. During the Offertory Mrs. Kilpatrick sang Adeste Fideles.

The bride's dress was a white satin combined with white silk lace. The veil was held in place with a wreath of orange blossoms. She carried an arm bouquet of white carnations and fragrant blossoms with ferns and tied with white satin streamers. The bridesmaid was dressed in white organza with a shell pink Gorgette hat.

The groom is a member of the U. S. Hospital corps at Marfa, and holds the responsible position of X-ray technician. He has resided in Marfa for four years, and by his gentlemanly conduct has made many friends among the officers, soldiers and civilians of his acquaintance. The bride has been a visitor to Marfa for many months, having come here from Bandera county on a visit to her sister, and during her stay here by her pleasing personality and lovely Christian character, has likewise made a host of friends. The New Era wishes with their many friends the season's richest blessings and years of happiness and prosperity.

Following the wedding services Judge and Mrs. W. A. Wells entertained the wedding party with an 11 o'clock breakfast. In the afternoon at 5:30 Mr. and Mrs. William Weber gave a dinner party in honor of the bride and groom. A splendid dinner was served to the following guests: Father Paloma, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Schutze, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Prather, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kilpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Franklin, Miss Katherine Schutze and Miss Bernice Clayton.

They Presented Unto Him Gifts.

An interesting program was presented on Christmas eve at the Christian church. It is a custom observed yearly by the Bible school, just before the presentation of simple presents of candies and fruits for different classes to march to the front and place "White Gifts for the King" at the foot of a beautiful white cross. This year the gifts totaled \$190.

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him: And when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."

Near East Relief.

The following names and amounts subscribed have been added to the list of collections for this fund since the report of last week:

C. T. Mitchell	\$ 250
Pearl A. Jackson	250
High school	25
George F. Crosson	100
J. H. Benson	100
William Rideout	100
T. H. Rawls	100
Dr. Hodges	100
E. F. Nicolls	100
F. M. Kennedy	100
W. W. Weatherford	250
Miss Lucille Rives	75.00
Methodist Sunday school	65.52
Presbyterian Sunday school	7.98
J. D. Wages	100
H. F. Aston	100
W. B. Humphreys	250
R. C. Jaine	100

Total **\$1,765.02**
Previously reported **\$77.70**
Total to date **\$1,842.72**

CATTLEMEN WILL GET RATES ON ALL ROADS

Special rates similar to those offered by Texas, lines probably will be arranged from New Mexico and Arizona points for stockmen who attend the convention here January 12, according to T. W. Tomlinson of Denver, secretary of the National Stockmen's association.

Texas lines have agreed to grant one-half fares on return trips if as many as 250 come here from Texas points. Mr. Tomlinson has written to J. M. Sanburn here, secretary of the Panhandle & Southwestern association, that he believes the same arrangement will be in effect from the two states named.

Mr. Tomlinson expects to reach El Paso early in January to have everything in readiness for the convention when it opens.

Nursery Stock.

We again offer a complete line of first-class Fruit Trees, Papershell Pecan (bearing age), besides Shade Trees, Evergreens, Cedars, Arborvitae, Shrubs, Palms, Grapes, Berries, Roses, etc.

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Cibola, Guadalupe County, Texas.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Presidio County, GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon G. H. Abbott and the unknown heirs of G. H. Abbott, Deceased, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Presidio County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Marfa, Texas, on the 24th day of January, 1921, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1920, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2592, wherein Mrs. Annie Lackey is Plaintiff, and G. H. Abbott, Deceased, and the unknown heirs of G. H. Abbott, Deceased, are Defendants, and said petition alleging:

First: That Plaintiff does not know but believes the Defendants, G. H. Abbott and George H. Abbott are one and the same person, and she does not know whether said defendants are alive or dead, and that if said defendants are alive, their place or places of residence or domicile are unknown to Plaintiff, and if said defendants are dead, the names and places of residence or domicile of the heirs of G. H. Abbott, Deceased, and the names and places of residence or domicile of the heirs of George H. Abbott, Deceased, are unknown to this Plaintiff.

Second: Plaintiff alleges that she is vested with the fee simple title to, and is in possession of, the following described real estate, situated in Presidio County, Texas, to-wit:

Survey 453, Certificate 1-836, Original Grantee G. H. Abbott, assignee of G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co., 640 acres.

Survey 455, Certificate 1-857, Original Grantee G. H. Abbott, assignee of G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co., 640 acres.

Third: Plaintiff claims a good and perfect title to the land described above, in that she and those through whom she claims, have had and held continuous, peaceable and adverse possession under title and color of title from and under the State of Texas from and under the Statute of Limitations, for more than five years next preceding and prior to the institution of this suit, and has title thereto under and by virtue of the five years' statute of limitation.

Fourth: Plaintiff alleges that she and those under whom she claims have had and held peaceable and adverse possession of the above mentioned land, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, and paying taxes thereon, and claiming under a deed duly registered, continuously for more than five years next preceding and prior to the institution of this suit, and has title thereto under and by virtue of the five years' statute of limitation.

Fifth: Plaintiff claims and holds a good and perfect title to the above described land by reason of the ten years' statute of limitation, in that she and those under whom she claims have had and held continuous, peaceable and adverse possession of the land described above, using and enjoying the same for more than ten years next preceding and prior to the commencement of this suit, and for said period of more than ten years after the defendants' cause of action accrued.

Sixth: Plaintiff alleges that the defendants are asserting some claim of character of title to the above described land, the exact nature of which Plaintiff does not know, but which claim creates a cloud upon Plaintiff's title to said land, to her great injury and damage.

Seventh: Plaintiff here gives notice to the Defendants to produce at the trial of this cause, all original deeds or instruments described, and if same are not so produced, she will introduce secondary evidence thereof.

Premises considered, Plaintiff prays that the Defendants be cited by publication to appear and answer this petition, as is by law in such

cases made and provided, and upon a final hearing hereof, that she have judgment for the title and possession of the above described land, and for judgment declaring null and void the claim of title asserted thereto by defendants, and removing the cloud upon Plaintiff's title created by reason thereof, and for all such other and further relief, general and special, in law or equity, to which she may be justly entitled.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, Essie Aiken, Clerk of the District Court of Presidio County, Seal of said Court, at office in Marfa, Texas, this 20th day of December, A. D. 1920.

SEAL. **ESSIE AIKEN,**
Clerk District Court, Presidio County, 1-14-21

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Presidio County, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon J. H. Williams by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Presidio County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Marfa, Texas, on the 4th Monday in January, 1921, the same being the 24th day of January, 1921, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 15th day of December, 1920, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2586, wherein M. D. Kerr is Plaintiff and J. H. Williams are Defendants, and said petition alleging in substance: that the plaintiff funder good and sufficient deeds of conveyance, is the legal and equitable owner and holder of and is in lawful and peaceful possession of the following described tract or parcel of land, lying and being situated in Presidio County, Texas, out to be in Block 8, G. H. & S. A. Ry. Co., original grantee, beginning at two wooden pegs the southwest corner of a tract of land conveyed to M. E. Williams (now owned by Adams and lying immediately north of the tract of land herein described, being the N. W. corner of this tract of land; Thence south 16 degrees 30 minutes E. 567.82 feet to a wooden peg the northwest corner of a one-acre tract of land conveyed by J. H. Williams and wife to F. C. Standish; Thence north 73 degrees and 30 minutes east 208.68 feet to a point the N. E. corner of said Standish one-acre tract; Thence north 73 degrees and 30 minutes east 395.32 feet to two wooden pegs the S. E. corner of this tract; Thence north 16 degrees and 30 minutes west 666 feet to a wooden peg and gatepost at the S. E. corner of Dan Williams' one-acre tract, and the N. E. corner of this survey; Thence north 81 degrees and 26 minutes west 612 1-2 feet to the place of beginning; that Plaintiff is claiming said land under the 3, 5 and 10 year statute of limitations, which are specially pleaded; that defendants are making some claim to said land, which casts a cloud upon said land and injures the plaintiff in the sale thereof; that Plaintiff is entitled to a judgment removing such cloud and quieting his title thereto; for all of which Plaintiff prays, together with judgment for costs.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, Essie Aiken, Clerk of the District Court of Presidio County, Seal of said Court, at office in Marfa, Texas, this 20th day of December, 1920.

SEAL. **ESSIE AIKEN,**
Clerk District Court, Presidio County, 1-14-21

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Presidio County, GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon J. W. Hawkins and R. C. Higgins and S. C. Burns by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Presidio County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Marfa, Texas, on the 4th Monday in January, 1921, the same being the 24th day of January, 1921, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 15th day of December, 1920, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2585, wherein W. C. Jordan and Emma E. Jordan are Plaintiff and J. W. Hawkins and R. C. Higgins are Defendants, and said petition alleging in substance: That the plaintiffs are residents of Presidio County, Texas, and the residence of Defendants unknown; that on April 25, 1919, Plaintiffs and Defendants entered into an oil and gas lease wherein Plaintiffs leased to Defendants for five years the following lands in Presidio County, Texas, to-wit: The N. W. 1-2 of the N. E. 1-2 and the N. E. 1-4 of the N. E. 1-2 of Survey 248, Certificate 21-533, Jesus Baza Original Grantee, containing 250 acres.

That under the terms of said lease contract Defendants were required to commence the drilling of a well on said lands on or before October 24, 1919, unless they should pay to Plaintiffs the annual rental of \$100.00 which would continue said lease in effect for twelve months; and likewise such annual payments would operate to continue said lease in effect; but upon default in such conditions said lease should and would forfeit; that Defendants failed to make such payment as due October 24, 1919, and thereby forfeited said lease and Plaintiffs have declared the same forfeited; that the same constitutes a cloud on the title of Plaintiffs.

Wherefore, they pray for citation, judgment removing said lease and for costs and general and special relief.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court at its aforesaid next regular term this writ with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my official hand and seal of office this 21st day of December, A. D. 1920.

SEAL. **ESSIE AIKEN,**
Clerk of the District Court, Presidio County, Texas, 1-14-21

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Presidio County, GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon M. E. Somerford, J. A. Kincheol, Geo. H. Currier, J. A. Moss, Kumukoo Oil & Refining Company, N. Mosley, J. P. Freedman, G. C. Gillum, the firm of Gillum & Freedman, composed of the said J. P. Freedman and G. C. Gillum, Herman Miller, Geo. Beck Oil & Development Company; F. J. Trafion, W. O. Taylor, A. Wolf, Chas. K. Kahn, H. Grossman and S. C. Burns by making publication of this Citation once each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Presidio County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Marfa, Texas, on the 4th Monday in January, 1921, the same being the 24th day of January, 1921, then and there to answer the petition filed in said Court on the 21st day of December, 1920, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2593, wherein R. E. Sheppard is Plaintiff and R. L. Brown, M. E. Somerford, J. A. Kincheol, Geo. H. Currier, J. S. Moss, Kumukoo Oil & Leasing Company, A. N. Mosley, J. P. Freedman, G. C. Gillum, Gillum & Freedman, Herman Miller, Geo. Beck Oil & Development Company; F. J. Trafion, W. C. Taylor, A. Wolf, Chas. K. Kahn, H. Grossman, and S. C. Burns are Defendants, and said petition alleging in substance:

That Plaintiff is a resident of Wichita County, Texas, Defendant,

R. L. Brown a resident of Wichita County, Texas, and that the other defendants are non-residents of this State and their residence unknown; that on November 9, 1918, G. B. Haley conveyed the hereinafter described lands to M. E. Somerford amongst other things the said Somerford executed his five notes payable to the order of said Haley for one thousand dollars each, bearing eight per cent interest from date until paid, providing for the usual attorney's fee of ten per cent; due November 1, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923, and providing that failure to pay any one of them when due would, at the option of the holder, mature all of them; that by regular endorsement and transfer said notes and the lien retained to secure them were transferred to T. F. Hunter by C. B. Haley and by T. F. Hunter to Plaintiff, R. E. Sheppard; that R. L. Brown by deed of conveyance took the lands hereinafter mentioned from M. E. Somerford, and that subsequent to the conveyance to M. E. Somerford wherein said lien was retained, the other defendants obtained some interest in said lands and are now asserting some title or interest therein; that said notes were given for a part of the purchase money of the following described lands, situated in Presidio County, Texas, to-wit:

N. 1-2 and S. E. 1-4 Section 95, Block 12, Certificate No. 1189, G. H. & S. A. Ry. Co., Grantee, 480 acres.

N. 1-2 Section 95, Block 12 Certificate No. 1189, G. H. & S. A. Ry. Co., Grantee, 320 acres.

Section 91, Block 12, Certificate No. 1187, G. H. & S. A. Ry. Co., Grantee, 640 acres.

Section 92, Block 12, Certificate No. 1187, G. H. & S. A. Ry. Co., Grantee, 640 acres.

Section 100, Block 12, Certificate No. 1187, G. H. & S. A. Ry. Co., Grantee, 640 acres.

Section 121, Block 12, Certificate No. 1202, G. H. & S. A. Ry. Co., Grantee, 640 acres.

Section 122, Block 12, Certificate No. 1202, G. H. & S. A. Ry. Co., Grantee, 640 acres.

Section 99, Block 12, Certificate No. 1191, G. H. & S. A. Ry. Co., Grantee, 640 acres.

That there was a lien retained in said notes to M. E. Somerford to secure the above mentioned notes; that by reason of the provision in said notes and the failure of the defendants to pay the first two of said notes mature, and the same reason Plaintiff has declared all of said notes mature, and the same reason he has demanded, and has often been requested and demanded, that said Plaintiff placed said notes in the hands of C. B. Haley, an attorney, for collection and has contracted to pay him the attorney's fee in said notes mentioned, the same being the usual, customary and reasonable fee.

Plaintiff prays for citation, judgment for his debt, foreclosure of his vendor's lien, for the sale of the above described lands, general and special relief.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court at its aforesaid next regular term this writ with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my official hand and seal of office this 21st day of December, 1920.

SEAL. **ESSIE AIKEN,**
Clerk of the District Court in and for Presidio County, Texas. 1-14-21

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Presidio County, GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon J. W. Hawkins and R. C. Higgins and S. C. Burns by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Presidio County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Marfa, Texas, on the 4th Monday in January, A. D. 1921, the same being the 24th day of January, A. D. 1921, then and there to answer a First Amended Original petition filed in said Court on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1920, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2571, wherein G. W. Glavis is Plaintiff and Gertrude Shaver Glavis is defendant and said First Amended Original petition alleging, that Plaintiff resided in the State of Texas, for more than one year and in Presidio County, for at least six months next preceding the filing of this suit and further alleging permanent abandonment for more than three years with no intention of ever returning, and praying for a dissolution of the marriage relationship and for special and general relief.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before this Court at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, Essie Aiken, Clerk of the District Court of Presidio County, Seal of said Court, at office in Marfa, Texas, this 20th day of December, 1920.

SEAL. **ESSIE AIKEN,**
Clerk of the District Court, Presidio County, Texas, 1-14-21

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Presidio County, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon L. Roy B. Conkey by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Presidio County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Marfa, Texas, on the third Monday after the first Monday in January, A. D. 1921, the same being the 24th day of January, A. D. 1921, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition, filed in said Court on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1920, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2587, wherein Joan Conkey is Plaintiff and LeRoy B. Conkey is Defendant.

The cause of action being as follows, to-wit: Being a suit for divorce, and along in substance that Plaintiff and Defendant were married in New York City April 28th, 1915; that they lived together as husband and wife until August 1st, 1917, at which time Defendant permanently abandoned Plaintiff, since which time they have lived together as husband and wife and alleging further that Defendant failed and neglected to provide sufficient food and clothing for the Plaintiff and Plaintiff and that she is forced a number of times to rely to the home of her parents to obtain sufficient food and

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Presidio County, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon Frank Daniels and Mrs. Isidra Daniels by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Presidio County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Marfa, Texas, on the 4th Monday in January, 1921, the same being the 24th day of January, 1921, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 15th day of December, 1920, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2586, wherein Max Cortez, Plaintiff, and Frank Daniels and Mrs. Isidra Daniels, are Defendants, and said petition alleging That plaintiff under good and sufficient deed of conveyance is the legal and equitable owner of and is in lawful possession of Lot No. 11, Block 14, in the town of Marfa, Presidio County, Texas, according to map of said town; that defendants are setting up some character of claim to said land which casts a cloud upon Plaintiff's title and injuring him in the sale thereof; that Plaintiff claims said land under the 3, 5 and 10 year statute of limitations, which he specially pleads; that Plaintiff is entitled to have a judgment removing such cloud and quieting his title to said land; and that Plaintiff prays for judgment for costs of suit.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, Essie Aiken, Clerk of the District Court of Presidio County, Seal of said Court, at office in Marfa, Texas, this 15th day of December, 1920.

SEAL. **ESSIE AIKEN,**
Clerk District Court, Presidio County, 1-14-21

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Presidio County, GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon Gertrude Shaver Glavis by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Presidio County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Marfa, Texas, on the 3rd Monday after the 1st Monday in January, A. D. 1921, the same being the 24th day of January, A. D. 1921, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court No. 2593, wherein Mrs. Annie Lackey is Plaintiff, and Gertrude Shaver Glavis is Plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of Gertrude Shaver Glavis, are Defendants, and said petition alleging:

First: That Plaintiff does not know whether the defendants Gertrude Shaver Glavis, are alive or dead, and if said defendants are alive, plaintiff does not know the places of residence or domicile of said defendants, and if said defendants are dead, the names and places of residence of the heirs of Gertrude Shaver Glavis, are unknown to this Plaintiff.

Second: Plaintiff alleges that she is vested with the fee simple title to, and is in possession of, the following described land situated in Presidio County, Texas, to-wit: Survey 21, Certificate 2168, Block 324, T. Ry. Co., Original Grantee, containing 640 acres.

Third: Plaintiff claims a good and perfect title to the above described land, in that she and those under whom she claims, have had and held continuous, peaceable and adverse possession under title and color of title from and under the State of Texas from and under the Statute of Limitations, for more than five years next preceding and prior to the commencement of this suit, and has title thereto under and by virtue of the three years' statute of limitation.

Fourth: Plaintiff and those under whom she claims have had and held peaceable and adverse possession of the above described land, cultivating, using and enjoying the same and

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before this Court at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, Essie Aiken, Clerk of the District Court of Presidio County, Seal of said Court, at office in Marfa, Texas, this 20th day of December, 1920.

SEAL. **ESSIE AIKEN,**
Clerk of the District Court, Presidio County, Texas, 1-14-21

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Presidio County, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon L. Roy B. Conkey by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Presidio County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Marfa, Texas, on the third Monday after the first Monday in January, A. D. 1921, the same being the 24th day of January, A. D. 1921, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition, filed in said Court on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1920, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2587, wherein Joan Conkey is Plaintiff and LeRoy B. Conkey is Defendant.

The cause of action being as follows, to-wit: Being a suit for divorce, and along in substance that Plaintiff and Defendant were married in New York City April 28th, 1915; that they lived together as husband and wife until August 1st, 1917, at which time Defendant permanently abandoned Plaintiff, since which time they have lived together as husband and wife and alleging further that Defendant failed and neglected to provide sufficient food and clothing for the Plaintiff and Plaintiff and that she is forced a number of times to rely to the home of her parents to obtain sufficient food and

clothing, that she was finally forced to go into the world and attempt to earn her own livelihood, and that in so doing, she seriously impaired her health, and asking for the dissolution of the marital relations existing between Plaintiff and Defendant.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, Essie Aiken, Clerk of the District Court of Presidio County, Seal of said Court, at office in Marfa, Texas, this 17th day of December, A. D. 1920.

SEAL. **ESSIE AIKEN,**
Clerk, District Court, Presidio County, 1-14-21

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Presidio County, GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon Caroline E. Kelley, and the unknown heirs of Caroline E. Kelley, Deceased, and the unknown heirs of Artie A. Kelley, Deceased, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to be and to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Presidio County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Marfa, Texas, on the 3rd Monday after the 1st Monday in January, A. D. 1921, the same being the 24th day of January, A. D. 1921, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court No. 2593, wherein Mrs. Annie Lackey is Plaintiff, and Caroline E. Kelley, and the unknown heirs of Caroline E. Kelley, Deceased, and Artie A. Kelley, Deceased, are Defendants, and said petition alleging:

First: That Plaintiff does not know whether the defendants Caroline E. Kelley and Artie A. Kelley, are alive or dead, and if said defendants are alive, plaintiff does not know the places of residence or domicile of said defendants, and if said defendants are dead, the names and places of residence of the heirs of Caroline E. Kelley, Deceased, and the heirs of Artie A. Kelley, Deceased, are unknown to this Plaintiff.

Second: Plaintiff alleges that she is vested with the fee simple title to, and is in possession of, the following described land situated in Presidio County, Texas, to-wit: Survey 21, Certificate 2168, Block 324, T. Ry. Co., Original Grantee, containing 640 acres.

Third: Plaintiff claims a good and perfect title to the above described land, in that she and those under whom she claims, have had and held continuous, peaceable and adverse possession under title and color of title from and under the State of Texas from and under the Statute of Limitations, for more than five years next preceding and prior to the commencement of this suit, and has title thereto under and by virtue of the three years' statute of limitation.

Fourth: Plaintiff and those under whom she claims have had and held peaceable and adverse possession of the above described land, cultivating, using and enjoying the same and

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before this Court at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, Essie Aiken, Clerk of the District Court of Presidio County, Seal of said Court, at office in Marfa, Texas, this 20th day of December, 1920.

SEAL. **ESSIE AIKEN,**
Clerk, District Court, Presidio County, Texas, 1-14-21

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Presidio County, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon L. Roy B. Conkey by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Presidio County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Marfa, Texas, on the third Monday after the first Monday in January, A. D. 1921, the same being the 24th day of January, A. D. 1921, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition, filed in said Court on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1920, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2587, wherein Joan Conkey is Plaintiff and LeRoy B. Conkey is Defendant.

The cause of action being as follows, to-wit: Being a suit for divorce, and along in substance that Plaintiff and Defendant were married in New York City April 28th, 1915; that they lived together as husband and wife until August 1st, 1917, at which time Defendant permanently abandoned Plaintiff, since which time they have lived together as husband and wife and alleging further that Defendant failed and neglected to provide sufficient food and clothing for the Plaintiff and Plaintiff and that she is forced a number of times to rely to the home of her parents to obtain sufficient food and

paying taxes thereon, and claiming the same under a deed or deeds duly registered, continuously for more than five years next preceding and prior to the institution of this suit, and has title thereto under and by virtue of the five-year statute of limitation.

Fifth: Plaintiff's claim of title is based upon a warranty deed dated November 24th, A. D. 1913, executed by H. L. Kelley, the then record owner of the above described land, conveying the same to H. L. Lackey, which deed was filed for record on the 24th day of November, A. D. 1913, in the office of the County Clerk of Presidio County, Texas, and thereafter recorded in Volume 42, page 124, of the Deed Records of said County and State.

Sixth: The Defendants are alleging some character of claim of title to said land, by virtue of a warranty deed dated December 23rd, 1909, executed by H. L. Kelley conveying said land to Caroline E. Kelley and Artie A. Kelley, which deed was not filed for record in Presidio County, Texas, until January 23rd, 1917, and thereafter recorded in Volume 52, page 285, of the Deed Records of said County and State.

Seventh: Plaintiff alleges that the deed last above described is false and fraudulent, and that the said H. L. Lackey had no notice or knowledge at the time he purchased said land as above set out, of the existence of a deed prior in date conveying same to another, and that the said H. L. Lackey in good faith and for a valuable consideration paid therefor, bought said land, and by reason of the registration of his deed thereto as aforesaid, and the failure of the defendants to file for record in Presidio County, their deed to said land until years thereafter, and in that this Plaintiff is superior to and protected from all claim of title asserted by the defendants.

Eighth: Plaintiff alleges that the claim of title asserted by the defendants to said land, creates a cloud upon her title thereto, and that she has been greatly injured and damaged by reason thereof, and that said cloud should be removed therefrom and Plaintiff quieted in her title and possession of said land.

Ninth: Plaintiff here gives notice to the Defendants to produce at the trial of this cause, all original deeds herein referred to, and if same are not so produced, plaintiff will read from the records thereof.

Premises considered, plaintiff prays that the defendants be cited by publication to appear and answer this petition, as is by law in such cases made and provided, and that upon a final hearing hereof, she have judgment for the title and possession of the above described land, and for judgment declaring null and void the claim of title asserted by defendants to said land, and removing the cloud on Plaintiff's title, created by reason thereof, and quieting Plaintiff in her title and possession thereof, and for all such other and further relief, special and general, in law or in equity, to which she may be justly entitled.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, Essie Aiken, Clerk of the District Court of Presidio County, Seal of said Court, at office in Marfa, Texas, this 20th day of December, A. D. 1920.

SEAL. **ESSIE AIKEN,**
Clerk, District Court, Presidio County, Texas, 1-14-21

SILVER TIP BEAR, BIGGEST EVER KILLED IN TEXAS

Slain by Party of Hunters in the Davis Mountains as Late as 1900.

A silver tip bear, one of the largest ever killed in Texas, was brought down by hunters in the Davis mountains as late as 1900. One of the hunters, George Evans, is a resident of El Paso and still wears as watch fob, one of the claws of the mammoth animal, whose hide a horse could not carry back to camp from the place where the animal was killed.

The story of the hunt, written at the time by one of the party, has been furnished the Herald, and is herewith produced:

On the morning of October 28, 1900, I left Van Horn, Texas, in company with Joe Marley and his kind family. We had in our train 25 head of well selected saddle horses, selected for rough running, out of Mr. Marley's herd of cow horses, one-four-horse wagon loaded with provisions and bedding, one big hack and buggy loaded with women and little folks. Ten bear dogs were also along.

The meeting point was 60 miles distant at the "Rock Pile tank," at the foot of the "Saw Tooth mountain."

The evening of the 29th, we arrived at the place designated at 2 o'clock and the grand old hand shaking took place. There we met John Means and family, George Evans and family, Ode Finley and family, Bill Jones, Pat Spruill, Zee Finley and many more, too numerous to mention. The next thing in order was tent stretching, as there nine to stretch, and as we were completing our task, we heard someone say, "Come to supper." It was Clondio and Charlie, two of the finest cooks in Texas. All of the groceries were turned over to them and they put it up in good shape, too.

Begin With Dance.

In giving names, I did not mention our two preachers, Messrs. Barcus and Little, of Fort Worth. After supper, Mr. Means announced that we would hear from one of the preachers, and then the young folks had a fine time dancing for about an hour, while the bear hunters were planning their first day's run. It was at last agreed that George Evans would go in one direction and Joe Marley another. As we had plenty of men and dogs to make two parties, and having 250 saddle horses for 25 men to ride, and 54 hounds, we made two parties. The horses were herded by two Mexicans at night and two in the day. So at daylight the horse herd was at camp and breakfast was being served by daylight. The next thing was roping horses for the day's run. With horses saddled, men mounted, horns blowing, dogs howling, horses pitching, you could not hear yourself think.

Mr. Evans moved west and Mr. Marley south, John Means having charge of the ministerial department.

The writer was in Mr. Marley's crowd. We did not start anything, but heard the other pack in hot pursuit of a bear. After a chase of some eight miles, he made his escape, striking some canyons that were so rough and deep that men and dogs could not go, so our hunt was over for the day.

A Deer the First Day.

The only lucky man, Pat Spruill, killed a blacktail deer. That night the dogs were tied up and fed, as a beef and two deer had been killed.

The program of the second day's hunt was as the first, only Marley went west and Evans went south. The writer was with Marley again. We had in our party 16 men, 6 women and 23 dogs. It was very cold, horses wanting to run; the dogs anxious. Mr. Marley said: "It is a lobo boys, and if we start it we have a 40-mile run," and he commenced to blow the dogs off. Some of the boys said: "Let them go; let's have a chase." And such a chase as it was. The dogs went swift and the lobo drifted. The horses being in fine condition, went hard against the bits for 15 miles. The women lagging behind, horses beginning to play out, and in a short while dogs get tired and quit, and so the writer begins to look and find only 11 dogs, seven men and one little boy, Silas Marley, left in the chase, and oh, that lobo didn't he move? By this time we were in a very rough country. In some places it looked as if our horses should make a blunder, we would fall a mile and a half. After running that lobo 30 miles our dogs ran into a bunch of deer and the boys went on shooting. The dogs got demoralized and lost the wolf. Mr. Evans had better luck. His party got a nice, two-year-old bear. Uncle Jim Means, from San Saba, killed the bear.

The usual program was adopted for the third day. The writer was with Marley's band. After traveling eight miles, someone said: "Look, there is a bear." We saw him going

up a very rough, steep high mountain. In a moment the dogs opened up and the chase commenced. The dogs topped the mountain 200 yards behind the bear and Marley, mounted on old "Silky," his favorite horse, loped out after the dogs, and the rest of us closed in behind the bear, and then he made for the country that was so rough the dogs and horses could not go, but just before he got to the goal, he had to take a tree. The dogs were nipping him close by. The three steel jacketed bullets from Marley's .30 ended that exciting chase of five miles.

As horses were cheaper than cattle, a horse was killed and the dogs fed.

Getting the Big One.

Friday was unlucky. Nothing of importance was done. Saturday the last day's hunt was "Silver Tip Day." A good number of the dogs had run footsore and not fit for duty, so we made only one team. All went together—19 well mounted men and 35 dogs. We traveled some eight miles in a southeasterly direction into a very rough country. We came to a very rough, deep canyon, when it was suggested by someone for Mr. Marley and Mr. Evans to go down the canyon with the dogs and the rest were told to scatter in different directions to guard the different places as the mountains were so high and steep that there were only a few places that anything could top them.

Marley and Evans had not gone far into the rough canyon when they came up a full grown neow that had been killed by a bear, they saw his tracks and Mr. Marley dismounted and tried to span them but he found that his hand was too short by four inches. Joe said to George: "It's a dandy." He had dragged the cow about 200 yards after killing her. About that time we heard the dogs open up. It surprised Marley and Evans very much when they found that their old "tried and true" dogs would not run the trail; they could not get them from their horses. Four or five younger dogs, not knowing the danger they were in, went on the trail and topped the mountain just ahead of John Means, Odie Marley, Uncle Jim and myself.

The chase was very exciting; some more of the dogs picked up courage and turned in but they could not get near him, just a sight of that "silver tip" struck terror to the dogs. After a chase of seven miles "Old Silver Tip" got in a very deep, rough canyon and declared war against men and dogs. The dogs all quit and turned back to find some man to stay with. One poor dog had the nerve to indicate where the bear was by looking and barking, though he was 100 yards from danger.

Mr. Finley and Means saw the old dog sitting down and barking; they knew the prize was close at hand. They dismounted and slipped down the mountain about 200 yards, and then they saw the brush move and began to pump the steel jacketed bullets into the brush. They heard him bellow like a mad bull.

John said: "Odie, we have killed somebody's bull."

"About that time the poor old dog rushed too close and 'Old Silver Tip' made a rush for him and killed him, so they began pulling the levers of their '30-30's' and such a volley was never heard. The steel jacket bullets proved too much for him; they brought him down."

Just before the shooting began, Dee McAuley, Uncle Jim and I were just behind the bear when we heard some man call: "Come here; Uncle Alf's horse has fallen and broken his leg." We all turned back and found the horse's leg broken, and such a good horse he was, too. Now, it is asked: "How will we get this bear to camp?"

"We can't get him there," is the answer from several. "If we get his hide there we will do well."

He was a monster. Some of the boys heard him bellow 1-2 miles when killed. We soon had his hide off and decided if we got to camp with the hide, head and feet, we would do well.

The biggest and strongest horse was selected to pack the hide into camp, an instance of 18 miles. The horse was led and, after he had traveled 12 miles, we discovered that the horse had the "thumps" and lockjaw, so we had to get a pair of mules and a wagon to get the hide to camp. Men, women and children gathered around to see the largest bear hide, head and feet, ever killed in Texas. El Paso Herald.

To the Trade. The approaching holiday season prompts us to express to our friends and customers our appreciation for the business we have enjoyed this year and we trust our service and treatment has been satisfactory.

MODEL MARKET.

Good looking suits at very attractive prices. MILADY'S SHOPPE.

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

New Era, Dec. 29, 1900.

LOCAL NEWS.

The public schools will open again on Monday, January 7th.

W. E. Bell of Terlingua was here this week on his way to El Paso.

George McMinn and Jim Rumfield were in from the ranch this week taking in the Christmas festivities.

Operator Beck says Christmas has knocked him out and Owen Shields is anxiously looking for the pay car. The boys have been having a good time generally this week and have had a dance nearly every night.

All seemed to enjoy the Christmas holidays, and a world of Christmas goods were sold by the merchants.

Mr. Eli Barclay and Alexander Boynton are off on a hunt. Tis said they have an eye on a great mine also.

Johnnie Shields has been quite seriously ill for the past week, suffering from a severe cold, but is reported better today.

Gus Elmendorf returned this morning from a trip to San Antonio to spend Christmas with the home folks. Gus always gets married when he goes off, at least it is always so reported. This time they even had clippings from newspapers to that effect, but they were fakes.

The cases against J. E. Ennis, Charles Raymond, and Concepcion Lujan, transferred from this county to El Paso are set for trial on January 11. The case against Joe Clark, which was appealed at last term of district court, has been affirmed by the court of appeals, and Clark will go up for two years.

The editor enjoyed a pleasant trip last week to the ranches of Jim Walter, T. A. Childers and W. E. Love, and to say we had a good time is drawing it mild. Mr. Jim Walker makes things pleasant for people when they go to see him. Dick McGee, in charge of the Childers' ranch, cannot do enough for you, and when you strike Wirt Love's place, which is a model ranch house, you are treated like a prince. The boys at these ranches are not very busy just now, and it is Christmas time and it is their delight to show the tenderfoot the country. They will go any place and do anything with you from robbing a hide cave to lurching deer or bear or panther or foxes or any old thing, and they will see to it that you have a good time if it takes the cap off the big Chenail.

The Best Tires.

I am now agent for the best tire made, The Hydro-United; 10,000 mile guarantee. Send your orders for tires and tubes to me at Fort Davis, Texas. M. F. HIGGINS.

We sell the best oil burner on the market; no ashes to remove, always ready to light, and warns a room quicker than coal.

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SOL WEST, VETERAN RANCHMAN, IS DEAD.

Made Number of Trips Over Chisholm Trail During Early Days.

Sol West, 67 years old, a retired ranchman and member of the Old Trail Drivers' association, died at his home, 422 Pershing avenue, at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. He was born in Tennessee in 1853, moving to Texas with his parents when he was but two months old. He spent the last 30 years of his life in San Antonio.

Mr. West was a well-known cattleman, owning a large ranch in Jackson county. During his early life he, like many other pioneer cowmen, made several trips over the Chisholm trail, driving large herds of cattle to Kansas City, Dodge City and other western and northern markets.

He was a member of the Alamo lodge A. F. & A. M. No. 44 and the Burleson Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, San Antonio Commandery No. 7, Knights Templar and San Antonio lodge No. 260, B. P. O. Elks.

Mr. West is survived by his widow, two sons, Ike West of San Antonio, and George W. West, Jr., of Batesville; his brother, George West, Sr., and two sisters, Mrs. C. B. Bristow and Mrs. H. B. Shiner, all of this city. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Margaret and Mary West and A. P. Ward, Jr., all of this city.

The funeral will be held from the late residence at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon under the direction of the Knights Templars, the Rev. I. E. Gates of the First Baptist church officiating. Rev. Mr. Bates will be aided by Rev. S. Williams, also of the First Baptist church. Interment will be made in the Alamo Lodge Masonic cemetery.

The following will serve as honorary pallbearers: J. M. Bennett, L. Ward, Dr. Adolph Herff, Captain Charles Schreiner, J. M. Kincaid, Claude Keeran, Albert Steeves, Sr., D. W. Light, D. K. Furnish, J. N. Miller, William Hennessee, Robert Barclay, J. K. Beretta, R. L. Ball, Leroy Denman, Thomas H. Franklin, Dr. Amos Graves, Thomas H. Franklin, Dr. Amos Graves, J. E. Pancoast, D. J. Woodward, Cyrus B. Lucas, George Saur, John Blocker, L.J. Hart, John W. Kokernot.

The active pallbearers will be furnished from the membership of the Knights Templars.—San Antonio Express.



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of your requirements enables us to deliver lumber as, and when, you want it. Time lost running between lumber yard and building, to rectify careless mistakes, often turns a builder's profits into losses. Why not give us your lumber order and know that no mistakes will arise to cause you annoyance?

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The Youth's Companion Home Calendar for 1921.

The publishers of The Youth's Companion will, as always at this season, present to every subscriber whose subscription (\$2.50) is paid for 1921 a Calendar for the new year. The tablets are printed in red and olive green, and besides giving the days of the current month in bold legible type, give the calendar of the preceding and succeeding month in smaller type in the margin. It is a rich and practical piece of work.

We are now handling the Rokahar Shop-Made Boots. Made by Rokahar Boot & Shoe Co., Now on display, \$27.50.

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The feed elements that make whites of eggs are entirely different from those that make yolks. When hens aren't fed both the white and yolk making elements, they can't keep the egg basket full. The usual method of feeding mostly grain makes yolks but not enough whites to complete the eggs.

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H. H. Kilpatrick, Editor
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Marfa, Texas, Dec. 31, 1920.

1921!

A happy New Year.

May it be the year prove a prosperous one.

We shall form no new resolutions, but try to keep some of the old ones.

It was highly appreciated that our merchants invested so little in fireworks.

We hope that all the lady flies were caught in the December freeze.

The newspapers now since Clara Smith has been captured, we hope will find some other subject to fill in sensational space. It is wonderful how heroes and heroines are created. Miss Smith will next appear in the scenario, "How I Killed Jake Hamon."

The San Antonio Express reports the discovery of a large field of soft coal. It is located in Zavalla county on the ranch of Colonel Ike T. Pryor, and was found at a depth of 250 feet. The geologist's report shows the coal to be of the Eocene age.

A NEW BRAND OF FAKER.

The fake oil stock salesman, who has flourished like the green bay tree during the recent period of easy money, has not had the blue sky field all to himself as has been popularly supposed.

On the contrary, he has had a rather formidable rival in the artist who specializes in sales of stock in wildcat or nonexistent motion picture producing concerns. For, according to an Associated Press account of the findings of the vigilance committee of the National Association of Motion Picture Industry, something like \$25,000,000 per annum represents the amount of stock offered by these companies, and it has not all been taken by ignorant unsophisticated investors in the rural districts, either.

The committee reported its investigation into the affairs of 70 companies of doubtful standing, and found that only two or three really had any assets or proved earning capacity, while only half a dozen had officials of experience in the motion picture business in charge.

The fake motion picture concern has had advantages similar to the fake oil concerns, in that the public knows little of the practical operations of either the oil or the picture industry. As in the case of oil, so in the case of pictures, the idea of vast profits overnight has had rather general acceptance, which has given the promoters a good basis to work on.

Exposure of the fraudulent and incompetent companies and the dissemination of information about the practical side of the motion picture industry will serve to check this form of swindling. There will always be people ready to invest in things they know nothing about if only fabulous profits be promised, but when investors generally understand that it requires experience and capability as well as capital to make a motion picture producer successful, they will investigate his qualifications more thoroughly before handing over the cash.

The competent and legitimate motion picture producers are suffering from the effects of this ill use of their industry by crafty promoters, just as the legitimate oil development companies suffered, but with the proper exposure and the wider

dissemination of knowledge of the industry, the quack movie producer will go the way of the fake oil producer, and his name will become anathema throughout the country.—Houston Post.

THE "MILLENNIUM."

Judge Rutherford of New York, who is lecturing in Paris, predicts the coming of the millennium in 1925, when this wicked old world—which seems to be in a very bad way just now—will be completely regenerated and reformed. Then, instead of wars and rumors of war, there will be world-wide peace, ideal domestic contentment, and perpetual happiness. We are in a metamorphosis which began in 1914 and will end in 1925, the lecturer says, and then this earth will be heaven for those who abide thereon. There will be no evil passions; no avarice, no hate, no envy, nor anything of that sort; no sickness or death; for "the spirits just men made perfect" will be proof against sin, and without sin there should be no death. Whence the authority for thus announcing the early coming and exact year of the millennium, is not stated; and there may be some trifling skepticism about it, for since time immemorial there have been such prophecies which never were fulfilled.

It is a pleasing "prospect" for the credulous, and there are now, as there always have been, many such; and in every century of recorded time there have been believers who were ready to accredit prophecies which were alleged to be based on biblical authority. There have been "prophets" in all civilized countries, some of whom have founded religious sects; as the Seventh Day Adventists, the Mormons and others, and they have always had followers. In the United States, many years ago, great excitement was caused by the preaching of William Miller, who sought to prove from the Scriptures that the second advent of Christ would take place about 1843. Notwithstanding the failure of Miller's prophecy, his followers remained steadfast in their faith in the second coming of Christ to rule the world and banish every trace of sin and wickedness. According to a more modern philosophy, there is a material millennium quite within the range of "future possibilities," and it will come through advancement of knowledge and betterment of the world in a continual progress toward the hierarchy of life.

Science and invention have made steady, continuous advances in preventing or alleviating the ills that flesh is heir to; and precept and example of the higher types of men and women have done, and are doing, much to elevate the moral and spiritual character of the people of all climes and countries; and the "millennium" may approach so gradually that the present generation will not live to see it. But the prophecy of the New Yorker who is touring Europe and lecturing as president of a Bible students' association, is at least suggestive of what this world could be if all men were minded to do their utmost to make it so.—San Antonio Express.

THE CITY—A LAY SERMON.

I bless God for cities. They have been as lamps of life along the pathways of humanity and religion. Within them, science has given birth to her noblest discoveries, and their walls, freedom has fought her noblest battles. They have stood on the surface of the earth like great breakwaters, rolling back or turning aside the swelling tide of oppression. Cities, indeed, have been the cradles of human liberty. They have been the active sentries of almost all church and state reformation.—Thomas Guthrie.

It is a great task, but an infinitely greater reward, for a city to justify that tribute. And it is never paid unless it is deserved; unless it is earned, not in all that detail, perhaps, but at least by service as a "lamp of life along the pathway of humanity"—by building of character, and becoming famed for that kindness which is "greater than laws." Historians and moralists who write an infinite variety of reminders that ancient civilizations rose and fell with their leading cities, give those cities no such character. They were not breakwaters to turn aside the swelling tide of oppression, nor cradles of human liberty. For "the only rational liberty is that which is reared in the fear of God and love of man, and made courageous in the defense of a trust and the prosecution of a duty." That trust is the welfare, that duty the happiness, of mankind.

Day by day, year after year, that standard endures by which to measure a city's greatness and test its worth to the race. It takes stock of the morals and the morale, the appearance and the ambition, the energy and enterprise and genius, of

STARVING BABIES' PHANTOMS FLIT AT RICE-STEW BANQUET COSTING \$1000 PER PLATE

By T. Howard Kelly.

New York, Dec. 28.—The puny hands of little children that have groped through the dim choas of hunger-pinched Europe for the right to live, for food and warmth—will lead the high and mighty of the land tomorrow to a banquet, stranger by far than any fabled feast of past or present.

Within a vast room of tapestried luxury and waxed floors, this strange feast will be set. Women, come in royal silks and others in traditional laces, will sit to sup with men, some in princely purple, a few in soldierly plumage and many in honorable broadcloth. They will sit on hard bottomed, common chairs at rough-hewn wooden tables. And every one of the 1000 common chairs will be filled.

One Vacant Chair.

One lone vacant chair will stand in all this contrasting scene—a child's high chair—empty of the flesh but filled to overflowing with the spirit presences of 350,000 children, who exist from hand to mouth in Europe, always wondering where the next crust of bread is to come from. Three hundred and fifty thousand children who shall eat, only through the generosity of New York state—for this number represents the helpless, innocent multitude for which the Empire state is pledged to provide one meal a day for one year through the European

relief council. No tempting menu embossed on bond for those who sup here tomorrow night in the ball room of The Commodore—rice stew, bread and cocoa—will be their portions. Nothing more; nothing less. The self same meal that is fed from the smoking kitchen of the European council to the starving waifs of Europe shall be served to these strange banqueters.

There will be no flash of snowy damask—no jovial tinkle of thin glass—no Dresden china tomorrow night when 1000 guests gather in the vast room of a vacant chair and rough-hewn tables. Thick mugs, the kind one finds in cheap eating places, tin plates and wooden spoons will be the vogue. And for this simple meal and homely service each will pay \$1000.

Why this spartan meal for folks who can afford the best of the world's goods? Because these who break bread tomorrow night in The Commodore's ball room are taking this unique means of giving to a fund that has for its objective the nourishment of little lives.

The dinner will be given under the auspices of the European relief council of which Herbert Hoover, is head. General John J. Pershing, Franklin K. Lane and Mr. Hoover will play the role of hosts. Among the guests who will pay \$1000 for a meal that costs 20 cents to produce, will be prominent philanthropists, statesmen, financiers, authors and women of wealth and social position. It is expected to raise \$1,000,000 from the proceeds from the meal.

Herbert Hoover's idea in giving the banquet is to bring home to the guests the true situation found in Europe by intimate contact with what his relief organization is attempting to do. Among some of the prominent Americans who have reserved plates for the rice stew dinner are Mrs. August Belmont, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Archbishop Patrick Hayes of this city and Felix Warburg.

When they gather at their long wooden tables, tomorrow night—when they ply the clumsy spoons with polished grace—when they taste the supper—when they see the empty chair, these guests who sit down on hard bottomed chairs will know one great solemn, tender thought. The thought that the Master voiced when he said:

"And the hand of a little child shall lead them."

THE TRI SIGMA CLUB GIVES A SHOWER Monday afternoon at the home of Miss Katherine Mitchell the Tri Sigma club honored Miss Leota Gillett with a miscellaneous shower.

When the guests arrived they were presented with cuptowels which they hemmed and embroidered. Miss Katherine Mitchell sang "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Miss Dorothy Mitchell at the piano. After the song little Jack Colquitt dressed as Santa Claus led Miss Gillette into the dining-room where the presents were arranged on a small Christmas tree.

After an delicious salad course was served Miss Myrtle Rawls presented the gift of the club, a handsome silver basket. Miss Gillette responded to the presentation toast and then Mrs. L. C. Brite gave a wish to the bride.

The invited guests were members of the club, and their mothers, and intimate friends of the bride.

Texas Oranges. Tuesday of this week the writer had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. H. A. Frink, who is here spending the winter with her daughter, Miss C. P. Frink, telegraph operator for the Southern Pacific.

Mrs. Frink is from the Lower Rio Grande valley, and before leaving for Marfa, picked some Texas oranges to exhibit here. She presented the New Era with two of as fine looking and as fine flavored oranges as it has been our pleasure to see or taste. These oranges were raised by Mr. J. E. Robinson, son-in-law of Mrs. Frink.

The New Era wishes to state that this fruit surpassed in flavor that raised in California, and predicts for the Lower Rio Grande valley a future equal to that of the Pacific Coast.

Miss Hester Brite entertained the Colquitt-Gillett bridal party on Monday evening with a buffet supper before the rehearsal at the church. The reception hall and music room were gay with Christmas

decorations. The dining-room table was a dream of loveliness with its Cecil Bruner roses in a tall silver basket, its silver candelsticks with pink tapers, its miniature Kewpie bride and groom, where the hostess poured the tea. Assisting in serving was Misses Eleanor Erickson, Ruth Robinson and Mildred Childers, and Mesdames Oscar Wells, R. R. Smith and Mrs. Brite.

Dainty favors were given the guests.

Christmas Entertainments.

There were several Christmas entertainments given Monday evening.

At the school house the Episcopal Sunday school had their Santa Claus in the shape of an entertainment for the little ones. The Christian Sunday school had a nice time at their church. The exercises mainly consisted of music and recitations by the little ones. Some most excellent music was rendered by the different choirs. Misses Alice Campbell and Mary Kilpatrick gave an entertainment at the Mexican school house and had a tree laden with good things for the scholars. The exercises consisted of recitations and dialogues by the teachers and showed that the teachers had taken great care and pains in training them. At all of these places a goodly number of people assembled to listen to the exercises and all appeared to have a good time.—New Era, 20 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Howard entertained a few friends with a Christmas tree party, Christmas night at

7 o'clock. The Howard home was beautifully decorated with Christmas motifs in green and red and a lovely pine tree illuminated with candles, and laden with many ornaments and a gift for one and all, graced one corner of the parlor. Those enjoying this hospitality were Mr. and Mrs. John Lock and children, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kilpatrick and children, Mrs. Willie Hogan and Miss Tyler Wilkerson and little Marion and Nellie Howard.

Methodist Church.

There will be a watchnight service at the Methodist church Friday night. Refreshments, social and program 8 to 1.

Revival. The revival will begin Sunday, January 9th. Rev. John B. Andrews, general evangelist of the Methodist church with his singer and helpers will lead in the services. Every body invited. The other pastors will co-operate in the services. We desire to make this a community revival. Come and enjoy the services. The revival services will begin in the Methodist church.

Regular services Sunday. Preaching by the pastor.

L. B. ELLIS, Pastor.

History Club.

The History Club will meet with Mrs. H. M. Fennell Tuesday, Jan. 4th. Leader, Mrs. W. J. Yates; lesson, Rachel Crother's play, "The Three of Us."

The Crown Cafe

Wishes to thank its friends and patrons and the public generally for the generous patronage accorded it during the past year, and extends to each the wish for a

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Old tires made new at the Casner Motor Company.

We do cleaning and pressing right at the Singer Shop.

Prompt tire service at Casner Motor Company.

Will Garnett and family spent the holidays in Alpine.

Best Dress Gingham, four yards for \$1.00 at Jas. Halper & Co.

Men's and Boys' Shoes at big reduction at Jas. Halper & Co.

W. G. Young returned Friday from a business trip to San Antonio.

Good looking suits at very attractive prices. MILADY'S SHOPPE.

We make clothes for all the family at the Singer Shop.

The price and work are always right at the Singer Shop.

Men's Hats, all styles and shapes, \$3.95 each, at Jas. Halper & Co.

Miss Mona B. Johnson spent the holidays at her home in San Angelo.

Bed Spreads, Comforts and Blankets for less, at Jas. Halper & Co.

Our prices will convince you if you will investigate, Jas. Halper & Co.

We can save you money if your tires are bad. Casner Motor Company.

Hope & Cloon Domestic, 36 inches wide at 22 1-2c a yard, at Jas. Halper & Co.

Mr. Dick Bean attended the Colquitt-Gillett wedding. He is a cousin of the bride.

John Hess, ex-sheriff of Frio county, is now chief deputy under Sheriff J. E. Vaughan.

Mrs. M. C. Livingston spent Christmas in Alpine, the guest of her son, C. W. Livingston.

Miss Hilda Webber, who is taking a business course in El Paso, came from her school Friday.

N. L. Casner and wife and baby spent the Christmas day visitors to relatives in the Alpine city.

Cooper's Electrical Shop has 24 different styles of electrical lamps. Call and select yours early.

What is "Up in Mary's Attic?" Come to the Popular theater and enjoy a treat, January 19 and 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan De Volin came in the day before Christmas to spend the holiday season with relatives.

If you have tire troubles you should call on our vulcanizing department. Casner Motor Company.

Western Electric sewing machines make work easy for the wife. Get them at Cooper's Electrical Shop.

You know experience in making clothes makes good clothes. We have the experience at the Singer Shop.

A few of our best models in coats at prices that will move them quick. MILADY'S SHOPPE.

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L. C. Brite left Monday for El Paso to attend the meeting of the advisory committee of the Panhandle association.

Don't overlook the Big Pre-Inventory Sale now at Murphy-Walker Co. Look over our posters. Good values.

Notice. Our pastures are posted. Fake notice. No hunting allowed. SHANNON BROS.

WANTED—A boy or girl in Marfa to get subscribers to the Fort Davis Post. A liberal commission paid. Address the Fort Davis Post, Fort Davis, Texas.

Messrs. Rafael Trujillo, Alberto Gamiochipi and Benjamin Cuellar dropped in Thursday on business. These gentlemen are here in the in-

terest of the Continental Labor Film Company of El Paso, which has recently been organized with one million dollar capital.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole Means came from the Y 6 ranch for the Colquitt-Gillett wedding.

Mr. Carl Weise, who has been taking a course in pharmacy at Atlanta, is spending the holidays at home in Marfa.

Mr. James Shannon, who has been on the sick list for several weeks, is now able to be up and about his usual business.

J. Ray Spence and wife, and Frank L. Anderson and wife spent Christmas at Alpine the guests of the family of James Cotter.

Hemstitching and picoting, accordion, box and knife plating, buttons made. MRS. H. B. HOUSTON, Uvalde, Texas.

Last Thursday night the coldest of the winter so far—10 above zero was experienced in Marfa.

Miss Irwin, a teacher in the Marfa Hi, is spending the Christmas season with relatives at Floresville, Texas.

Mr. Marx Stool visited his wife at Hotel Diego, El Paso, on the 25th. Mrs. Stool is now progressing satisfactorily.

Mrs. R. Del Ritchie and two daughters, Misses Katherine and Margarite, from El Paso, are spending the holidays with Mrs. G. R. Shannon.

Mr. Trot Chastain, treasurer of Brewster county, was in the city Wednesday to attend the marriage of his niece, Miss Leola Gillett.

Misses Blanche and Clarence Cotter of Alpine are visiting in the city this week, the guests of sisters, Mrs. Spence and Mrs. Anderson.

Misses Love Quick and Myrtle Barnett, who have been attending school at San Marcos, are at home spending the holidays with home folks.

Remember the Cowboys' carnival opens in Marfa, December 24. Everyone invited to be on hand for the first event. Four days of fun.

You'll laugh until the end and you'll cry because there isn't any more. "Up in Mary's Attic," Popular theater, January 19 and 20.

Girls! Girls! Girls! There are more beautiful girls "Up in Mary's Attic" than there are on the covers of all the magazines in the United States.

D. D. Kilpatrick of Candelaria, accompanied by his mother and brother Hall came in Wednesday. Hall has left for Lakeville, Conn., where he goes to attend school.

Mr. Otho Richter spent several

days the first of the week with his sister, Mrs. H. W. Schutz. Mr. Richter was awarded lands in Arizona, and after a visit to relatives in Austin is returning to his settlement.

Smoker. Tuesday evening on January 4, at 7:30 in the Community hall, the American Legion Post 151 will give a smoker.

J. A. Gillett, Esq., was in the city Wednesday. He came to escort his auto which has been undergoing treatment at the Casner Motor Co., back to its home in El Paso.

Dr. Church has moved from Fort Davis to Marfa, accompanied by his family. The doctor has many friends in Marfa who are glad to welcome him and his interesting family back home.

John G. Erickson, a prominent citizen of Douglas, Ariz., came in last Friday to spend a few days with his daughter, Miss Elinor. Mr. Erickson is an old Marfaite, and says that of all places Marfa is to him more like home.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Evans and daughter Madie Fern of the E. V. ranch were here for the Colquitt-Gillett wedding. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Brite.

Watch Service and Social. Friday night from 8 p. m. to 12 p. m., at the Methodist church.

The Epworth League will give an entertainment from 8 p. m. to 10:30 p. m. in the basement of the church, after which all will go upstairs to a devotional service for the remainder of the year. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody and a good wholesome time is assured to everyone who comes.

ing positively forbidden. Persons caught violating the law in this regard will positively be prosecuted. Our friends will please not ask for permits.

No hunting or trespassing on the today ranch. All violations will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. MRS. J. P. KENEDEY. Posted. No hunting, no camping allowed on my Barrel Spring ranch. J. BAGILLETT.

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PROMISING FIELD OF OIL PRODUCTION AT EL PASO'S GATE

By Llew. H. Davis.

That an oil field of magnitude and great promise lies in the proximate environs of El Paso on the east is the consensus of oil geologists of big operating companies, and the deep test wells now being drilled in Hudspeth and Culberson counties are evidence of the faith of these operators, who are doing the exploration in these low wildcat fields.

Three companies are the pioneers of these fields for deep tests, the first being the Huaco Basin Oil company; the second the Cactus Oil company; and the third the Duquesne Oil company, all of which have made good progress with big standard rigs and equipments capable of drilling to 4000 feet. To these should be added the Finlay Tampico Oil company well, which is equipped with a core drilling rig in the Finlay dome in the southern part of Hudspeth county that will test the presence of oil or the more shallow sands of the Cretaceous formation.

These development concerns, composed mostly of closed companies and of both local and foreign capital, have had to encounter many serious obstacles, such as making roads over desert sands, hauling equipment and supplies, fuel and water a long distance from the railroad to the sites of the wells, boiler troubles from gyp waters, vexatious delay in getting casing and frequent repairs of equipment in distant towns, and well a prohibitory cost of fuel for the engines. Nevertheless, they have persevered and are rapidly reaching the goal, and in the not distant future El Paso is liable to wake up with the announcement that oil has been struck, and to the fact that its greatest resource has been found under the desert wastes east of this city. These pioneers deserve every encouragement in this enterprise.

Huaco Basin Well.

The Huaco Basin deep test well, about 45 miles east of El Paso, had reached 2122 feet depth last Saturday, and the bit was churning away in red shale. A bunch of enterprising local capitalists already have expended \$135,000. The officers are drawing no salaries. This expenditure included the making of roads from railroad to the well, erection of derrick, hauling equipment, machinery, material, fuel and supplies, several thousand feet of casing, buildings, etc. Added to this was the cost of fuel, approximately \$138 a day, cost of water at approximately \$275 a day, and the cost of repairs, etc. But they have bravely overcome all obstacles and are drilling steadily to the big sand where the oil geologists say the oil will be found at between 2800 and 3000 feet, under the great anticline in the Pennsylvania formation of western Hudspeth county, locally called Huaco Basin, or the Great Diablo plateau. The top of the well is approximately 5000 feet above sea level, or over 1200 feet higher than El Paso, so that oil and gas, if found, can be piped to the city by gravity. President G. W. Thiesen devotes all of his time to the affairs of the company. H. G. Moss, an expert driller of California, is in charge of operations. Their geologist is S. H. Worrell, president of the School of Mines.

About 80 miles east of El Paso in the northeastern part of Hudspeth county on the Diablo Plateau is the well of the Cactus Oil company. It is about 12 miles northeast of Salt Lake and six or seven miles south of Orange, N. M., being on section 14, township 1, block 70. This company was contracted to drill four deep tests. The site of the No. 1 well is one of the largest and most perfect closed domes in the entire country, which is three miles long, north and south, by two miles wide, east and west. The lands under exploration include parts of several tracts held under lease by Dr. Hugh Grause and Mrs. Dr. Larabee of El Paso, aggregating 1000,000 acres scattered around Salt Lake basin, acquired by them after careful examination and favorable reports by noted oil experts and geologists. In the vicinity and on their tracts are the "Nation well," drilled some years ago for cattle. One of these wells, two miles north had to be abandoned on account of the quantity of oil encountered and another well to the east shows repeated flows of asphaltum and oil, almost conclusive evidence of underlying oil pools.

Cactus well No. 1 has reached a depth of 560 feet with a good showing of oil and gas ever since reaching 60 feet. Having passed through the hard rock, they are just now in yellow limestone. The well is drilled by a 16 1/2-inch hole and cased. The company has one of the best up-to-date rigs obtainable, being a standard rig. At first the power was furnished by steam engines, but now they have installed a Clark six-cylinder gasoline engine, with a reversible clutch, whereby a great saving of cost is made. With this engine they

are able to drill 24 hours a day on a barrel of oil or gasoline, as against four tons of coal, costing \$25 a ton, or over \$135 a day, thus making a saving of approximately \$100 a day.

This engine also obviates all boiler troubles from gyp waters. However, they have an abundance of good water in the vicinity.

The company hauled all its equipment over the road from Sierra Blanca to the well, a distance of approximately 70 miles, at a cost of \$135 per 100 pounds. Now they have two big trucks and do their own hauling. The company is waiting the arrival of casing, when drilling will be rushed to completion. The drilling is in charge of T. M. Gardner and E. A. Gardner, father and son, who have been drilling from Pennsylvania westward ever since the early days of oil exploration. The elder Gardner pronounces this Cactus dome one of the most perfect oil structures in the United States. H. H. Adams of Ranger, one of the foremost field oil geologists, made a month's examination of this field, particularly in the Crow Flat region, just north of the Cactus holdings, and his report was most favorable. He has the credit of making the first favorable report on the Breckenridge field, Stephens county, Texas, whose subsequent great production verified his judgment.

Geologically, the Diablo plateau, according to G. B. Richardson, is largely composed of the Carboniferous formation (Pennsylvanian) with areas overlain by Cretaceous. This is particularly the case in the dome locality of the Cactus company. The elevation of this field is sufficient to allow oil to be piped into El Paso.

Duquesne Oil Test.

The third deep test well is being drilled by the Duquesne Oil company, 45 miles north of Van Horn, Texas, close to the dividing line between Hudspeth and Culberson counties. It is 12 miles north of Figure Two ranch headquarters, on section 16, block 65, township 4. This company has leased all of James E. Daugherty's west tract, approximately 100,000 acres, in the big Salt basin, several miles southeast of the well of the Cactus Oil company.

"Very little has been said in print about the Duquesne Oil company," said Arthur Naddie of El Paso, an experienced oil man who has just returned from the Duquesne well.

Besides operating from a railroad in a new field and not having its offices in El Paso, local information was not available, so Mr. Naddie made the journey to get first hand information. The Duquesne Oil corporation is a subsidiary of the States Oil corporation, one of the big oil companies of the United States, both companies being composed largely of Pittsburg oil men, capitalized at \$5,000,000. The Duquesne corporation has \$2,000,000 in its treasury for development operations. The States Oil corporation has 21 rigs operating in Eastland county, Texas, besides several locations in the same field. The Duquesne Oil corporation has, besides its holdings and rig in Culberson county, the W. H. Ray well and the J. C. Hammett well in Eastland county. Its headquarters is in Pittsburg, Tulsa, Okla., and Van Horn, Texas.

Down 1200 feet.

The field manager of the Duquesne corporation's operations in Culberson-Hudspeth counties field is W. F. Johnson, M. L. McCoulough is the contract driller, R. E. Keyes, head driller, and O. J. Whiston and Gene Woodlock tool dressers. The Duquesne No. 1 well is now down 1200 feet. They are now drilling with 12-inch pipe. The derrick is 84 feet high. The equipment is one of the biggest and most complete ever installed in West Texas, consisting of a standard rig, capable of drilling 4000 feet. In addition to steam engines they have just arranged to install a Clark gasoline engine, with reversible clutch. On the ground the company has strings of 400 feet of steel casing, a number of tanks of fuel oil, three boilers and a new one about to be installed. It also has its own trucks. That the company is there to develop the field thoroughly is evidenced by the completeness of equipment and preparations, the permanent and comfortable quarters for the drilling crews near the well, and the fact that it has no acreage nor stock for sale, being strictly a close corporation. Recently the Duquesne corporation brought in a 1500-barrel well in the Eastland field and it has other producers in other fields. So much confidence have the drilling contractors that each has bought leases as near as he could to the company's holdings. The company's two trucks are in constant action, making daily trips with materials from Van Horn to the well. Having encountered some quicksand it has ordered a rotary drill to be in readiness to handle it if necessary.

It is drilling on the edge of the biggest dome of the whole structure surrounded by the region called "Salt Flat." Should it fail to get oil

in the first test well it will drill others in the same field, so confident is it of the existence of a big oil pool.

Topography of Salt Flat Field.

"Salt Flat," says Mr. Naddie, "is a large bolson, occupying a structural trough and an absolutely closed basin without any drainage outlet. It is bounded by the Delaware and Guadalupe mountains on the east and by the Diablo plateau on the west. The lowest part of the basin is floored with gypsum and contains salt deposits of local importance. It is a rampant of an ancient sea, covering the region in Cretaceous times when the Comanchean sea advanced in the Trans-Pecos region. Then followed the post-cretaceous uplifts.

Evidence of Petroleum.

Evidences of petroleum noticed in Salt Flat are in shallow wells drilled for water, none of which reached the floor of the basin. The consensus of expert geologists' opinions is favorable for wildcat exploration. There are nearly all the indications found in proven fields, such as immense structures and domes, salt water, sulphur, gypsum, oil and gas rising on top of water, carbonaceous shales and sandstones. Salt and salt domes are of especial importance because salt and salt water are present in all oil fields, and without salt, surface indications are weaker for encouraging wildcat operations. As the oil and gas generate they rise to the top of salt water by specific gravity. Pressure creates heat sufficient to create chemical action and in this manner the four atoms of hydrogen in the gypsum, combined, form petroleum. Sulphur as well as salt is a prime indicator and is always found in oil fields.

"The old theory that high elevation handicaps accumulation of oil," says Naddie, is "untenable. The discovery of commercial oil in Montana and Wyoming, at elevations of from 6000 to 7000 feet above sea level proves the old idea false. In those regions oil of gravity of 50 degrees Baume came in so great as to startle the oil world. Those wells were drilled in domes and now are considered the wonder oil fields of the world. In those fields there was not any oil visible at the surface. Only structures existed. Now, Salt Flat and Hudspeth and Culberson fields show oil—oil saturated shales. Besides, they are of far less altitude than the Montana and Wyoming fields. The 'lube' oil found in Toyah basin to the east, is due to migration and refining while enroute and it is not unlikely that the oil whence they migrated is west of the Sierra mountains.

"The oil men," experiencing some depression, but in the near future, I am confident I may bring to El Paso a welcome message from one or all of the three deep tests now in progress in Hudspeth and Culberson counties."

Finlay-Tampico Well.

The Finlay-Tampico well, in the dome on the southern part of Diablo plateau, is one of the most promising locations for shallow oil in West Texas, according to Dr. Horace Patton, Denver geologist. The site is on a large dome several miles long by three or four miles wide, a perfectly closed dome structure. The oil sand is stated to be at approximately 1000 feet. The well has been drilled a little over 100 feet with a Calyx cored drill. Some financial difficulties have delayed operations, but arrangements are being made to continue the work. In the same region petroleum with asphalt base was encountered in shallow wells some years ago.

Within the next three to six months, if present operations are continued Hudspeth and Culberson counties should become proven, commercial oil fields.—El Paso Times.

Oil Field Potentialities.

Twenty years ago, during the course of drilling operations, which were instigated by the discovery of oil on the surface of a stock pond, oil in an indetermined quantity was struck by the drillers. At that time, however, the fever of excitement abated when marketing conditions were given calm consideration; and as there were no pipe line facilities, nor a railroad to transport the product, which was of extremely low market value, all operations in the field were abandoned.

Recently, though, one of the old wells became active and inasmuch as oil production because of rapidly increasing advances in price, has become one of the most lucrative and fascinating games in the field of industrial endeavor, Pecos county is attracting the attention of a number of live-wire oil men.

Development work has hardly gotten well under way, but things are moving in such a manner that he who runs may read the future and sense the possibilities that are destined to eventuate into realities. No field could present more allur-

ments to the small investor, and that man who is wise enough to grasp time by the forelock and get in ahead of production, while the getting is good, stands a splendid chance of reaping returns surpassing the dreams of the avaricious.

It is not the purpose of Fort Stockton citizens to luridly color the oil field pictures of Pecos county, but they do have an earnest desire to give the outside world a clear conception of actual existing conditions prevailing in Pecos county, which is in the vital throes of most extensive oil development work, with Fort Stockton the industrial, commercial and social pivot, around which revolves all activities.

At this time there are ten wells, within the confines of the county, in process of drilling; and inasmuch as they are scattered over a large area—all of which has been surveyed by variant corps of geologists of wide repute and accredited ability—it is naught more than reasonable for one to visualize Pecos county as a forthcoming oil field of wonderful productivity. The structures, the formations and the sands are here; and those three things alone are sufficient to persuade the experienced oil man to engage in active drilling operations, firm in the faith that where all of those almost infallible signs exist as evidence oil is not far distant. In Pecos county, however, it is not necessary for the oil investor to back his judgment on the mutts testimony of structures, domes, formations and sands, supplemented by the voluble opinion of geologists and old-timers in the oil game. It is not necessary, for the reason Pecos county has an oil well, now on the pump, to show those who may be disposed to be skeptical; and the oil from this well is now being used to fire the boilers that are supplying power to drill more wells to get more oil.

The variant companies now engaged in drilling wells in the county are all well-financed; and the rigs, equipment, and crews are comparable with the best in the old, proven fields. If money, brains, determination and industry—with oil in sight—may be construed into a visualization of an oil field, Pecos county, as most remarkable oil field, ceases to be a mirage and, without legerdemain or supernatural agency, evolves into an area literally spouting "liquid gold."

There has not been, nor will there

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COWBOY CHAMPIONS WILL CONTEST IN EL PASO

The advance guard of western rangers is here awaiting the call of the arena director, which will send more than a hundred cowboys and cowgirls into the contest of skill with wild Mexican steers and outlaw bucking broncos.

Champions from every center of the frontier sport and the dangerous western pastime will be here to defend their titles in the Pass City international cowboy championship contest, which will start in Rio Grande park January 12 and will last four days.

The exhibitions promise to be the most thrilling ever witnessed in this territory. The fact that there will be no salaried performers, but that each participant will be striving for large cash prizes and championship titles is sure to bring out the best, according to Y. M. B. L. promoters of the project.

The performers will open with exhibitions of fancy roping by many classy artists of the lariat, including Chester A. Byers, an Oklahoma City boy who is the present world's champion. These boys will execute weird feats with the rope, catching horses in every conceivable manner and spinning impossible loops with the cord.

Fancy roping will be followed by calf roping, in which there are more than a score of entries and in which the southwestern championship will be defended. Among those appearing in this role will be Joe Gardner of this city, champion steer roper of the world. Gardner is already giving his steed regular workouts in the baseball grounds.

More than 30 entrants are reported for the cowboy bronk, which will afford more thrills possibly than any other event of the shows. They will "toy" with the famous Cheyenne looped bucking bronks, either putting up a clean ride or getting tossed from the untamed charger. Among those who will star in these events are Hugh Strickland, Eddie McCarty, Tommy Kirnan, Angelo Hughes, "Shorty" Kelson, "Oklahoma Curley," Fred Atkinson, Rube Roberts and Bryan Roach.

F. C. Beebe, director of publicity for the shows, was in Mexico Saturday and Sunday, spreading the news as much as possible among ranchmen. They are greatly interested in the event, he says, and especially in the cash prizes that are being offered for riding and roping. Judges for the contests will all be cowboys, thoroughly familiar with the sports. Judgments will be rendered under association rules.

The most sensational act of the whole performance will be steer bulldogging, the most dangerous of the contests. In this role the bulldogger leaps from his steed to the horns of the speeding steer, and banded wrestles him to the earth.—El Paso Times.

The bulldogging event in the championship contest of cowboy sports to be held at the Rio Grande park, El Paso, Texas, Jan. 12 to 15, will contain many thrills and keen competition. Jim Massey, of Snyder, Texas, who won the championship of the world on throwing six steers at Tex Austin's world's championship contest held in Chicago this year, has already entered this event and has shipped in his \$1000 bulldogging horse which he expects to take him to another victory at this contest. Among his closest competitors will be Slim Gasky, of Wichita Falls, Texas, who was a very close second to him for the championship of the world and has won first money in a great many bulldogging contests in the southwest. Also Frank McCarron and Roy Quick, of Cheyenne, Wyo., who have both won money over Massey at previous contests in the last two years will be here. As this event is decided by time, the time being taken from the time the steer leaves the chute until the cowboy rides to him, leaps to his horns and throws him by hand, some very expert time keepers will be required for this event, as very frequently the winners are decided by split fractions of a second and where so many expert contestants are entered the time is liable to be very close.

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REFORMERS STILL BUSY.

Tobacco, Tea and Coffee on Taboo List.

Washington, D. C.—The beginning of the December session of congress was marked by the usual advent of the reformers, who have announced various schemes to correct this or that abuse. Truth is members of congress are becoming a trifle tired of the reformers and their plans, particularly so after the great reforms put through by the Anti-Saloon league and the National Woman's party, which resulted, respectively, in passage of the 18th and 19th constitutional amendments.

There are a lot of "professional" reformers loose in Washington—chaps who draw fat salaries and make a regular business of "reforming" just like a lawyer practices law or a physician medicine. Many of them are re former school teachers, ministers, or lecturers of various kind. Most of them having failed at their chosen profession have become reformers as a matter of business. It cannot be denied that some of them are as active as the proverbial flea.

At the same time there are a number of zealots who honestly believe their mission on this earth is to reform mankind and their principal duty under heaven to correct the many vices which afflict their brothers, whether the brothers want to be reformed or not. Foreign countries and the heathen are not exempt from the activities of some of these men. They dearly love to try to keep the Chinese from his opium pipe, or the honest and hard working American of foreign birth from a glass of beer. The beer has already disappeared, and now the reformers are going to engage in a campaign to take away the opium pipe from the oriental.

But do not believe that they are satisfied with abolishing the alcohol traffic in this country. Tobacco is the next victim marked for slaughter. While the Anti-Saloon league denies that it is contemplating an anti-tobacco crusade, there are other organizations already busy in the attempt to put the kibosh on nicotine. Coffee and tea, but principally coffee, is also on the taboo list.

All kinds of other reforms are on the program, including more rigid enforcement of the white slave traffic, child labor exploitation, and many others too numerous to mention. It must be acknowledged that some of the proposals contain real merit, such as a tightening of the administration of the white slave traffic laws, and probably China would be more prosperous, if not happy and contented, with opium gone. But the trouble with some of the reformers is that they are not contented to agitate for really meritorious and moral reforms, but go so far in their reforming frenzy that some of their schemes become ridiculous to the citizen who has the ordinary common sense that is the heritage of most Americans.

In addition to the reforms mentioned the reformers have adopted a most comprehensive program. This includes a "closed Sunday" in the national capital, total prohibition of all race track and other gambling, federal censorship of all moving pictures, there will be a good job for somebody who becomes federal censor; prohibition of "redlight" districts by the federal government; uniform laws governing marriage and divorce, establishment of regular institutions to teach the business of reforming, traffic in drugs, and many other things pertaining to a world-wide crusade to make the globe better. Some of the proposed reforms have real merit and will be, or should be, backed by every patriotic American citizen. Other proposals are without the basis of ordinary sense and will receive scant consideration in congress.

In the meanwhile it would be in the line of consistency, if the reformers are filled with such burning zeal in the interest of his brothers, at least a majority of them, for his activities to be directed toward the reformation of the profiteers, who fatten on the necessities of life. It is absolutely necessary for mankind to eat, and in winter in localities, to keep from freezing, nevertheless, the government, and the reformers never whisper one word in opposition, allow these hog fat profiteers to take advantage of the times to oppress the poor—and also the rich. However, the rich are able to stand the gaff, but the poor find it impossible to pay the tax demanded of the highbinders.

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DOMINGUEZ GETS SENTENCE OF NINETY-NINE YEARS

The trial of Merejildo Dominguez, charged with participation in the "Neville raid," March, 1918, in which Glenn Neville and a woman were murdered, came to a close Friday morning when the jury returned a verdict of "guilty" and a sentence of 99 years in the state penitentiary.

The case went to the jury Thursday afternoon. It is said that a verdict of guilty was reached on the first ballot, and that then an all night battle followed as to the punishment to be fixed. Ten, it is said, favored the death penalty, but two stood out resolutely against it, and when the majority found that these two men could not be won over, they compromised.

Mr. Neville's testimony descriptive of the raid on his ranch was intensely dramatic. His ranch house is situated about 22 miles from the Mexican border. On this moonlight night in March a party of fifty Mexicans, all armed with rifles, rode up, surrounded the ranch and fired several volleys into the house. From a point of vantage, within the house, Mr. Neville recognized Dominguez and several of the raiders as men who had worked for him off and on as hired hands. Calling his son, Glenn and his Mexican foreman to follow his example, he seized his gun and shot down three of the raiders. With Glenn and the Mexican foreman he then rushed from the house in an attempt to escape. The Mexicans fired several volleys at them. The bullets missed the Mexican and himself and they escaped into the brush, but his son was shot down. The raiders finished up their work by killing the wife of the Mexican foreman and looting the ranch house.

Dominguez, who took the stand in his own defense denied participation in the raid, and stated that he could produce witnesses who could prove an alibi.

Judge Boggs and Judge Smith who defended the accused summed up in a masterly manner. In his speech to the jury, Judge Thurmond heaped phrase upon phrase in a scathing denunciation of the accused.

Dominguez was seized in April, 1919, in the village of San Antonio, Chihuahua, by a troop of U. S. cavalry commanded by Captain Matlack. This troop had crossed the border on what is known as a "hot trail" after Mexican bandits who had just committed depredations on the Mexican side of the river. They were not after Dominguez whose capture is due to the fact that he happened to be recognized by a Texas ranger attached to the cavalry troop. His capture, under these circumstances, raised a delicate question of international law. The Mexican government, through their attorneys, Boggs, Smith & LaCrosse, contend that the capture of Dominguez was illegal in as much as it was incident to the violation of Mexican territory by U. S. troops. Thus the whole question of the right of the military arm of a government to cross an international boundary line in pursuit of criminals comes up for decision. This question will be taken to the Supreme court of the United States for final decision, and the act and career of this low-brow Mexican cutthroat, and the final findings in his case, will be studied by international lawyers for generations to come.—West Texas News.

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E. J. MOYER DIES SUDDENLY AT ALPINE.

Word comes to Pecos of the death last Friday of E. J. Moyer of Alpine. So far the Enterprise has been unable to ascertain the exact cause of the Avalanche, of which he was editor and manager, published on Thursday of last week, has the following paragraph:

"Mr. E. J. Moyer, our editor-manager, suffered a stroke last evening while alone at the office. He was barely able to reach the phone, calling up the Palace pharmacy for Dr. Middlebrook, who was at the show. When found by those who went to his aid Mr. Moyer was found lying on the floor and in a serious condition. He was removed to his home, where he is now resting easily, though not out of danger. We know we voice the sentiment of our city in trusting that he will soon recover and be out again. Our readers will please overlook any omissions, errors, etc., in this issue as we are short-handed in going to press."

This is all the Enterprise has been able to learn except that he passed away on Friday and his body laid to rest in the Alpine cemetery Saturday.

Mr. Moyer was one of the two proprietors of the Pecos Times when this writer came to Pecos, about thirteen or fourteen years ago, and the writer worked on that paper for him for probably two years, and can truthfully say that he never worked for a man more considerate or agreeable. Since then Mr. Moyer worked on the Enterprise for the writer for two years and the writer never had a more willing worker on his force or one who had the interest of the paper more at heart. He never complained, never lagged, and was always glad to comply with his employer's orders.

Mr. Moyer was an active church worker and always had an important part in church work. There was never a time when he would not quit his own work to help anyone who was in need of his assistance. He was a K. of P. and a member of the Woodmen of the World and carried insurance in both lodges. He owned a nice, comfortable home in Pecos, together with the insurance to help lighten the burdens of a wife and three children whom he leaves behind to mourn his loss. The deceased had many warm friends in Pecos who regret his untimely passing and will, with the editor, join in extending to the bereaved wife and children sincerest sympathy.—Pecos Enterprise.

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POST NEWS

Troop A.

A troop added another victory to its football schedule when they beat Troop B with a score of 6 to 0. The manager of the team thinks that the team will be as good as it was before, as he lost two of his players, but he got one of the old college boys back instead and thinks that they will be able to beat Machine Gun troop as well as the others.

Supply Troop.

Private Frank, Matthews, Miller and Morris and Private Special Hays returned from a hunting trip of 20 days that was spent in the mountains around Glenn Springs and reported that they had a fine time. The best of all, they brought with them a fine deer, but we sure think that they were hunting beer rather than deer.

Privates Special Fourth Class Hays and Harrington, Corp Pierce and Archie Downie left with red kuykendall on the machinery wagon to spend a few days on a hunting spree in the mountains along the Lajitas road. The troop wishes that they meet Red's cat, the painter, because Red is the only bunkey that the cat thinks anything of.

Private Special Fifth Class Hips is sure the artist that he claims to be. Corporal William Wunch is spending a few days in El Paso with some of his friends, but we think that its time for Bill to come home because we think that it is time that he went broke.

Well, the Supply troop has to see another good man leave the service, and that is Private First Class Special Fifth Class Thomas, the troop mechanic. Although at that Tommy has had the same three nails and hammer for three months, he has made it stick to drive them in the wall of the stables at last, so the troop wishes Tommy good luck to stay on the outside with.

Troop L.

Sergeant Frederick W. Crowell, who is now assistant instructor in the carpenter class at the E. & V. school, has purchased a runabout to enable him to visit his class and various other jobs around the post.

Troop E.

E troop once more met defeat at the hands of Troop K on the football gridiron last Sunday afternoon, the score being 13 to 6, although the team did its best, as the crack players have not yet survived from their previous knockouts, and the recruits at the game did not carry as strong as was expected, but it is our hope to be able to come back with our first line-up with one of the best teams of camp before the season closes.

Troop F.

The troop football sports played with L troop in a very interesting game of football on the morning of Christmas. They lost the game, but they sure made good at noon.

The first sergeant is on pass for three days and he will probably bring in some more news.

No furloughs were desired by any of the men of this organization for the holidays. Broke again.

Quartermaster Detachment.

The Quartermaster detachment spent a quiet but jolly Christmas, with a football game the main event of the morning. Dinner then was served and among our guests were Lieutenant and Mrs. James Conlin, Lieutenant and Mrs. Justice W. Martha, Sergeant and Mrs. Robert Goldie and James Goodman Hall. The detachment also had the honor of being complimented by Colonel Hornbrook as having the best decorated mess hall that he had seen.

Our skillful nimrods reported no progress last Sunday, as a day of rest after Christmas was really to be enjoyed.

Sergeant Glenn G. Utter reported back from the quartermaster administrative school at Philadelphia, Pa., and we are certainly proud of him, as he graduated from this school as a distinguished graduate.

The reorganization of personnel and warehousing is rapidly becoming adjusted and we hope that in a week or so we will be on life's easy road.

Miss Farmer, the quartermaster telephone operator, left us last week and has been replaced by Mrs. Robert Goldie.

One of our employes has received some very sorrowful news, or at least it has been rumored around that he is doomed to be a bachelor the rest of his days.

The quartermaster and the members of the detachment wish each and every one a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Troop K.

Private Hoonig has received his transfer ad is on his way to Camp Mead, Md., where he will join the 28th infantry, for he says that he can soldier better with the dough

GOVERNMENT RING CHARGED WITH SHARING OF PROFITS

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committee, said that the former official of the railroad administration whom Cushing named in his disclosures would be summoned before the committee at once and the others would be called as soon as their identity is known to the committee.

In the open session Cushing held that the "alarmist statements" issued by various government departments a year ago in which a "coal famine was predicted," was responsible in a large degree for the present high prices. These statements, which he said were sponsored by the railroad administration, the interstate commerce commission and the United States geological survey, created a virtual panic.

"Alarmed users of coal," he said, "gave the wholesalers commissions to go out and buy coal for them, and then sent their own purchasing agents into the fields to compete with them. Contracts upon which they relied were set aside by assigned car orders, priorities and the like, until no purchases of coal was dependable."

To quiet the buyers, Cushing declared that between April and July his organization issued repeated statements saying that the coal sup-

ply was sufficient to meet the demands and there was no reason for alarm, but the buyers ignored them and the mad rush for coal went on.

Illustrating the situation, the witness said that Henry Ford sent four agents into a Kentucky field to obtain coal. They were unknown to one another and in their eagerness to get the fuel they needed they bid the price up to \$11 a ton. Similar cases were recorded repeatedly elsewhere, he asserted.

"Against these influences the wholesalers—and all others—were helpless, unless there was or could be built up in the trade a combination of producers and wholesalers powerful enough to set aside the law of supply and demand," Cushing asserted. "There was no such combination. Such a thing was impossible. Therefore the individual wholesalers and the others were without government influences."

The whole industry, he said, became disorganized and the priorities allowed the railroads added to the chaos. These priorities, he testified, mean that if the coal mines wanted to run they must sell to the railroads.

J. A. D. Marrow, vice-president of the National Coal association, an organization of operators, the records of which were examined last week by the senate committee, took the stand late in the day and began a denial of the "panic" theory advanced by Cushing to explain the shortage.

Mr. Marrow was excused until tomorrow when the committee took Mr. Cushing into executive session.

The largest profits made on coal of which he had personal knowledge, Cushing said, was by certain mines that secured it from the mines at \$2.50 a ton and sold it at \$10.50 a ton, which, with the freight rates, would have made the cost to consumers around \$19 or \$20 a ton.

EXPECT BITTER TARIFF FIGHT IN THE SENATE

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riers, and not to raise revenue," said the acting Democratic leader. "At this time of all others, the country ought not to raise tariff barriers against any nation in the world. We are a creditor nation and must have a market for our surplus. What we need above all else is to do business with other nations, not to raise tariff barriers to prevent other nations from paying part of their debts with their products."

Senator McCumber, contending that the bill did not propose an embargo on wheat, said that its actual protection against Canadian wheat, when the difference in exchange was considered, was but 3 1-2c a bushel.

"This idea of protecting the wheat growers by a tariff," Senator Hitchcock replied, "is either a delusion or a snare, or a confidence—a gold brick game. What the American wheat grower wants is credit and wide and unfettered trade. He is not going to be deluded by this gold brick that is offered him."

Senator Hitchcock said Canada was one of America's best customers, buying twice as much as it sold in the United States.

Senator McCumber replied that nearly the entire Canadian wheat surplus was coming to this country, "at the same time we are trying to find a market for ours."

Senator Smoot declared the measure was a revenue one "pure and simple." The proposed tariff of 15 cents a pound on wool, he said, would not bar wool imports.

Senator Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, an opponent of the bill, interrupted with question bringing out that the wool rates were higher than those of the Payne-Aldrich bill. Senator Smoot said he questioned whether Senator Hitchcock was acting "in good faith" in moving reference of the bill to the commerce committee.

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