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## TEXAS LEGISLATURE GRINDING OUT BILLS

### Some Important Measures---All Will Not Become Laws--Some of the Bills Are Freaks.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 24.—Governor Neff, it was said tonight, would probably send to the legislature tomorrow a special message recommending legislation for the consolidation of several boards and commissions with state departments. The governor has not yet made appointment of a tax commissioner, state game, fish and oyster commissioner, board of water engineers, food and drug commissioner, a member of the industrial accident board and the commissioner of markets and warehouses. These offices may be touched upon in the message.

#### Flood of Bills Introduced

Bills introduced in the house late today included the following:  
By Cummins, to amend anti-pass law so as to provide right of contract between railroads and editors, proprietors and publishers of newspapers and to permit certain state, county and federal officers to ride on passes.

By John Davis, of Dallas, to provide a fee of 50 cents per bale on cotton, to be collected at the gin for building of warehouses.

By Wallace, making it a misdemeanor to gather crowds by music, dancing and other ways to offer for sale patent medicines.

By Malone, to place waitresses, waiters and cooks in restaurants under the act giving liens to employees.

By John Davis, of Dallas, to extend the time for completion of drilling of oil and gas wells on public free school lands heretofore sold where the owner of a permit has in good faith begun drilling and is down 400 feet or more.

By O. B. Black, to increase salaries of district attorneys of judicial districts comprising two or more counties so they shall receive \$20 per day for each day attending court sessions, in addition to what they are now allowed.

By Melson, providing that conviction may be had under Dean prohibition law on unsupported evidence of an accomplice or participant.

By Sneed, providing that applicant for marriage license shall secure same in the county in which the woman he seeks to marry shall have resided three months previous to the issuance of the license.

By Rogers, of Harris, to prevent profiteering by hotels by fixing rates at \$3 per day for room with one bed and bath; \$2 per day for one bed and without bath, and \$1 additional for each additional person.

By Morgan, providing for sanitary bakeries and fixing weight of bread loaves at 12, 24 and 32 ounces.

By Brady, providing for double platoon system in fire departments of cities of 30,000 and over.

#### To Regulate Cotton Buyers

Representative Williams, of Waco, introduced in the house today a bill to regulate and license cotton buyers. The bill provides that all cotton-buyers must be examined as to their ability to judge cotton and they must obtain license before engaging in business. It is made an offense for them to grade cotton lower than the proper grade. Another provision provides that tags shall be put on the bale at the gin and the grade marked by tags.

Each buyer must file monthly reports with the commissioner of agriculture, showing the number of bales purchased, from which and of what grade.

#### To Revise Text Book Law

Representatives Darroch and Veatch introduced a bill to revise the free text book law so the appropriations may be prorated direct to the various local school boards and that they purchase books direct from the contractor instead of obtaining the books from depositaries.

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### SUBSCRIPTIONS TO NEW ERA ARE NOW DUE

We wish to call the attention of subscribers to The New Era to the fact that all subscriptions for the coming year, as well as delinquents, are now due. You will confer a great favor on us if you will call and settle, or mail us a check, which will relieve us of the unpleasant task of mailing statements to you or dropping your name from our mailing list. This last we are loath to do, but in order to comply with the postal laws this must be done.

We hope that it will not be necessary to resort to either of the above methods and that you will call or mail your subscriptions to

#### THE NEW ERA

### WILSON WELL WILL BE BROUGHT IN IN FEW DAYS

The report is current that the Wilson well, barring accidents, will be brought in within the next few days, in 10 days at least. The well is now down 1500 feet and several gas "pockets," very strong, have been encountered.

### U. S. STANDS NINTH ON EDUCATION LIST

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—The United States, in education, occupies ninth place, with "most of the civilized world ahead of us."

Illiteracy alone is responsible for an economic loss to the country of \$825,000,000 a year.

Teachers' salaries are so low that "the competent and self-respecting are being driven from their work."

Scores of communities are financially unable to support any schools at all.

These are some of the startling assertions made by the house committee on education in a report recommending passage of the Smith-Towner bill, providing for a federal department of education and federal aid to the states as a necessary measure to meet the situation.

In its report the committee, of which Representative Simeon D. Fess (Rep.), of Ohio, is chairman, denies that the bill would give the federal government power to determine courses of study, or sanction interference with public or private school management in any state. It adds:

"The idea is fundamentally sound that the nation, the state and the local community should share in the responsibility and the expense of supporting an equalized system of public education.

The committee scents the oft-made assertion that illiteracy is essentially a problem of the South. It says:

"The facts do not warrant that conclusion. Georgia has 389,000 illiterates, but New York has 406,000. Alabama has 352,000, while Pennsylvania has 354,000. Louisiana has 352,000, Mississippi 290,000, and Texas 282,000, but Illinois has 168,000, Ohio 124,000 and New Jersey 141,000. Even Massachusetts has 141,000 and undertakes partially to solve the problem by denying them the right to vote.

"There is nothing of more importance in our scheme of government than the education of the people. Whatever else may be left out, education cannot safely be excluded. If there is any one thing that justifies a tax in the judgment of American citizens, it is that which strengthens and supports our public schools. There are many millions now appropriated which have mucl less justification than the appropriations called for under the terms of this bill."

## DISTRICT COURT IS NOW IN SESSION

### Jury Commissioners Appointed---Grand Jury Selected---Petit Jury For Next Week

Monday district court convened with the following officers present: Judge Joseph Jones and District Attorney Henry of Del Rio, J. E. Vaughn, sheriff of Presidio county, and Miss Essie Aiken, clerk.

Judge Jones appointed L. C. Britte, T. M. Wilson and W. M. Morris jury commissioners for the present term of court.

Tuesday morning the following grand jury was impaneled and sworn: A. M. Avant, foreman; Thomas C. Croson, J. B. Scott, William Harper, W. H. Colquitt, John G. Griffith, J. H. Lock, C. P. Arthur, C. T. Mitchell, Ernest Mabry, J. M. Rosson and J. D. Nichols.

R. M. Stevenson and S. C. Hopkins were selected as bailiffs to wait on

the grand jury. Capt. Jerry Gray was appointed riding bailiff.

The following petit jury has been drawn for next week, to appear on Monday, Jan. 31:

H. B. Lockley, R. N. Settle, John McDonald, Ben Pruett, W. B. Mitchell, Ben S. Avant, Orr Kerr, Charles Thomas, R. E. L. Tyler, J. D. Shannon, N. L. Casner, A. C. Easterling, James Walker, J. H. Evans, Clay Mitchell, W. T. Davis, Gus Maurer, Wyley Easterling, O. L. Shipman, George Chastain, W. A. Hord, J. M. Hurley, W. W. Weatherford, Charles Bishop, D. C. Wease, W. P. Fischer, F. A. Mitchell, John T. Hamie, H. B. Holmes, Charles Pruett, R. A. Lackland, Charles Kostermerke, W. K. Colquitt, Floyd Nicolls, H. W. Schulte, W. A. Mimmis.

### PRESIDENT'S CABINET —THE LATEST GUESS

Washington, Jan. 25.—President-elect Harding has completed his cabinet, according to the flat statement of a Republican leader, who has been in touch with the president-elect in Florida.

Barring "political earthquakes," this leader declared tonight the men who will take up the reins of the new administration will be as follows:

Secretary of State—Charles Evans Hughes, of New York, former supreme court justice, who has been retained despite the fight put up by New York Republicans headed by Senator Wadsworth and certain senators opposing him.

Secretary of Treasury—Andrew J. Mellon, of Pittsburgh, banker, Senator Penrose's choice, who landed in the treasury through the shake-up by which former Governor Frank O. Lowden was taken as Illinois representative on the cabinet.

Secretary of War—John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts, former senator, who was originally slated for the navy portfolio and was shifted because of his having gone to school at the Annapolis naval academy.

Attorney General—Harry M. Daugherty, of Columbus, Ohio, the president-elect's pre-convention manager and close confidential adviser.

Postmaster General—Will H. Hays, of Indianapolis, attorney, who as Republican national chairman was the head of the organization which brought the Republican triumph at the polls.

Secretary of the Navy—Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois, former governor, who was a candidate for the Republican nomination for president, and withdrew, throwing his support to the president-elect. He was slated for a diplomatic post, but was advised to leaving the country.

Secretary of the Interior—George Sutherland, of Utah, former senator, closely associated with the president-elect throughout the recent campaign, chosen under the president-elect's plan to give the interior portfolio to the "far-west."

Secretary of Agriculture—Henry C. Wallace, of Iowa, publisher of the farm journal bearing his name, who was the president-elect's adviser on agriculture during the campaign.

Secretary of Commerce (yet to be formally accepted)—Herbert Hoover, of California, former food administrator, who, like Governor Lowden, was a candidate against Senator Harding in the Chicago convention.

Secretary of Labor—Representative William J. Burke, of Pittsburgh, or some representative of organized labor, with the approval of the Pennsylvania representative at large, who is a member of the general board of the Order of Railroad Conductors.

"That is the slate as it stands today and as it will stand on the day

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### CRIMINAL APPEALS JUSTICE DAVIDSON IS DROWNED

Austin, Texas, Jan. 25.—Judge W. L. Davidson, presiding judge of the court of criminal appeals, was drowned late today while fishing in the lake on the grounds of the Austin insane asylum. He suffered an attack of apoplexy and fell into the water and was dead before succor reached him.

Judge Davidson was past 75 years of age and had been a member of the court of criminal appeals nearly 30 years. He served in the Confederate army through the civil war.

Judge Davidson was born in Yalobusha county, Mississippi, Nov. 5, 1845, and came with his parents to Texas in 1851, settling near Gonzales. His father, Rev. Asbury Davidson, was a Methodist minister. His mother was Mary M. Davidson, nee Fly. His parents were born in Tennessee.

Judge Davidson was appointed assistant attorney general to represent the state in cases before the criminal court of appeals in January, 1887, the appointment being made by Governor Ross. He served in that capacity during the four years of Governor Ross' incumbency as governor, and until February 1, 1897. On that date Judge Sam A. Wilson resigned from the court of criminal appeals and Governor Hogg appointed Judge Davidson to fill the vacancy. Since that time he has been one of the judges and presiding judge of that court until his death today. In 1892 he was elected to succeed himself as the appointee of Governor Hogg. He was again elected in 1894, 1896, 1902, 1908, 1914, 1916, 1918 and 1920.

His life's service to Texas covers a period of 34 years, 30 of which have been upon the court of criminal appeals.

Judge Davidson is survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Nellie D. Clement of Dallas, Mrs. George W. Graves of Galveston, and Mrs. Clark Blanks of Lockhart, and four sons, Judge W. H. Davidson of Beaumont, Thomas B. Davidson of Abilene, Duval A. Davidson of Edna, Jackson county, and Frank Davidson, assistant county attorney at Beaumont.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

### Internal Revenue Service

On Feb. 18 and 19 a deputy collector of internal revenue will be in taxpayers in filling their 1920 individual income tax returns. This service will be furnished gratis by the department.

ED. A. CHRISTIAN,  
Collector.

### Regulate Beauty Parlors

Austin, Jan. 26.—A bill by Rogers, of Shelby county, introduced in the house today provides sanitary regulations for beauty parlors and barber shops and prohibits the employment of persons with communicable diseases.

## GRONNA BILL RECEIVES SENATE ENDORSEMENT

### Partisan Lines Are Forgotten in Fight Over Measure, Which Is Given Majority of 46 to 33

### THIS IS THE WAY THEY SOCK IT TO THE CONSUMER

Recently, a man bought a pair of socks for 50 cents. On weighing them he found that it took 18 pairs to weigh a pound. This makes one pound of cotton when made into socks worth \$9.00. Therefore, in a 500-pound bale of cotton, less 24 pounds for wrapping, and 4 per cent for waste, we have 456 pounds, which would make 8208 pairs of socks, worth \$4,104.00.

Now, suppose the farmer received 40 cents per pound, or \$200 cents per bale, allowing 36 cents per pound, or \$184.16 per bale, to the manufacturer, this would make the bale cost the manufacturer \$364.16, leaving a profit of \$3587.84 between manufacturer and consumer. You must admit a big "spread" for profiteering by somebody.

Just think! About 24-2 cents worth of cotton in a 50-cent pair of socks! At 15 cents per pound it would require 54 bales of cotton to buy back the number of socks that one bale would make. So you see how they sock it to us.

J. W. NEILL.

### SUGAR DEAL COSTS THE NATION ABOUT \$2,500,000

Washington, Jan. 26.—At a time when the public was paying from 24 to 35 cents a pound for sugar—and little to be had even at that price—46,234,000 pounds were sold by the sugar equalization board to canners and candy makers at 83-4 cents a pound.

The 46,234,000 pounds was army surplus, which had been acquired by the board from the war department at cost—the same price at which it was sold later to the canners and candy manufacturers. As a result of the sale a shortage developed in the army stocks and the war department was forced to buy 22,000,000 pounds of raw sugar and 16,000,000 pounds of refined sugar in the open market at about an average of 14 cents a pound, thereby losing approximately \$2,500,000 on the deal.

The remarkable transaction was reluctantly revealed by Maj. Gen. H. L. Rogers, quartermaster general, testifying today before the Graham committee investigating expenditures in the war department. He said the sale was made by the war department over his protest and by order of Assistant Secretary of War Benedict Crowell.

"Isn't there a law that sales of all army surplus stocks shall be advertised?" asked Chairman Graham.

"Yes," replied General Rogers, "but the order came from the office of the secretary of war and we had no choice in the matter. Perhaps it came under the war powers of the president."

### SHOT CAUSES BOLD THIEF TO DROP HIS LOOT

Wednesday evening, as some one was entering the Opera House, soon after the revival services commenced, he noticed a soldier tinkering at the back end of F. A. Mitchell's car, and reported it to Sgt. Harold King. On going out to investigate the ranger saw a soldier with a tire in his hand just as he was disappearing around a corner. There was a foot race for several hundred feet, when Ranger King realized that his training in this athletic stunt had been neglected. Therefore he sent a bullet in the direction of the running thief, which caused him to drop the tire forthwith.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The Gronna bill, placing the packing industry under strict government control was passed by the senate late today. It now goes to the house, where, it is said, there is little prospect of its passage, at least not at this session.

Although it became apparent when the senate by agreement began balloting on the amendments to the bill at 4 o'clock that it would carry, the final vote of 46 to 33, an hour later, came as a distinct shock to its opponents.

They had confidently predicted that whatever the result it would be close. They were totally unprepared for the show of high feeling against the packers disclosed by the vote.

The chief purpose of the Gronna bill is the establishment of a federal livestock commission, with powers to prevent conspiracies among the packers to control market and prices, restrict food supplies, crush competition or profiteer.

#### Sharp Practices Charged.

Perpetration of these practices were charged against the packers by the federal trade commission, whose report to congress, after an exhaustive investigation of their activities, resulted in the introduction of the Gronna bill.

Another big feature of the measure is the provision which requires that within two years after its passage the packers shall have relinquished their stockyard holdings. This also has been undertaken in the proceedings brought against the packers by the department of justice, which are now in the courts.

Opponents of the measure were not completely routed, however. They put through an amendment by Senator Pitman, Democrat, of Nevada, exempting farmers and livestock producers from the provisions of the bill. Another amendment sponsored by Senator Smith, Democrat, of Arizona, permitting the packers to appeal the decisions of the livestock commission to the courts, also carried.

#### Party Lines Forgotten

Party lines were effaced in the final vote, with no attempt on either side to organize a movement for passage or defeat.

Republican senators who voted in the affirmative were: Borah, Idaho; Johnson, California; Kellogg, Minnesota; Kenyon, Iowa; Lo Follette, Wisconsin; Lenroot, Wisconsin; McNary, Oregon; Nelson, Minnesota; Norris, Nebraska; Poindexter, Washington; Spencer, Missouri; Sterling, South Dakota; Townsend, Michigan; Willis, Ohio; Capper, Kansas; Curtis, Kansas; Gooding, Idaho, and Gronna, North Dakota—18.

Democrats voting in the affirmative were: Ashurst, Arizona; Culberson, Texas; Fletcher, Florida; Glass, Virginia; Gore, Oklahoma; Harris, Georgia; Harrison, Mississippi; Hitchcock, Nebraska; Johnson, South Dakota; Jones, New Mexico; Kendrick, Wyoming; Kirby, Arkansas; McKellar, Tennessee; Myers, Montana; Overman, North Carolina; Owen, Oklahoma; Phelan, California; Pittman, Nevada; Pomeroy, Ohio; Ransdel, Louisiana; Reed, Missouri; Robinson, Arkansas; Sheppard, Texas; Smith, Georgia; Swanson, Virginia; Trammell, Florida; Walsh, Massachusetts; Walsh, Montana—33.

Senators who voted in the negative were: Republicans: Ball, Delaware; Brandegee, Connecticut; Call, Rhode Island; Dillingham, Vermont; Edge, New Jersey; Ekins, West Virginia; Fernald, Maine; Francis, Maryland; Hale, Maine; Keyes, New Hampshire; Knox, Pennsylvania; Lodge, Massachusetts; McComb, North Dakota; McLean, Connecticut.

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### APPOINTMENT OF RANGERS DELAYED PENDING INQUIRY

Austin, Texas, Jan. 22.—Adj. Gen. T. D. Barton today announced the personnel of employees of his department, practically all being reappointments. The appointees are: Maj. Charles M. Crawford, assistant adjutant general; Maj. T. J. Powers, state quartermaster; Lieut. Col. J. T. Stockton, United States property and disbursing officer in charge of federal stores at Camp Mabry; Capt. Joe K. Johnson, finance officer. No changes in the ranger force have been announced. Governor Neff is to study the ranger system before appointments are announced and the present force of rangers is to continue in service until that time.

A. A. Stiles was sworn in today as state reclamation engineer. He has been at the head of that department since its creation during the administration of Governor Campbell.

### New Officers in Charge

Governor Neff and his official family were in conference today and organization of the various departments was discussed. All of the governor's appointees who have been confirmed by the senate, have been inducted into office and are now at work. No further appointments have been announced.

### May Abolish Pardon Board

Nothing has come from the governor as to whether or not he will appoint a board of pardons, and in the meantime Fritz R. Smith and William Knight, who composed the board under the Hobby administration, continue to hold their offices. There has been a report in circulation that Governor Neff would recommend the abolishment of the board of pardons.

### Extends Oil Permits

The senate and house will not meet tomorrow morning, both having adjourned until Monday morning. The house late today passed finally its first general bill. It is by Hall and Stewart, of Reeves, and provides for extending for five years permits for prospecting for oil and gas on university lands. It was passed under suspension of the rules.

### Taxation Bill Killed

The house killed the bill by W. A. Black, of Bexar county, which sought to separate assessments of raw land values from improvement values in city and farm land. By a vote of 76 to 50 the house adopted a motion by Representative McCord to strike out the enacting clause of the bill.

House committee on state affairs reported unfavorably Baldwin's resolution for an investigation of cost of state departments with a view to abolishing useless departments. There will be a minority report filed.

### Senate to Hear Watterson

By unanimous vote the state senate yesterday adopted a house resolution inviting Col. Henry Watterson, of Kentucky, to address the Texas legislature. The resolution was adopted by the house Wednesday. Col. Watterson is spending the winter in Galveston.

In bringing up the resolution Senator John H. Bailey said Texas needs some one like Colonel Watterson to tell us how to return to old-time democracy and regain some of the state rights we lost during the world war.

### WOMEN JURORS MAY WEAR HATS AND POWDER FACES

Des Moines, Jan. 24.—Special concessions to women jurors were granted in the Polk county district court today. They may wear their hats in the jury box and will be given time to powder their faces during court session. Judge J. D. Wallingford announced. With those exceptions, they will be governed by the same rules as men jurors.

### J. J. Ellison Dies

J. J. Ellison, the county treasurer of Hudspeth county, died at his residence in Sierra Blanca last Thursday, Jan. 20. He had been ill for several months and shortly before his death was taken to El Paso in the hope that an operation would relieve him, but there it was decided against.

J. J. Ellison moved to Sierra Blanca in 1915 and was serving his second term as county treasurer. At the time of his death he was 67 years of age. He leaves a family of four children; Mrs. Willie Ellison Hozan, Marfa; Guy and Clyde of Sierra Blanca and Robert of Oklahoma; also two sisters, Mrs. Blanks of San Antonio and Mrs. Nance of San Marcos, and three brothers, James Ellison, San Marcos, Tom Ellison, El Reno, Okla., and R. R. Ellison of El Paso, Texas.

### Strange But True

There seem to be plenty of freight cars now, since the rates have been raised.

### FEAR OFTEN BLINDS US TO OUR OWN BEST INTERESTS

Fear is most often the dread of something that does not exist. Fear beclouds our mental faculties so that we cannot "see" and think clearly.

Fear generally forms about 90 per cent of the psychological "cause" of business depression.

In a personal sense, fear so blinds us that we suffer mental anguish when there is no substance back of the mental processes that cause it. The man who knows no fear, who looks out upon the world with a calm, dispassionate eye, is able to see that business depression is but temporary, a matter of a few weeks.

He knows that the cause is largely psychological, that fear in the hearts of thousands of his fellow citizens have brought about the very thing they dreaded.

Carefree is the man who can so look out upon life. His mind is at peace. He knows what this universal fear can do; therefore, his house is in order.

His business goes on much as usual. Perhaps it is a little "quiet," for this one man cannot overcome or counterbalance the fear in thousands of other men's hearts, but his smile is cheerful, his offerings to his customers are a little more liberal, and the public takes advantage of the opportunities.

The man without fear still carries an advertisement in the paper, telling of present values to be found in his store. At the same time he is keeping his name before the people of his community; and when business regains its former momentum, the people who have benefited during present sales will remember "the man without fear" and return to him with their patronage.

To meet and talk with the "man without fear" is like coming suddenly upon a well of pure, cold water, after long hours of thirst in the desert.

How few men there are of this sort.

### LEGISLATURE HAS POWER TO MOVE UNIVERSITY

Austin, Texas, Jan. 24.—It will require an act of the state's legislature to remove the University of Texas from its present site in Austin to another site in Austin or to a site in the near vicinity of Austin, according to an opinion of the attorney general, made at the request of the board of regents of the university.

The opinion and request for the opinion by the board, of course, was sought for information of the legislature in connection with the memorial recently presented the legislature by the board asking removal of the state institution to the Brackett ridge tract on the Colorado river.

In concluding his opinion, the attorney says: "We are of the opinion that the board of regents of the University of Texas, when duly authorized so to do by the legislature of Texas, have the lawful right and authority to move the main university of Texas from its present site to some other location within or adjacent to the corporate limits of the city of Austin, and you are so advised."

The opinion says that submission of such proposed change to the people of Texas can be avoided since the constitution directs the institution to be located at Austin, and in the mind of the attorney general, as expressed in his opinion, this direction would not be violated by moving it to another site in the city or to a site immediate to the corporate limits of the city.

### Stock Notes

Edmund Eberling's ranch of more than 5000 acres, situated near Marble Falls, south of the Colorado river, has been sold to Beakley and two sons, George C. and William E. Beakley. The ranch sold at \$10 an acre. Dr. G. W. Beakley and his sons had ranch interests in the Marfa, Tex., section several years ago.—San Antonio Express.

W. Garcia of Presidio has been in Marfa for several weeks. He is interested in buying bred cattle for restocking ranches in Old Mexico.

O. M. Bunton of Marfa had eight carloads of calves at the local stock yards yesterday, but owing to the tax demand here the calves were forwarded to Fort Worth, where they will be offered for sale on Monday's market.—San Antonio Express.

George Howard of the Marfa Model Market says there are plenty of fat cattle in Presidio county. The winter so far has been so mild that the cattle are holding their tallow in a remarkable manner.

### Let's Laugh

Ostrich eggs weigh from two to pounds. They'd be fine to throw at such actors as Charley Chapman.

### WINDBREAK AND FARM TREE PLANTING BULLETIN READY

The latest bulletin gotten out by the state forestry department is called "Tree Planting by Farmers For Fuel, Fence Posts and Shelter." This bulletin supplements the recent city tree planting bulletin and contains much information of value to the farmers of the treeless parts of our state.

Windbreaks, according to this bulletin, are badly needed in West Texas, because they retard the evaporation of moisture from the soil and crops, thus enabling crops to do better on a small amount of precipitation.

The location of windbreaks in relation to the areas devoted to crops is considered and the arrangement of the various trees in the composition of the "break" is also taken up.

Among the trees recommended for protection planting in West Texas are salt cedar, bois d'arc, black locust, honey locust, Russian olive, Arizona cypress Italian cypress and red cedar.

The problem of growing trees at home from seeds is treated and directions for planting are given. "Windbreaks need renewal" says the state forester, and he goes on to show how this may be best accomplished.

For fuel, and fencing, catalpa, black locust, honey locust, bois d'arc, red cedar, green ash and white ash are recommended with pecan, hickory and black walnut in good, moist soil.

Pruning and cultivation are the next subjects discussed in the bulletin and the question of thinning overcrowded stands is also treated. At the end there is a list of nursery dealers who handle general nursery stock and a list of dealers who carry seedling trees for extensive planting.

### Look at Your Tongue

How a study of the tongue indicates the treatment of disease is described as follows by Dr. Malford W. Thewis, writing in the Medical Review of Reviews:

In general, a red, clean tongue is an indication for hydrochloric acid or arsenic, and one will be surprised to see the good results in using acids to check hyperacidity.

The most common tongue seen in illness is a coated or furred tongue. It denotes fever, kidney disease, an alkaline stomach, an auto-intoxication of intestinal origin, an overloaded stomach or disease of the liver. In fevers the coated tongue does not give much indication for treatment, but it is valuable from a prognostic standpoint. A dry tongue in fever which becomes moist indicates convalescence, while the reverse indicates that the condition is not progressing well. A dry tongue in convalescence indicates that it may be protracted.

The tongue may be coated in parts due to decayed teeth, which will show a furring on the part of the tongue near the tooth. A thick fur on the back of the tongue and remainder clean indicates enlarged tonsils, an overloaded stomach or excessive smoking. Often one will observe a part of the tongue coated and the tip will be red and papillae prominent. It usually indicates the necessity of alkali. One will rarely go wrong in using this furred tongue as indication for a mercurial purge.

Color of the tongue is important. A pale, broad, flabby tongue which shows indentation of the teeth on its edges is an indication of anemia, with a relaxed condition of the tissues. It may be simple anemia or due to Bright's disease.

### Climate's Good Here, Too

In selecting Texas as his vacation ground, President-elect Harding figured that as there were no Republicans in that state he wouldn't be bothered with office-seekers.

### ARBOR DAY PLANTING URGED BY THE FORESTRY BUREAU

The state forestry department at College Station earnestly advises property owners to take active steps this year on Arbor Day to add to the value of their property by planting bushes and trees around their residences and tenant houses. It is pointed out that a tree which costs 50 cents now will add \$50 to the value of the town lot or farm in from 10 to 15 years. Farmers in particular are urged to plant trees not only for beautification but as windbreaks for the protection they give the growing crops and for farm utility purposes such as fence posts and fuel.

It is recommended that in this locality for shade purposes honey locust, black locust, silver poplar and salt cedar trees be used. Other trees are satisfactory, of course, but it is desirable to restrict planting to three or four varieties in order that uniformity of results may be secured. It is best to have all the trees along the parkings of any one street of one kind. Opportunity for variety offers itself in the selection of trees for yards and lawns. For these purposes other species of trees will be suggested upon request.

### Modesty

A friend cut out a recent editorial, entitled "Modesty's Lost Art," and sends it back to us in letter, with pertinent comment. We had alluded to a picture on the cover of a young girl, half naked in evening dress and in tears, and presumed she was crying because she was ashamed. Our friend says we are mistaken; that she has had her hair cut off and is crying about that. Then he goes on to state that modesty is merely a matter of habit or custom; that Turkish women will pull up their dresses to cover their faces, being too modest to show their faces but caring nothing about showing their limbs and shape generally. He holds, also, that girls can wear the prevailing styles of evening undress and still be perfectly modest.

Well, maybe they can, but if that logic is followed out to its conclusion, then they could also wear only the diaper of the South Sea Island lady, or the fig leaf of Mother Eve and still be as modest as the little violet that pokes its purple head up out of the dead leaves. Just the same, any time a young daughter of ours parades her nakedness before the general public, which she wouldn't do, because she has had some proper bringing up, there would be an application of a shingle to that part of the anatomy not yet bared except for that special occasion.

According to our friend, modesty is merely a state of mind, and has nothing to do with covering or uncovering, but our old mother did not teach it that way. If our deduction that partial nakedness by high society ladies is for sex lure, the same as it is with the demimonde of Paris, who set the styles, is not right, then we can think of only one other reason—they've got the itch and it's handy to scratch.—Thinkagraph.

### Jazz and Jagg

Another reform that might be taken up is that of jazz. We are getting to be a jazz nation and it is a far cry from the golden age when the gods dwelt among men to this age of jazz, when any self-respecting god would flee and cover up his ears. We have jazz poetry, or free verse, and jazz dancing, which is the free verse of motion. Even some of the churches show jazz architecture and their pulpits resound with jazz theology. There is considerable jazz education in our colleges and a vast superabundance of jazz politics.

### Should Auld Acquaintance, etc.?

Send this copy of The New Era to friends who have moved away.

### BAPTIST LADIES' AID IS DOING GOOD WORK

There is at present a very enthusiastic spirit among the Baptist ladies. Visiting committees appointed by them are doing good work in looking after the sick.

As one means of raising funds for their work it was decided that each month some of their number will give a birthday party to which all are to be invited to come and bring an offering equaling in cents the age in years of the one giving the party.

The first of these birthday parties was given Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Chastain and Mrs. Williams at the home of Mrs. Chastain.

About 50 women were present. Mrs. Musgraves rendered a piano solo. Annie McCracken and Dorothy Dea Harrison sang "That Wonderful Mother of Mine." Mrs. High sang two very beautiful selections, and Mrs. McDonnell gave a piano solo.

Bible question games were indulged in, also a very amusing "punning on names" was given by Mrs. Fortner. Delicious refreshments were served and the large company of ladies present greatly enjoyed the afternoon.

### EUROPE'S DEBT TO U. S. 20 BILLIONS BY 1924

Washington, Jan. 24.—Europe's debt to the United States will be increased to \$20,000,000,000 by 1924, George F. Warren, professor of economics at Cornell university, declared today at tariff revision hearings by the house ways and means committee. This sum, he said, will include the \$9,600,000,000 war time borrowings from the American treasury.

### Lavender, Too

It seems that Satan finds much work for idle hands to do; That's why our lady friends knit ties For us of pink and blue.

### Always Kicking

"Man wants but little here below, nor wants that little long," and that being the case he ought to be tickled to death with the new skirts.

### NEW FORESTRY BULLETIN HAS JUST BEEN ISSUED

"Forestry Questions and Answers" is the title of a new bulletin issued by the state department of forestry. Copies of the bulletin will be mailed free of cost to all who send requests for them to the state forester at College Station, Texas.

This publication is particularly adapted to use by schools, clubs and organizations wishing concise, elementary facts on the forestry situation in Texas. It is made up, as its name implies, in the form of questions which the reader would be apt to ask and appropriate answers are given in a brief way. Two phases of forestry are really considered in the bulletin.

The first part of the booklet discusses forest economics, reviewing our stock on hand and the future possibilities of forestry in Texas. The second takes up tree planting, which is the crying need in West Texas.

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**STATE OF TEXAS VS. HENRY J. WARE**

The West Texas News gives an interesting account of the recent trial of Henry Ware, charged with assault on the county attorney of Val Verde county, tried in the J. P. court in the city of Del Rio. The trial might have taken place some 25 years ago—out further west. The following is the account:

If a man owes you \$10, if you ask him to pay up and if he doesn't comply with your request instantly, you are permitted to give him a black eye without injuring the peace and dignity of the state of Texas. But wait. There are three strings attached to this permit. First, be sure that you do the eye decorating in Val Verde county; second, do not fail to demand a jury trial; third, be sure to pick your jury right. Whether the debtor has a right to return the compliment has not been decided, but it would seem that he may knock you down and get away with it.

These are the conclusions to be drawn from the now famous case of the State of Texas vs. Henry J. Ware, which was tried for a second time before Justice B. B. Throop last Friday and resulted in a verdict for the defendant. The facts in the case were these: City Attorney Arnold owed the defendant \$10. Defendant was of opinion that this amount was much overdue. In cases of this kind it is customary for the creditor to notify the debtor in writing (and regretfully) that "unless this account is paid by return mail he will be obliged to place it in the hands of an attorney, etc., etc." This, we say, is the established way of attempting to accelerate payment, but Henry J. Ware has no faith in moss-grown methods. He believes a right hook to the eye to be a far more efficacious form of dun, and he tried it on the city attorney on a certain vacant lot which was proved to be situated in the county of Val Verde. Now no man can blacken another's eye in Val Verde county without being presumed to have offended the state of Texas. That is why Mr. Ware was summoned before Judge Throop. That is why a jury was chosen to tell the state, whether or not the state had been offended. The jury told the state that there was nothing to it. The state then discovered that Mr. Ware had never really offended the state at all, and Mr. Ware walked out of court triumphant.

When the trial commenced there was standing room only in court. It was a boisterous, irreverent crowd and the court had to wield the judicial gavel vigorously to maintain the solemnity which should surround a tribunal. Flippant remarks were passed between the audience and the litigants, but as the lordly lion of the primeval forest, with one shake of his imperial mane, puts to flight the million insects that would pester him, so did the court shake off the banalities of the heavy-witted ignorami who did not understand that the law has no time for bucolic merriment. Once, and once only, did the judge drop into the vernacular and this was done for the purpose of meeting his audience on an intellectual level:

"I want to ask the court a question," said Mr. Ware. "I was before you yesterday charged with an 'assault.' That case you dismissed. Today I am before you charged with an 'assault!' Now what I want to know is, am I charged with one offense or with two different offenses?"

"Well," replied the court, "as the nigger said, it's one and the same fracas."

This homely but limpid elucidation of a fine point of law was received by the spectators with uproarious jubilation.

H. J. Ware appeared in his own defense. County Attorney W. K. Jones appeared for the state, and throughout the trial the atmosphere was surcharged. At the same court, Mr. Ware and Attorney Jones were in a three-cornered tilt—a circumstance which occasionally encouraged members of the audience to "butt in" with decisions and suggestions of their own, which, however valuable they might be per se, were entirely superfluous since the authors were without standing or authority in that court, or, for that matter, in any other; nor does unasked-for advice from gentlemen without the rails ever help a trial along the even tenor of its way. At times the court and Mr. Ware were in flat contradiction, and it is to be regretted that when he court on one occasion said, "I did," Mr. Ware so far forgot himself as to retort, "You didn't." But with remarkable magnanimity, the court overlooked this faux pas. De minimis non curat lex.

Several witnesses described in detail the "fracas" in which Mr. Arnold received a black eye. Mr. Ware cross-examined each witness and

**THE YOUNG IDEA WELCOMES MOVIES IN THE SCHOOLS**

"Visual instruction," the educational authorities call it, but to the "kids" the essential fact is that the "movies" have got into the schools as a regular part of the curriculum, and are going strong. New York City, Chicago, Detroit, Newark and Los Angeles were pioneers in the movement, says a recent bulletin issued by the Municipal Reference Library of New York City ("Visualizing Citizenship," by Ina Clement), and now most of the sizable cities in the country have gone into the "movie" business to some extent, for the benefit of their rising generations. The films used compete, in thrills, with the latest "releases" of the regular commercial theaters. For instance, in a recent showing of a biology film, says the New York Times, a number of snakes were shown being handled by East Indians, "professional snake-charmers, filmed in India." In this newest method of teaching biology, the general air of drowsiness that commonly pervades classrooms was conspicuous by its absence, says the reporter, who goes on:

The fangs of the Indian adder were displayed by the Hindu, who opened and held extended the mouth of the snake, exposing the fangs, like sharp, hollow needles. Scientifically made working models of the skeleton of the adder's head moved on the screen to show the actual method of ejecting the poison from the venom sacs, as practiced by this snake. The children learned that most snakes have teeth. A non-poisonous adder and other snakes were also shown.

With the first appearance of a snake on the screen there was a general access of tension throughout the audience. It was possible to perceive this prejudice giving way step by step to an intelligent interest in the snake, his construction, his marvelous system of locomotion, his balancing power and strength. A rattler slid along a tight rope, obviously balancing himself; again, looped vertically around a more slender rope, the snake raised himself into the air.

Under the general title of "The Adaptation of Animals to Environment," the praying mantis were shown among grasses, the insects hardly distinguishable until they sat up and folded their front legs in an attitude which has gained them their name. Scorpions, earwigs and spiders followed in succession on the screen, the owl blinked rapidly to show his third eyelid, and the children, warned by the caption that Mr. Owl was so equipped, murmured "Where?" "Where?" "Oh, I see it!" in small voices which indicated that they were so interested that they were hardly conscious that they had spoken.

The screen showed the owl with extended wings and the caption slid into the receptive small minds the fact of the absolute silent flight of the owl's wings. The lightning-like dart of the toad's tongue, on which it depends for insects and worms, flashed on the screen. The caddis worm whipped out and nipped his prey and then appeared to dissolve into his protective background.

In Chicago, an attempt has been made to develop the school film in a complete and scientific way. About a year ago, notes a writer in the Chicago Evening Post, "a few college professors and other persons interested in education got together to make plans for a new kind of motion-picture, to be used in connection with the teaching of history, civics, geography, botany and other subjects." The writer continues:

These school films are not to be confused with the so-called educational films, those careless pictures of miscellaneous objects strung together for no particular reason, with which every movie patron is familiar. The films published by the Society for Visual Education, Inc., are all written by school people especially for school use.

At a meeting of the Chicago Woman's Aid at Sinai Social Center recently, Prof. William F. Russell, of the University of Iowa, exhibited

failed to break down their testimony. Mr. Ware then boldly took the bull by the horns. He gave Mr. Arnold a black eye, he said, but then Mr. Arnold owed him \$10, and this amount was in his (Mr. Ware's opinion) due far too long. He felt he had a right to some satisfaction for being deprived of the ready use of that ten spot, and that uperect to Arnold's optic had given him the easement that he longed for.

"Not guilty," said the jury. "A Daniel come to judgment," said an irreverent member of that irreverent audience. For if you can wallop a man who owes you \$10 what has become of the constitution and the rights of man? Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute."

some films written for history and geography classes. Professor Russell is actively interested in the making of school films. He says the work is long past the experimental stage. The films are being used with excellent results in various communities. They are not intended to be used as substitutes for text-books. The film can be shown first and the explanation given afterward, or the film can be shown at the end of a class period as a summary of the lesson.

"The making of these school films, of course, is a commercial enterprise," said Mr. Russell. "No rich philanthropist has thought it worth his while to get behind our organization. It is run just like a text-book publishing house. The films are sold just as text-books are sold. Most of the promoters are college professors."

Some of the finest scholars in the country have written school films. Professor Moulton, the great mathematician of the University of Chicago, whose recent book is declared by his friends to be more profound than anything ever written by Einstein, has been working on a machine which will do away with the troublesome flicker that causes so many cases of eye-strain among movie patrons. The Society for Visual Education has one machine invented by Dr. Moulton which cuts out the flicker entirely—it is just as if you looked through a hole in the wall and watched people moving about. It is not yet known just how it will work out in quantity production.

The first film shown by Mr. Russell was prepared by a Columbia University professor. It dealt with the exploration of the French in North America. First came a picture of the globe with a little ship jerking across the surface marked "Atlantic ocean." A map of the country surrounding the Great Lakes was followed by reproductions of early prints found in the library of the historical society, and modern photographs of Niagara Falls and the St. Lawrence river.

Then the map was shown again. Across it a heavy black line began to trickle, showing the route taken by the early French traders. The names of towns jumped into print as the black line progressed. It pushed along westward all the way to Lake Michigan and down as far as St. Joseph. Then on it went westward again, for the French explorers didn't get into the Mississippi valley until after they had gone far into the West; the Indians kept them out. Some interesting old prints of La Salle and Hennepin paddling about in small boats and apparently having a delightful time on the Mississippi river were also put on the screen.

"A somewhat similar film dealing with the activities of the English settlers shows a number of pictures of magnificent colonial homes built before 1700," said Mr. Russell, "so that an intelligent teacher will have no difficulty in making the children understand the difference between the French explorers who were traders and missionaries and the English who were home-builders."

Another film showing a caterpillar changing into a chrysalis and a chrysalis changing into a glorious spotted butterfly received a good deal of applause.

"A very unusual series of physical geography reels is ready now, one on rivers, one on glaciers, and so on," said Mr. Russell. The "Rivers" film was put on the screen. Although they were not school children, many of the spectators admitted that they learned something from it. Professor Russell has charge of

the Americanization and experimental work of the Society of Visual Education. He says that when the history of education is written, the development of the school films will be considered quite as important as some of the other innovations that made a big noise in the educational world—Dr. Berlitz's use of pictures for teaching foreign languages, for example. He prophesied that five years hence school films of some sort will be used in every first-class school. A special operator is not necessary. The machine can be worked by the janitor or a crier pupil.

In some schools, reports Ina Clement in the bulletin of the New York Public Library referred to, the pupils themselves have become so interested in school movies that they have taken over the job of raising funds for the new method of instruction. The pupils of a school in New Orleans, we are told, volunteered to raise the cost by salvaging newspapers, and other schools have succeeded in similar projects. However, continues the bulletin, "the ultimate solution of this difficulty rests with Boards of Education. Where visual instruction has been seriously undertaken it is found to be a means of economy in the school budget, rather than an extravagance, since it has done much to keep the pupils interested and in school."—Literary Digest.

**Hints For Sirup Makers**

The necessity for cleanliness and uniformity in making homemade cane sirup is evidenced by the fact that of 3,000 cans or sirup gathered from various localities, it was found, according to the United States department of agriculture, that more than one-third had sugared partially, a few had sugared solid, and the sirup in some was too thin to be classed as sirup. Fifty-odd cans contained sirup that had been made from frozen cane; in one out of every ten a bee or a wasp was found, while many of the cans contained smaller insects. Careful boiling to exactly the right density and the use of a strainer when the sirup is packed in the can will help to eliminate these difficulties.

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"Plain collars will be most numerous, as textile mills are not manufacturing novelties. Browns have lost favor and blues, grays and checks will be most fashionable for spring and summer wear."

**PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS ABOLISHED MARCH 1**

Representative C. B. Hudspeth announced in Washington last Friday that all passport and permit restrictions on American citizens crossing the border into Mexico would be abolished after March 1, if the plans now being considered by the state department are carried out. He made the announcement following a conference with officials of the bureau of Mexican affairs at the state department.

No announcement as to whether or not Mexico intended to make similar arrangements in regard to Mexicans entering the United States was made.

It was said the state department would discontinue issuance of passports and even border permit cards would be dispensed with after March 1. Americans will be able to pass out of and into Mexico at all times.

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We have worn cotton underwear till we've most froze to death.  
Now the sheriff's got our woolies,  
And Woodrow got our goats.  
The banker's got to hold the sack  
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—Capper's Weekly.

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This is not so with advertising in the country weekly, for the country weekly has the advantage over the magazine in that the weekly circulates in a comparatively small territory and the name of the merchant or the business man who is selling the goods can be placed in the advertisement. This is impossible in magazine advertising, which covers sometimes the whole nation.

The weekly newspaper also is considered the best advertising medium in the world by expert advertisers for the reason that it has a more intimate association with the family than a magazine or a daily newspaper.

No local merchant can afford not to advertise in weekly newspapers of the better class. It is a sad commentary upon small town business men that they don't see the advantage of carrying an advertisement in the small town paper every single week. Such an advertisement is the cheapest salesman that the merchant can employ. The money spent in advertising in the better class of weekly newspapers is an investment and not an expense; and it is the best-paying investment that the merchant can make; but not one in a thousand publishers of the weekly papers is compensated anywhere near what he is worth to the merchants and to the community in which he lives and to whose interests he dedicates his life. Every editor of a weekly newspaper is constantly working in behalf of every merchant in his community, whether that merchant patronizes the local paper or not; but every merchant of every community, unfortunately, does not have the business common sense and the business foresight to see that it is to his own personal advantage to help support the country editor by advertising—telling the people in the newspaper what he has, how it can be used and what it costs.—Union Gazette.

## AMERICA'S ARISTOCRACY

John D. Rockefeller's estate is now rated worth \$3,000,000,000 by New York City's deputy commissioner of accounts, who has spent 10 years

collecting facts on the pyramiding of American wealth. He lists the families controlling huge fortunes as follows: Carnegie family, \$800,000,000; Pratt family, \$400,000,000; Harkness family, \$400,000,000; Vanderbilts, \$300,000,000; Astors, \$300,000,000; Weyerhaeuser estate, \$300,000,000; Payne Whitney family, \$200,000,000; Frick estate, \$150,000,000; Morgans, \$200,000,000; Goulds, \$100,000,000; Betty Green estate, \$100,000,000; Goetts, \$100,000,000; Armours, \$100,000,000; Flagler estate, \$100,000,000; Swift family, \$100,000,000, and the Field estate, \$100,000,000. According to this record, 50 families in the United States control more than \$100,000,000 each, 100 families control more than \$50,000,000 each, and 500 families control more than \$10,000,000 each. Despite the income tax, Mr. Rockefeller's yearly income has jumped from \$60,000,000 to \$150,000,000, says this official. He has compiled these figures to point out the danger of the concentration of wealth and the evils of tax-exempt securities.

## WHY THE DIFFERENCE?

The farmers in El Paso county are rejoicing that they will be allowed to continue planting cotton under certain restrictions, although the pink boll worm appears to have infested the valley cotton. Two years ago the pink boll worm was found in the cotton of Presidio county and forthwith an absolute non-cotton zone was declared, and therefore for two years past Presidio has virtually been prohibited from planting cotton, notwithstanding cotton is the only crop that can be produced in our valley and shipped out at a profit. The valley in El Paso county is adjacent to a railroad and near a large market place. One of the most fruitful sources of discontent among the people is the unjust discrimination at times practiced by those in authority.

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Some are good because, it would not pay to be otherwise; others serve the devil to the extent of their ability without pay—and glory in their bondage.

There will probably be submitted to the voters of the state a constitutional amendment looking towards increasing the salaries of the governor and other public officials. Often it is said that in this capitalistic age the rich man controls. Yet the people in their blindness seek to economize by fixing certain salaries of officers on such a close basis that only the rich or prosperous can afford the honors of public position.

## DON'T PROHIBIT LOVE

Love is one of the jazziest intoxicants known, and it is quite possible after the other booze is all cut out, and tobacco is a thing of the past, and a fellow can only take snuff on Sundays, and then outside the city limits, that love, being intoxicating, will also be taboo. You never can tell. When a man is drunk he sees all sorts of snakes, which was probably what was the matter with Adam and Eve. They were intoxicated with love and saw talking snakes dancing jazz around the apple orchard. That snake had legs, too, as big as those of a chorus girl, for the Lord cursed it and compelled it to crawl on its belly the rest of its life;

hence it got its leg pulled, so to speak, or words to that effect. But that is a side issue of the fact that love is as intoxicating as home brew. A man drunk on red liquor trails the tails of his coat down the asphalt turnpike and informs everybody that he is in town, but those drunk on love hide away from the busy haunts of men and write poetry for the magazines. One gets 10 days in jail and the other gets worse. Some people never get drunk on either liquor or love, but their blood is like iced tea and their affections are like unto the real article as a slight cold is to Spanish flu. Temperance is a mighty good thing in its way, and we are highly in favor of it, but the man who is temperate in love has a screw loose in his upper berth and cannot be trusted. A real man or woman can no more love moderately than a powder magazine can explode on the installment plan. Men's boot-leg brewed enchantments may be set aside by acts of human will, but the wine of love creeps like a subtle perfume through all the senses, brewed by the gods and against which no prohibition law can possibly prevail. —Thinkograph.

## Tough on the Lawyer

The devil came to the earth one day And into a court room took his way. Just as a lawyer, with very grave face,

Was proceeding to argue the points in a case.

Now a lawyer his majesty never had seen,

For to his dominion none ever had been.

"'Tis the fault of my agents," his majesty thought,

That none of these lawyers have ever been caught."

And for his own pleasure he had felt a desire

To come to the earth and the reason inquire.

Now, when the first lawyer had come to a close,

The counsel opposing him fearlessly rose,

And heaped such abuse on the head of the first,

That he made him a villain of all men the worst.

Each claimed he was right and the other was wrong;

They sparred and contended and argued so long

That, concluding he'd heard enough of the fuss,

"Old Nick" turned away and soliloquized thus:

"They have puzzled the court with their villainous cavil,

And I am free to confess they have puzzled the devil.

My agents were right; let lawyers alone.

If I had them, they'd anure me out of my throne."

—West Publishing Co.

## Champ Clark's Shirts

Champ Clark likes shirts that have a small red stripe. Not long ago he went into the shop of a Washington haberdasher to buy a dress shirt. Selecting one, he gave the clerk a \$10 bill and while waiting for his change wandered around looking at the shirts displayed. But let the former speaker tell us about it.

"I found a fine shirt with small red stripes, and I like to wear that kind. During the war you could not get a shirt with red stripes that would not fade. I said to the clerk:

"What is the price of that shirt?"

"Three dollars."

"Give me that and take it out of the ten."

"When he came back with the change he did not have enough and I called his attention to it.

"You are gouging me. What is that extra 30 cents for?"

"That," replied the clerk, "is the sales tax that you d—fools enacted up there in congress."

"The Devil's Pass Key," by Von Stroheim; Popular Theater, Wednesday, Jan. 2.

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About business being dull!

Business will continue dull so long as you refuse to attempt to enliven it. Business can be made lively for any merchant or business man who does a little

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MARFA, TEXAS

# The New Era Printing Co.

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# Locals and Personals

Pay your poll tax. \* \* \*

We can save you one-third on storage batteries. Casner Motor Co. \* \* \*

C. E. Mead, Esq., returned Monday from Austin. \* \* \*

We do cleaning and pressing right at the Singer Shop. \* \* \*

H. A. Burnett was a business visitor from Fort Davis last week. \* \* \*

The best batteries made at one-third off. Casner Motor Co. \* \* \*

Frank Spencer, merchant, of Presidio, was in the city Monday. \* \* \*

**DRESSMAKER**  
Mrs. Harp. Phone 200. \* \* \*

D. T. Baldwin of Ruidosa was in the city several days this week. \* \* \*

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

L. C. Brite was called to Austin on business Tuesday. \* \* \*

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

Save money and trouble by buying a storage battery at Casner Motor Co. \* \* \*

Rev. Hubert Smith, pastor at Alpine, came in Monday for the meeting. \* \* \*

W. H. Cardwell is on a visit this week to his old home at Gonzales, Texas. \* \* \*

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lackland of Brite, Texas, were in the city Wednesday. \* \* \*

Hans Briam and W. R. Ake are this week in El Paso as jurors in the federal court. \* \* \*

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Flynt and daughter left Wednesday for a visit to Austin. \* \* \*

Sergeant Harold King, stationed at Redford, came in Tuesday evening to attend court. \* \* \*

D. Alarcon, government scout, located at Presidio, was in the city Tuesday. \* \* \*

"The Devil's Pass Key," by Von Stroheims, Popular Theater, Wednesday, Jan. 2. \* \* \*

Fred Granger and Oscar Miles of Fort Davis were visitors to Marfa last Saturday. \* \* \*

Douglas Fairbanks in "Reaching for the Moon," at Popular Theater Friday, Jan. 4. \* \* \*

Miss Elaine Briam went to San Antonio last Sunday to be absent only a few days. \* \* \*

Mr. and Mrs. Will K. Colquitt returned last Friday from their trip to Shreveport, La. \* \* \*

W. D. Bounds has been this week visiting a sister at Tucson, who has been very ill of late. \* \* \*

The Mexican consul, Senor Francisco Zubiate, located at Presidio, was in the city last Monday. \* \* \*

Jack Cassens, formerly operator at the Rialto, El Paso, is now with the Queen theater in Marfa. \* \* \*

Mr. and Mrs. Bufe Cline have moved to El Paso, where they expect to make their future home. \* \* \*

Miss Myrtle Smith of Denver, Colo., came in this week on a visit to her brother, R. R. Smith. \* \* \*

Lost—One gray overcoat on street in Marfa. Finder will leave at New Era office. William Mimms. \* \* \*

We are equipped to do all kinds of furniture upholstery. See us. Marfa Saddlery Co. \* \* \*

Rev. C. F. Campbell, presiding elder, is in the city attending the revival services at the Opera House. \* \* \*

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

The Alamo Lumber Company, since Jan. 1, has sold nine Ford cars, four of them in the last few days. \* \* \*

Messrs. Johnson, Skinner and Sacks of Fort Stockton came over

this week to attend the revival services. \* \* \*

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Mitchell have been in El Paso this week. Mr. Mitchell was called there on federal court business. \* \* \*

Middle-aged American wants work on a ranch; can be recommended; can be interviewed at Freeman's Palace Restaurant. \* \* \*

Accordion, box and knife plaiting, hemstitching and piecing; buttons and buttonholes made. Mrs. H. B. Houston, Uvalde, Texas. \* \* \*

Several of the rangers in Captain Gray's company returned from Galveston Thursday. They were sent there several months ago during the dock strike. \* \* \*

Mrs. Joseph Cook and children, after spending several weeks visiting relatives in Atlanta and West Point, Ga., returned home Wednesday evening. \* \* \*

We invite you to see our new samples of imitation leather for auto tops and will gladly figure the cost of a new top for you. We guarantee our work. Marfa Saddlery Co. \* \* \*

**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. \* \* \*

Mr. John Bean and family of Marfa were visiting relatives in Fort Davis Saturday and while here remained over for the picture show. Fort Davis Post. \* \* \*

W. J. Baldwin, a prominent business man of Hugo, Okla., and a brother of D. T. Baldwin, has been for several days visiting in Marfa and vicinity. He is very favorably impressed with this country. \* \* \*

We have a supply of Type-writer ribbons for Remington, Underwood and Oliver machines. Call at The New Era for a new ribbon when in need. \* \* \*

Miss Thalia Humphris of England, who returned with Mrs. F. E. Gillett last summer, came in from El Paso Tuesday on a visit to her nephew, John Humphris. Miss Humphris is a sister-in-law to John (Don Juan) Humphris, deceased, and was a visitor in Marfa about 25 years ago. \* \* \*

Benefit matinee, Popular theater, Jan. 29, for starving children of Europe. Entire proceeds go to this fund. Everyone work to have a good crowd answer the call. If you can come, send the price of a ticket. All employees of the theater donate their services. \* \* \*

Mrs. Oscar Wells is in from the Brite ranch this week fleeing house for her aunt, Mrs. Tom Mitchell, who is in El Paso. \* \* \*

The Chamber of Commerce is offering a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of any one committing arson in the city of Marfa. \* \* \*

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**DR. A. G. CHURCH.** Physician and Surgeon. Office three doors west of Marfa National Bank. Residence phone No. 114. \* \* \*

**DR. E. H. CHURCH.** Osteopath. Office phone No. 28. \* \* \*

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**Matter of Ethics**  
An eastern evangelist preaching in a Texas town the other day told of having seen citizens of the community "shooting craps." He was promptly summoned by a local justice of the peace to appear and reveal the identity of the gamblers, and when he refused he was put in jail for contempt of court. The following day when he was released citizens of the town tendered him a formal apology.  
There, in brief, are the facts in a case such as should delight persons whose joy arguing fine questions of ethics and conduct. Conflicting opinions are possible regarding the role played by every one concerned, with the exception possibly of the "crap shooters."—El Paso Times.

**Buy Uninfested Seed**  
Mr. Epperson, United States government agent in charge of the pink boll worm situation in the Big Bend along the border, was in Marfa Wednesday, en route for points on the river. He is very much interested in the cotton industry along the border and is anxious to see it protected and developed. He stated that it has been definitely decided to allow planting along the river in Presidio county and thought it advisable for all the farmers interested in the subject to write and purchase seed from some uninfested point.

**Repaired**  
The fence which had been broken around the Sunset park has been mended by the railroad company.

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**WHAT ARE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WORTH TODAY**  
In this age and time there are many important things to do; there are many interesting and important questions being asked. Many of them are being worked out and many have not been approached. In the Front Rank, a Christian publication, there is a question asked: "What are our young people worth?" I do not believe the question can be answered in dollars and cents. The question is especially asked of the parent, the teacher and the religious leaders of our land: "What is a child worth?" The article is as follows:  
The common and universal language of today is one of values in dollars and cents. Is it not time to shift the emphasis from things to persons? It is to be regretted that so many young people drop out of Sunday school in their early teens. Do you ask why? There are reasons. (1) It is a period of great physical and mental change in each life which cannot help but affect morals and religion. At this period too many of our young people are allowed to drift and their struggles are not entered into. Neither do they receive much sympathy or encouragement. It is a period that requires great patience on the part of parents, religious leaders and teachers. (2) In too many of our churches our Sunday school programs and church services are adult in content and spirit. Young life must be recognized and be made to share in worship and study, if we would hold them. (3) Too often the young people are not entrusted with the leadership in young people's work in the church, whether in the Sunday school or Christian Endeavor societies. Too many middle-aged folks do their work for them. (4) Only a few churches provide for the social and recreational life of the young people, and in many instances all they hear is the negative note, "Don't do this," and "Don't do that." The social nature and play life of our young must be provided for in a clean, wholesome way. Why should the church not share in this important work? (5) Young people are too often severely criticized and condemned for a mis-step or failure to do, instead of receiving the personal touch of sympathy and helping hand. Too many older folks forget that they were once young, and that they made mistakes and blunders.  
The foregoing seems to be negative in character, but is it not about time to give more attention to our young people? Let us confide in them more. Let us live in their world of experience. Let us furnish them in leadership those who are willing to live and to sacrifice in their behalf.—A Parent.

**Better Service**  
The 380 horsepower engine which has been installed at the power plant will be in commission within the next 10 days. Marfa then will expect and without doubt receive a better light service.

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When you're far away, The New Era is like a letter from home. Send this copy to your absent friends.

## REDUCED!

We wish to announce beginning this date a

### Reduction of 25% on Exide Storage Batteries

Our list has always been lower than most other batteries and with this reduction you can save at least one-third on your Storage Batteries. Can you afford to buy anything but an Exide Battery?

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## Children Are Starving In Europe

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# Special Matinee Popular Theatre

1:00 to 4:00 P. M.

## Saturday, January 29th

### Benefit European Relief Fund

The entire proceeds of this performance go to the starving children.

**COME! TELL OTHERS! LET'S ANSWER THE CALL!**

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We are following the market on declines of merchandise.

## 33 1-3% Discount

On all Shoes, including Walk-Over's; all Men's and Boy's Suits and Work Clothes; all Wool, Madras and Silk Shirts; Lion Hats and Caps; all Neckwear; Winter Underwear; Ladies' Ready-to-Wear and Ladies' Hats.

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# POST NEWS

It has just been announced that there will be a regimental field day Jan. 12. The events of the day will be as follows:

## Mounted Events

8 a. m.—Bending race. Equipment stripped saddles. Contestants ride in and out between rows of eight wands; wands cannot be touched.

8:30 a. m.—Saddling race. Equipment, stripped saddle, halter and halter shank. Contestants line up at scratch leading their horses by halter, saddle and bridle equipment 25 yards ahead of scratch. At starting signal all contestants lead their horses to equipment, saddle up and mound and ride length of course and back, unsaddle at point where they got their equipment and lead back to scratch.

9 a. m.—Rescue race. Equipment, stripped saddle, rifle, belt, pistol and blank ammunition. Contestant No. 1 takes position mounted at scratch. No. 2 throws his horse at crack of pistol, fires five shots with rifle away from No. 1 in the direction of the enemy. No. 1 meanwhile rides down the field to No. 2. No. 1 fires pistol in direction of the enemy. No. 2 mounts behind him (No. 1) and both return to scratch.

9:15 a. m.—Potato race. Equipment, fully equipped for field except nose bag. Two men of each organization have tents pitched on line, equipment laid out as per plat "A," N. C. O.'s manual. Each man will be in tent with shoes and leggins removed, horses picketed 25 yards in front; at starting signal tents will be struck, equipment packed, saddled and contestants will ride length of course to finish. Team crossing finish first fully dressed and saddled properly packed wins.

## Track Events

10:00 a. m.—440-yard dash.  
10:15 a. m.—220-yard low hurdle.  
10:30 a. m.—Running broad jump.  
11:00 a. m.—Running high jump and pole vault.

11:30 a. m.—100-yard dash.  
11:40 a. m.—16-lb. shot put and hammer throw.

## Mass Events

1:30 p. m.—Caterpillar race. Equipment, tent pole. Team will consist of 10 men, each team will be astride a pole and run a prescribed course.

Lieutenant Rundell will be the officer in charge of events.

## AMONG THE TROOPS

### Troop M

The troop basketball team started the season last Sunday by defeating the team from the supply troop by the score of 16 to 3. Every one is with them and are hoping they will keep the good work up.

The troop lost two of its members the past week by transfer. Privates Bagby and Shertzer were transferred to the band.

The order requiring all windows and doors be kept open at night does not meet with the approval of the bald-headed men, although the troop clerk says he doesn't mind as his hair is coming out fine.

### Troop A

Troop A won the first game of basketball of the season by defeating Troop C with a score of 20 to 9.

### Troop F

The basketball team played its first game on Jan. 22. Practice makes perfect, so keep your eyes on the score board from now on.

Some of the old baseball players have been warming up for the coming season.

### Troop G

Privates Tribett, Menrath and Roche have returned from their visit to Marfa. They express their sympathy for their 12 companions who are under the provost sergeant's care, but it looks rather doubtful whether sympathy will help them.

Sergeant Pokrzywinski has returned from Marfa. We are sorry for his sake that he couldn't work the gold brick game again.

Smith made "sharpshooter" last year and we are inclined to believe that he had an idea that he wasn't to be beaten this year, but his little dream was shattered when he bucked against Sergeant Bessig at gallery practice. We will allow for a little nervousness on the part of Smith, but the first sergeant's score of 49 out of 50 on an inch and a quarter bulls eye, is hard to be beaten.

Sergeant Sickenberger is in possession of a ferocious, blood-thirsty bull dog. Of course, the dog may know its master, but it takes nerve to lead him around at the end of a halter shank and it looks as if Sergeant Sickenberger was welcome to the job.

### Troop H

Corporal Petschow and Corporal

Powell have both returned from being on furlough. Private Seelye has been relieved as cook, Private Crotty taking his place.

The most interesting topic down here is: "Where are we going to move to?" and most everybody has a different idea.

### Troop I

Horseshoer Remick E. Knowles has returned to the troop after visiting his wife in El Paso for the past month.

Troop I was presented with a pennant for winning the field meet held last November.

### Machine Gun Troop

Lieutenant Locke returned from Marfa last Tuesday.

Lieutenant Fitzgerald, who has been in Marfa for the last few days, returned last Wednesday.

Captain Burt Hubbard, Medical Corps, arrived at this station in connection with his medical duties from Ruidosa, Texas. He spent Wednesday with us and returned to Ruidosa Friday Morning.

### Troop L

Sergeant Eistetter came back from furlough Jan. 18.

Corporal Philan left Wednesday on a 30-day furlough.

The basketball season has started and we have won our first game. The only casualty was a badly skinned knee by Sergeant Ryan. He now has to climb on the corral fence to mount his horse.

### Supply Troop

A detachment of the wagon train left for La Jitas, Texas, this morning, Jan. 26. Acting Corporal Rothli was in charge of the train. Hope it does not go to his head, for he is a very nice fellow.

The price of gasoline has stopped most of the automobiling in this troop until pay day. Then it will break out again for about a week. The automobiles are all right, but some of the alibis they give when they have to walk about 20 are poor.

### Quartermaster Corps

The Quartermaster basketball team was defeated by the Regimental Infirmary team in a fast game last Sunday.

Mr. Barnes, civilian clerk, finance department, is a new addition to the local finance office. Mr. Barnes will assist in getting the troops paid on the first of the month.

Sergeant Ockerhausen, the camp electrician, has been on the sick report for the last week.

Miss A. Brooks of the finance office is recovering from a slight attack of pneumonia and will be on duty about the first of next month.

### Headquarters Troop

Mess Sergeant Robert H. (Baldy) Suddarth is to be discharged this date. Sergeant Suddarth will be remembered by the boys of the Fifth and the people of Marfa as manager and pitcher of the Fifth Cavalry regimental baseball team this past summer. He also pitched and played left field for the Marfa team. It is hoped he will re-enlist.

### Troop C

We are sorry to say that we lost our first game of basketball last Saturday, but just wait till the boys go warmed up.

Private Cribbs was taken sick and had to be sent to the hospital.

Cook Beaver has lately been going to church every night. Wonder who she is.

### Ordinance Department

The basketball team is now in fine shape and expects to move right along toward the top of the ladder.

### Sation Hospital

First Lieutenant L. A. Broadus, A. N. C. chief nurse, has arrived for duty from Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver.

First Lieutenant Anna V. Hughes, A. N. C. chief nurse, will go to Rockwell Field, California, for duty.

Privates Tom Mayberry, Melville Harper and Clinton W. Clay are sick in the hospital.

Sam Guyton, formerly sergeant, medical department, is on sick list at this writing.

Major Dailey made a trip to Hollands Ranch, Texas, last week on official business.

Privates Hayes and Porta have been rated specialist fourth class, as surgical technicians. Private Strander has been rated specialist fourth class as chauffeur.

### Troop B

Patrols are being made regularly to Pilares El Comador, upper and lower levels, and Ash Springs by detachments of troop B, stationed at Everett's Ranch.

Troop B took an all-day hike yesterday which was enjoyed by a number of men, probably on account of cooking their own dinner.

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TWENTY-ONE YEARS AGO.  
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New Era, Jan. 27, 1900

## LOCAL NEWS

Judge Kilpatrick is at Austin attending to some county business.

John Humphris, Cr. is in San Antonio trying the hot sulphur wells.

Mrs. R. Heebe has been quite ill for the past several days but is now up and about again.

Those who don't want to pay a penalty of 10 per cent had better pay their taxes before the first.

Misses Ella and Mary Peterson, two attractive and accomplished young ladies from Denver, Col., are stopping at the St. George hotel, and will probably remain all winter.

Lon Oden, Ed Walker, James Walker, John Greenlee, Jack Brown, Bill Magee, John Pool and A. M. Porter all went to San Antonio this week and had a good time.

The sanitary guards on the river have just received their pay, the same having been delayed on account of a mistake in the vouchers. The boys will be strictly in it now.

The report comes to us that Mart Garvin is to be married on the 31st. We don't know the lady's name or where she lives, but we congratulate her just the same, for Mart is all right.

J. C. Thain, who is the proprietor of the photograph gallery located near the roadmaster's office, is kept busy and is turning out some excellent work. He expects to remain here several weeks yet, as he says he has plenty to do.

Mr. W. H. Aston and his sister, Miss Mary Ashton, of Abbingdon, Va., are visiting Mr. R. L. Livingston this week. Mr. Ashton is a large stockholder in the R. L. Livingston Co. and is much pleased with Marfa and her people, and with his investment in this county.

Everything is quiet along the banks of the Rio Grande. The small-pox situation is constantly improving. There are at present only three or four cases and one new one along 100 miles of the river. On the other side there is small-pox in every little village, but owing to the extreme vigilance of the sanitary guards the disease is kept from coming across.

On account of meeting of Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Galveston, Feb. 5 to 8, round trip tickets will be sold at Marfa on Jan. 29, and on Feb. 3 and 4, with final limit for return Feb. 9, at rate of \$17.80. No reduction for children. Parties leaving Marfa Saturday morning, Feb. 3, will reach Galveston Sunday morning, Feb. 4.

Speaking of a recent visit to Pecos of Mr. Lacy Duncan, the Pecos Valley News says, in relation to the accident which recently occurred here: "Mr. Duncan has secured the services of Gage & Gillett to present his claims to the railroad. They will enter suit immediately. In the language of Mr. Duncan's own sad words one can get some faint conception of his awful anguish of soul: 'I do not feel so much like it is a case of damage—I feel that I have been robbed—robbed of all that makes life worth the living, and that entire road, with all its belongings, would not begin to pay the loss to me.' Mr. Gage will leave Monday for Marfa to make investigations with a view of entering suit against the Southern Pacific for the death of Mrs. Lacy Duncan and her little granddaughter.

Mrs. W. E. Love and Mrs. R. E. Love are spending the week in Marfa.

A party was given last evening at the residence of W. W. Bogel to the young folks.

Messrs. William Noyes and Benton Bowers passed through yesterday on their way to Shafter from California.

The public schools were well represented at the social last evening at the St. George, there being present three of our most excellent and accomplished young teachers, Misses Heid, Shields and Campbell.

Miss Rossie Campbell was married last Wednesday at her home in Campbellton to Mr. Ed Burke. Miss Rossie is well and favorably known here and her many friends in Marfa

will join us in wishing her a long life and a home full of happiness and joy.

Judge Van Sickle's great discovery that "the act of 1889 cut off 386 square miles of territory and nine miles of railroad from Brewster and about half that amount of territory from Jeff Davis county and incorporated it all in the territory of Presidio county"—which has been so extensively published within the past few days—is a matter that those who have had anything to do with the Presidio county bond suits have known for years. The thing has been discussed in court in every suit that has come up. Van is all right, but he will spring some kind of a sensation occasionally, just to keep his hand in.

Some of the same American people who were so bitterly denouncing France and proposing to boycott the Paris exposition a few months ago because of the apparent hostility of the French people to the United States while the war with Spain was in progress, are now introducing resolutions and proposing mass meetings to express sympathy with the British or with the Boers, as the case may be. And a majority has about as clear conception of the merits of the controversy between John Bull and Oom Paul as those French people had of the misunderstanding between Uncle Sam and the Queen Regent.

A very enjoyable whist party was given last evening in the St. George hotel parlors and the merry company there assembled only wish that such occasions would come oftener. The evening was enlivened by the presence of one or two visitors, and bright conversation, music, laughter and a good time generally was freely intermingled with the card playing. Elegant refreshments were served in lovely style, and all enjoyed the evening to the fullest extent. Among those present were Messdames W. E. and R. C. Love, Misses Ella and Mary Peterson, Allie and Minnie Campbell, Mamie Shields, Margaret Heid, Carry Cody and Mary Wilcox, Messrs. Fred and Eugene Guyon, Calvin Roberts, Owen Shields, V. Hogan, F. Wild, A. T. Smith, Spencer Gregg, R. P. Porter, Gus Edmondorf, William Magee and H. L. Kelley.

## MARFA GIRL MAKES MOST OF COLLEGE OPPORTUNITIES

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 27.—Miss Myrtle Rawls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Rawls, of Marfa, Texas, who was graduated from the Marfa High School in 1917, is a member of the senior class in Southern Methodist University at Dallas this year, this being her fourth year in the university. Miss Rawls is president of the Woman's Self-Governing Board, treasurer of the "Workshop," a literary club organized for the women of the university, and was treasurer of the senior class for the fall term. Miss Rawls is also a member of the Phi Mu sorority. With an average of 94 for the fall term, Miss Rawls was among the first 29 students of a total enrollment of more than 1000.

## HUDSPETH WILL GIVE AWAY ALMANACS ON REQUEST

Editor New Era, Marfa Texas:  
Dear Sir:—I have to my credit a limited number of Farmers' Bulletins in the form of an agricultural almanac containing much practical information of the agricultural handbook type, and for the reader's convenience it is arranged according to the month or season of its interest. This publication will be ready for distribution about Jan. 25 and copies will be mailed to those who request same from my office. Will you be kind enough to co-operate with me in this connection by publishing the above information in order that I may distribute my quota of these valuable almanacs to those who desire them?

Thanking you for your kindness in this and for past favors, I am,  
Very truly yours,  
C. B. HUDSPETH.

## JOHN D. JR. GIVES BABY FOOD FUND \$1,000,000

New York, Jan. 21.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., son of the Standard Oil magnate, has contributed \$1,000,000 to the relief of starving European children. This announcement was made tonight by Herbert Hoover at the conclusion of a dinner given to Mr. Rockefeller's Bible class.

None but experienced help at the Singer Shop.

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

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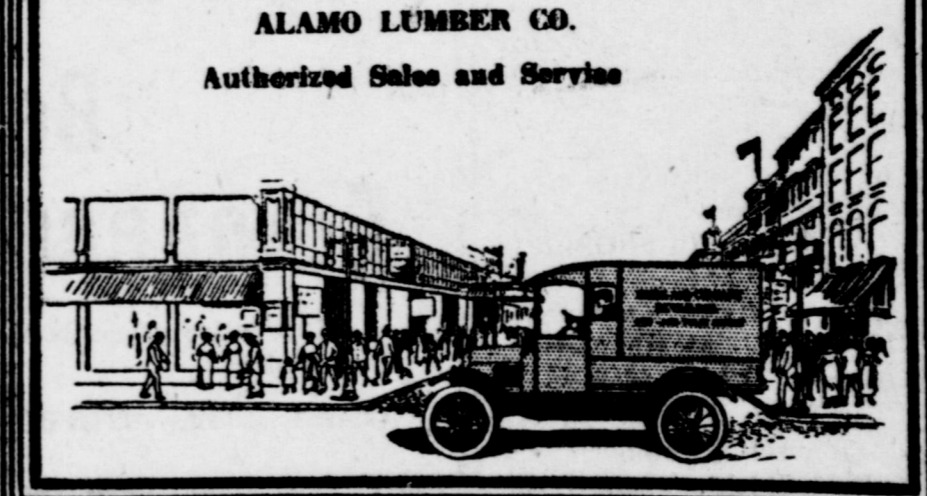
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**EXORBITANT FREIGHT RATES  
—A REMEDY SUGGESTED**

From well-posted stockmen it is learned that the freight on a carload of horses from Marfa to San Antonio is \$135 per car; on a ton of alfalfa in carload lots, from Clint to Marfa, \$7; from Phoenix, Ariz., to Valentine it is \$14 per ton in carload lots. According to these rates the stockman and farmer will be forced to stop shipments. Senator Capper makes a timely suggestion in a published letter, which, if adopted, might be the remedy, as follows:

Honorable Edgar E. Clark,  
Chairman Interstate Commerce Commission,  
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Sir:—Kindly permit me to direct your attention to a critical phase of our present situation and to suggest a remedy.

At the present time the charges on a car of grain, or a car of hay, from farm to market consume approximately one-half the amount that the man who grew the stuff gets for his year's work, his outlay and his investment in producing it.

When, as is now the case, a farmer cannot "break even" on his cost of production, but is actually out of pocket for virtually everything he sells, I think you will agree with me that to take away from him in payment for freight charges on these products almost amounts to robbery.

A car of grain recently shipped from Goodwell, Okla., to Chicago, cost the grower \$550 in freight charges and brought him a return of \$592.

Another car shipped from the Panhandle to market at an expense of \$525 netted the producer \$475. Out of this he had to pay 15 or 20 cents a hundred pounds for threshing in addition to the 51 cents a hundred paid the railway company in freight charges.

A Kansas commission man writes me:

Our rate on hay to Kansas City is \$3.40, to Chicago \$8.90, to St. Louis \$7.40, or about half what ordinary prairie hay is bringing in these markets.

A Kansas cattle feeder shipped several carloads of fat steers to Kansas City a recent week and kept them there for two days without getting a bid. Just before reloading the cattle to take them back to his farm he received an offer of 8 cents a pound, and in addition to a \$600 freight bill it had cost him \$4,000 just to feed these steers.

Another Kansas farmer writes me: I enclose market report on hay. Notice the reference to freight rate from Idaho to Missouri river points. The expense of hauling hay from Western Kansas to Kansas City ought to be much less than half the freight charge from Idaho to Kansas City. We should have a much lower rate.

Before the last raise in rates the freight charge for hay was \$1.80 a ton, and was too high then. Now it is \$6.50. As most of our hay goes beyond Kansas City, the last raise increased our rate per ton to \$9 and this comes out of the pocket of the alfalfa farmer.

Lakin, Kan. A. H. BURG.  
This alfalfa hay sells at from \$9.50 to \$25 a ton at point of destination, according to quality.

A farmer elevator man writes: Since the increased rates took effect, it costs us 18 cents a bushel to ship grain from our elevator to Kansas City and transportation charges on every ton of coal we buy come to \$ 5.50. A merchant here tells me he paid more freight on a load of apples than the apples cost him. One of my neighbors shipped some hides and they lacked \$1.60 of paying the freight. The merchant, the miller and the coal dealer can hike the price of their products to offset the freight charges, but the farmer cannot. He is the goat as usual. C. W. ROWDEN, R. 6, St. John, Kan.

From a Missouri farmer I have the following: As an example of the "inequality of things" I have just paid \$1.93 freight charges on a sample pig trough sent me from Illinois; weight 16 pounds. The parcels post would have charged me 36 cents.

If the government can carry this parcel on a fast mail train under a high-carrying contract and deliver it for 36 cents, why should it cost \$1.93 to bring it by freight, which took over five weeks' time from date of shipment? JO A. PARKER.

Parma, Mo. A livestock farmer writes me from Colorado: "To get the cheapest kind of shoes costs me \$6.95 and a cow-

hide today will hardly pay the freight on itself."

Such complaints are widespread and are increasing. They reach me from very agricultural states.

During this period of market collapse, of ruinous prices for farm products and of business stagnation, I believe the Interstate Commerce Commission has a great opportunity to give general business the final impetus it needs to set it in motion, through granting immediately an emergency rate on farm products, of at least one-third under the existing tariffs, this rate to remain in effect for not less than six months from the date it is promulgated.

If the business world wants the farmer to market his products and liquidate his debts, it has only to give him that chance and the requisite time and he will promptly take advantage of it.

Were I a railway president I believe I should urge this remedy with equal earnestness and confidence, on the score that the temporary loss in rates would be more than offset and made up by an earlier general revival of trade and a nation-wide increase, of business and employment.

When the railroad industry was in straits at this time last year the Interstate Commerce Commission met that emergency by promptly making available a large part of the \$600,000,000 advanced to the roads by congress. The wisdom of the commission's prompt action at that time has been amply demonstrated.

Vital to the general welfare as transportation is, the well being of the farming industry is even more vital. Accordingly, any action by the Interstate Commerce Commission that will aid in getting farm products to market during this period and that will benefit the producer will benefit everybody else, and would seem to be an act of unquestioned wisdom that would redound to the credit of the commission.

I feel I cannot urge this upon you too strongly and shall be glad to back up my advocacy of it in person if you wish it.

ARTHUR CAPPER,  
Washington, D. C.

**WAR DEPARTMENT  
Washington**

The Attorney General, Washington, D. C.

Sir:—In reply to your letter of Oct. 1 (RPS WHR. 43-0-3) in which you request that this department furnish you with information to assist in determining what should be considered distinctive parts of the army uniform under Section 125, Act of June 3, 1916, I have the honor to inform you that in the opinion of this department the following articles are distinctive within the meaning of that act when they are made in conformity with the specifications and standard samples or sufficiently close thereto as to appear the same when worn:

- Cap ornaments.
  - Collar insignia (letters "U. S." and insignia of arm).
  - Insignia of rank and grade.
  - White and olive drab caps.
  - Hat cords.
  - Overcoats.
  - Service coats.
  - Officers' white coats.
  - Army nurses' Norfolk coats.
  - Army nurses' overcoat.
  - Army nurses' cape.
- The following articles of the uniform are not considered distinctive within the meaning of that act of congress:

- Underclothing.
- Shirts.
- Trousers.
- Breeches.
- Socks.
- Leggins.
- Shoes.
- Boots.
- Working clothing (denim).
- Raincoats.
- Puttees.
- Hats.
- Gloves.
- Cravats.

With reference to the letter from the United States district attorney, which you quote, this department has no objection to the wearing of an army overcoat if it is dyed a different color, nor if it is altered in such a way that it is plainly evident that it is no longer a regulation army garment, and the same principle applies to the other articles which this department considers distinctive of the uniform.

Respectfully,  
NEWTON D. BAKER,  
Secretary of War.

We'll Say So

It is to be hoped that the incoming administration will give the profiteers what is coming to them. They have already got all that has been coming to all the rest of us.

Quite So.

Britannia rules the waves, but Ireland keeps right on waiving the rules, just the same.

**TRACING OIL POOLS  
IN THE NEW FIELDS**

How the trails of shallow oil may be traced to the "big pool" is the problem to be solved by oil men in the Fort Stockton territory.

Capable geologists are at work attempting to nose out the starting place of the oil which came from the "Miracle well" with an initial spurt.

"Yes, we geologists can tell you exactly where oil is found," stated a successful geologist recently while working near Fort Stockton. "Oil is found where it's hit."

While even the predictions of geologists are uncertain in the oil business, many of their theories and deductions are receiving serious consideration by big companies which have profited by work of the strata readers in other fields.

**Right Over Big Pool**

There are those who believe that well No. 10—and other within 100 yards of it—are directly over the "mother pool." This view is supported by the fact that other wells have been drilled in several directions at a distance of a few miles and the shallow oil not found. The deduction is that the oil comes straight up through a fracture or through crevices from a vast pool far beneath, at a probable depth of from 2200 feet to 3000 feet.

Manager J. W. Grant of the Grant Oil Corporation, points out that there is no fault in section 19, block 140, as proved by the logs of wells several miles apart, the same strata being hit at practically the same depths in all the different wells. Mr. Grant's theory is that when wells have been drilled in sufficient number to show direction of the bed of oil sand which feeds well No. 10, an elongated body will be located extending northeast and southwest from the wells now producing.

**Escaping Through Fracture**

It is probable, according to Mr. Grant, that oil and gas is escaping from the "mother pool" through a fracture of some length and through numerous crevices. He further points to the fact that oil stands in a water well several miles southwest of No. 10 and the escaping gas bubbles up continually in the sulphur lake six miles northeast of No. 10. "I believe there are several locations on this line, some as far away as 12 miles, which are just as good sites to drill as No. 10," states Mr. Grant.

It is said that formerly there was water in the depression where No. 10 and several other wells were drilled; that gas bubbled up there continually as it now does in the sulphur lake. After water no longer stood there, escaping gas killed vegetation, say oldtimers, so that with the ground bare the soil has continually blown away, making the depression deeper than when filled with water.

**May Come From a Distance**

"While we believe this theory will be found to be true," states Manager

Grant, "it is possible that the oil comes from a distance. We have recent proof of how fast oil may travel through the sand. Oil left in the pit by discharge from well No. 10 soaked into crevices in the ground, found sand and since the well came in has found its way to the Troy well, which lacks but 400 feet of being a mile distant from well No. 10.

"The oil has come to the surface of the water on the outside of the casing in the Troy well. This oil cannot come from the Troy well itself because after water was encountered in the Troy well packing was put in to prevent the water from going down and causing trouble at greater depth. The oil must therefore enter above the packing. Several days after the oil from No. 10 escaped into shallow sand bed the oil began to appear in the Troy well. If oil can travel somewhat less than a mile in less than 10 days, where might it come from during the ages under favorable circumstances.

**From Hueco Basin?**

George W. Theisen, president of the Hueco Basin Oil Company, says he believes positively that the great mother pool of all the western country lies in Hueco basin, held back by a dyke of granite, which the United States geological maps show lies east of the basin. He believes the great gas pressure in the basin forces the oil out through faults in the granite into smaller pools in the country southeast—Toyah, Pecos and Fort Stockton.

He says this deduction is the result of the character of the oil found in the Toyah, Pecos and Stockton fields—all of it heavy lubricating oil, from which the gasoline has disappeared. He says the gasoline was taken out when it was filtered through the rocks. The fact that the oil at Stockton, Pecos and Toyah is without a high gasoline content, Mr. Theisen believes, is positive evidence that it is forced there into pools under great pressure, and he asserts that it will not be many months until proof is secured that the mother pool is Hueco Basin.—El Paso Herald.

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Those who know say that the sotol plant is an ideal alcohol producer, containing a large per cent of sugar and starch.

**We Wondered What Was Wrong**

This year Uncle Sam has smoked 8,966,000,000 cigars, mostly punk five-centers marked up to 15 cents, and 10 times that number of cigarettes, labeled Egyptian and Turkish, but made in New Jersey.

**GOOD ROADS MEETING TO BE  
HELD AT UVALDE FEB. 2**

There is to be a meeting of the commercial secretaries and good roads men at Uvalde Feb. 2. The meeting as called by J. C. Wells, manager of the S. W. Texas office of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

It is expected that about 15 towns in this section will send representatives. The purpose of the meeting is to outline a good roads program for this section, discuss the advantages of co-operative marketing and plan for a general forward movement.

The state highway commission has agreed to send a representative and many county judges, farmers and other business men have announced their intention of attending.

**Well! Well!**

In casting around for a reason for the recent political slump and reading many post mortem verdicts, we have about come to the conclusion that it was due to too many Democrats marrying Republican wives.

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**THE REVIVAL MEETINGS ARE VERY SUCCESSFUL**

The co-operative revival services at the Opera House still continue with unabated interest. There are large audiences, both at the evening and morning services. The several prayer meetings held by the men, ladies and young people in the day time between 2 and 5 o'clock at different places in the city are handing in fine reports.

A large number of professing Christians belonging to different evangelistic bodies and who have never placed their memberships in the local churches have expressed a willingness and a purpose to do so at once. There have been many anxious seekers and many have expressed themselves as determined in the future to lead better lives. Doubtless many will be added to the church. A genuine revival is a blessing to any town and it looks like there is one in Marfa.

**1920 BACK TAX GARNERED SO FAR IS \$407,000,000**

Washington, Jan. 26.—More than \$407,000,000 in back taxes was collected by the government in 1920, internal revenue officials said tonight, adding the prediction that an even larger sum probably would be recovered this year. Commissioner Williams said that back taxes were being collected at the rate of \$35,000,000 a month as a result of audits of 1917 and 1918 income and profits tax returns. Audit of the 1917 returns will probably be completed by March 1, he said, and work on the 1918 returns is already under way.

**At the Pie Counter**

Since the election of Harding considerable interest is being taken by the Republicans of Marfa as to whether a change will be made here or not. Postmaster Greenwood is a Democrat and does not deny the faith for a few loaves and fishes at the pie counter. It is known that by executive order the postmasters of every class are now under the civil service, and in order to change this President-elect Harding must change same by executive order after his inauguration. It is heard on every hand that without question this will be done as soon as he takes his seat. It is reported that the chairman of the Republican executive committee of Presidio county has already been requested to send in a name to be recommended for appointment to the office here. Also, it is said that only four Republicans could be stirred up to attend the different party meetings held here, last summer; that only five contributed to the success of the G. O. P., but that now, since the election, there are more standing in line at the pie counter asking for the postmastership at Marfa than there were Republicans in the city before the election, and that a new Richmond appears in the field every day.

**PRESIDENT'S CABINET—THE LATEST GUESS**

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the president-elect, takes office," said the Republican leader.

"The chances of changes being made between now and March 4 are remote.

"In Mr. Hoover's case, there is just the question of his accepting the commerce portfolio, which has been offered to him in lieu of the interior appointment for which his supporters have been working. Then there is just the chance that William Howard Taft might become available for secretary of war in the meantime."

Douglas Fairbanks in "Reaching For the Moon," at Popular Theater Friday, Jan. 4.

**DONATIONS TO ARMY RELIEF SOCIETY OF NEARLY \$175**

It may interest those who kindly gave toward the army relief to know just what was made and who the donors were. Tickets were left at the establishments of various merchants in Marfa and were also sold at the doors of the Popular and the Queen theaters and the responses were very generous. As was previously stated, the net proceeds of the two shows went to this fund and the committee is very grateful to the managers of both the Queen and Popular theaters and to those employees who generously donated their services. Approximately \$175 was realized from the sale of tickets and donations in the city and in the camp. The Army Relief Society is a national organization conducted within the army, which provides for the needs of the widows and orphans of officers and soldiers, and all proceeds obtained go to this charity, for there are no expenses connected with its management.

The merchants who donated are as follows:

Queen Theater	\$7.15	cash
Popular Theater	43.69	"
Mr. Schutze	5.00	"
Mr. Shannon	6.31	"
Mr. Schultz	7.00	tickets
Candy Shop	3.50	"
Bailey Novelty	.70	"
Busy Bee	3.50	"
Marfa National Bank	7.50	"
Longhorn Cafe	7.00	"
Crown Cafe	6.65	"
Livingston Mabry Co.	3.50	"
Marfa State Bank	5.00	"
Murphy Walker Co.	7.00	"
J. M. Radford Co.	2.10	"
Mitchell Gillett	7.00	"
Fifth Cavalry Exch.	42.35	"

**Old Trailer Gone**

J. J. Ellison, pioneer cattleman of Texas and one of the oldest trail drivers of Texas, of Sierra Blanca, Texas, died at his home there Jan. 20. Mr. Ellison was a son of James F. Ellison. He was 67 years old. One daughter, Mrs. V. Hogan of Marfa, and three sons, Robert Ellison, El Reno, Okla., Guy and Clyde Ellison of Sierra Blanca, survive. Two sisters and three brothers, Mrs. D. A. Vance, San Marcos, Mrs. J. Blanks, San Antonio; J. F. Ellison, Cobb, Okla.; T. H. Ellison, El Reno, Okla., and Robert Ellison of El Paso.—San Antonio Express.

**Why Garters?**

Long Beach, Cal., Jan. 25.—A resolution restricting the dress to be worn by girls attending the Long Beach high school, adopted today by the board of education, contains the following provisions:

No paint or powder.

No extreme hair dress or large, fancy combs.

No immodest open-work or lace stockings.

No fancy garters conspicuously worn.

Only Cuban or low straight heels and a suitable dress with a modest neckline of a modest length shall be worn.

Mrs. Anna M. Gilbert, dean of the high school, recommended passage of the resolution.

**Art Class**

Miss Leverette, who, as a talented artist, is well known to Marfa lovers of the beautiful, has consented to take a limited number of pupils. Already her class is about filled, but she can accommodate three more. Several years ago Miss Leverette had a splendid art class in Marfa.

We are equipped to do all kinds of furniture upholstery. See us. Marfa Saddlery Co.

**Quit Yer Kiddin'**

It is said 26 Democratic ballots were found in a New York sewer. We don't believe it. There hain't that many Democrats alive.

**TEXAS LEGISLATURE GRINDING OUT BILLS**

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through the state department of education as is now done.

**Commission to Fix Hotel Rates**

A bill introduced by Representative Walker, provides for regulation of rate and charges of hotels by the railroad commission. Under the bill it would be unlawful for any person conducting a hotel to increase rates for rooms or meals without permission of the railroad commission, and the increase shall not be more than 25 per cent above the average of such rates per day as the same existed during the 30 days next preceding the time of such proposed increase.

**To License Real Estate Men**

Representative O. B. Black of San Antonio is author of the bill introduced in the house today providing for license of real estate salesmen. It creates a state real estate commission with authority to regulate such salesmen and forfeit licenses when regulations and rules are violated.

A concurrent resolution introduced in the house by Representative John Davis, of Dallas, provides for joining the legislatures of the several states in an application to congress to call a convention for the purpose of amending the constitution of the United States so as to provide that all amendments to the federal constitution shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the several states for ratification or rejection. The resolution that "it is clearly manifested that the sentiment of the people of the United States is in favor of submitting all amendments to the federal constitution to be qualified electors."

While the resolution was under debate, the time for considering resolutions expired and further consideration was postponed until tomorrow.

**To Reduce House Membership**

A joint resolution introduced in the house proposes an amendment to the constitution to reduce the membership of the house from 142 to 62, two members to be elected from each of the 31 senatorial districts, and annual salary of \$1,800 for each member is provided.

In the senate a joint resolution was introduced proposing an amendment to the constitution authorizing the creation of districts wherein bonds may be issued for the construction of cotton warehouses, grain elevators and potato curing plants.

**Neimast Investigation Under Way**

\* Investigation by the house special committee of seven members into allegations that Representative H. J. Neimast, of Washington county, is not eligible to hold a seat in the house, got under way today. Representative Fly, of Gonzales, is chairman of the committee.

A number of witnesses have been summoned to give testimony.

**Juvenile Court For El Paso**

The senate committee on civil jurisdiction today favorably reported Senator Dudley's bill giving to El Paso a juvenile court.

**Tax Commission Bill Killed**

House committee on revenue and taxation today killed the bills which sought to create a state tax commission, to fix a standard tax on secured debts, and to amend the inheritance tax law.

**Prohibits Betting on Elections**

The house late today passed to engrossment Marshall's house bill to prohibit betting on any election and providing a fine of from \$20 to \$1000 for violations, and house bill by Hall, of Harris, and John Davis, of Dallas, to increase fees of sheriffs approximately 40 per cent.

Speaker Thomas announced the personnel of the committees on senatorial districts, with Representative

Hill as chairman, and representative districts, with Representative Crumpton as chairman.

**Tax Bill Under Consideration**

At the time the house adjourned until tomorrow morning, the house bill to extend the time for filing suit for penalties against delinquents to Jan. 1, 1922, was under consideration. An amendment to change the time to Oct. 15, 1921, was adopted.

Perkins' amendment to suspend penalties on 1920 taxes until Sept. 1, 1921, but to add 10 per cent interest on all taxes not paid up to Jan. 31, 1921, was tabled.

**Miss Catherine Taff**

The Palo Alto daily of California has quite a complimentary notice of one of Marfa's girls, a graduate of the Marfa high school, Miss Catherine Taff. "The Masquers" is the dramatic club of Leland Stanford University and to be one of the "Twelve" is a much-sought honor. The paper says: Miss Catherine Taff and Miss Melba Berry of Palo Alto both are members of the cast which will produce the Masquers' play next week. Miss Berry already has won a place in Stanford dramatics and is sure of a welcome from college audiences. Miss Taff, although she is newer to the Stanford stage, is an actress of promise and charm.

**Alterations Nearly Completed**

The changes at the depot are about finished, and considerable space has been added to the passenger and the express rooms, besides many conveniences. But Marfa needs a larger and better depot.

**History Club to Meet**

The History Club will meet with Mrs. Charles Bailey Tuesday, Feb. 1, at 2 p. m. A full attendance is requested as it is the late annual meeting and an election of officers will be in order.

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**GRONNA BILL RECEIVES SENATE ENDORSEMENT**

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Moses, New Hampshire; New, Indiana; Page, Vermont; Phipps, Colorado; Sherman, Illinois; Smoot, Utah; Sutherland, West Virginia; Wadsworth, New York; Warren, Wyoming—26.

Democrats: Beckham, Kentucky; Dial, South Carolina; Hefflin, Alabama; King, Utah; Shield, Tennessee; Smith, Arizona; Smith, Maryland; Stanley, Kentucky; Underwood, Alabama; Williams, Mississippi—10.

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