







**REPORT OF THE CONDITION  
Of The First National Bank, at  
Sweetwater in the State of Texas,  
At the Close of Business April  
18th, 1912**

**RESOURCES**

Loans and Discounts	\$251,414.79
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	6,155.08
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	20,000
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	300.00
Banking house, Furniture and fixtures	11,450.60
Other Real Estate owned	6,247.00
Due from National banks, (not reserve agents)	2,857.44
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies, and Savings Banks	538.50
Due from approved Reserve Agents	8,340.26
Checks and other Cash Items	1,758.44
Bills of Exchange (cotton)	24,258.36
Notes of other National Banks	240.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels, and Cents	465.00
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$10,273.75
Legal tender notes	7,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$352,299.22</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital stock paid in	\$80,000.00
Surplus fund	13,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	4,035.99
National Bank Notes outstanding	20,000.00
Due to other National Banks	6,914.04
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	10,992.41
Individual deposits subject to check	180,671.36
Time certificates of deposit	11,075.12
Certified checks	271.50
Cashier's checks outstanding	338.80
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	25,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$352,299.22</b>

STATE OF TEXAS.—County of Nolan, I, J. V. W. Holmes, President of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. V. W. HOLMES, Pres.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of April, 1912.

Ben Anthony, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:

J. H. BEALL,  
R. H. FITZGERALD,  
R. K. McADAMS,  
Directors.

Wests, Skirts and Dresses; elegant assortment and beautiful patterns—Sweetwater Dry Goods Company.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Regular services next Sunday, 10 a. m. Bible School, 11 a. m. Sermon and Communion 4:15 p. m. Sermon. You are cordially invited to attend our Bible School. Our lessons are unusually interesting and instructive.

Subjects:—Morning: "Real Heartfelt Religion." Evening: "Following Old Paths." I shall show what "heartfelt" religion is, and what it is not. We, as a people, have been charged with not believing in "heartfelt religion." I shall show these charges to be baseless and false. At the evening service I shall witness how we continue to follow old customs, habits and traditions, never asking "Why?" Please come and hear these two

very interesting subjects discussed. You will feel welcome at our church.

W. C. WRIGHT,  
Pastor.

Parasols—all colors and styles for Ladies and children.—Sweetwater Dry Goods Company.

**FIRE BOYS HAVE FINE NEW UNIFORMS**

**Local Tailors Secure the Orders And Deliver a Fine Lot of Goods**

On last Friday Patterson & Lewis, the local tailors, delivered to the fire boys 24 nice new uniforms, and now the local fire department is not only efficient and capable, but are well clad. The suits are made of blue serge, and Messrs. Patterson & Lewis are highly elated over the entire satisfaction they gave, both in fit and workmanship.

FOR RENT—Four room cottage, close in. See W. Y. Rockwell. 1tp

**CITY COUNCIL MEETS**

The city council of Sweetwater met on the night of May 7th in regular session with Mayor Tharpe, Aldermen Rockwell, Bandy, Sanders, Edwards and Hughes present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A petition from quite a number of citizens asking the city council to order an election to determine whether or not the city shall issue bonds for the construction of a sewer system, was received.

A motion was made by Alderman Bandy, and seconded by Mr. Rockwell, that if it shall be ascertained that the city is authorized to issue sewer bonds in the sum of \$35,000 an election be ordered to determine whether such bonds be issued.

Vote was taken and stood as follows: Edwards, Bandy, Rockwell, aye; Sanders and Hughes, nay. Motion prevailed.

A motion was made by Alderman Hughes to adopt the county jail as a city jail. The motion carried. The council also allowed the fire company \$75 to defray the expense of a delegation to the State Firemen's Convention.

J. H. Snell, F. G. Robertson, and E. Q. Daniels were appointed as a board of equalization for the ensuing year.

R. H. Fitzgerald was appointed presiding judge of the election.

Sweetwater Dry Goods Company.—The price is the thing.

**MERCHANTS PARADE TO BE NEXT THURSDAY**

The Fire boys announce that the big merchant's parade for Carnival week will occur next Thursday, May 16, and parties joining same are requested to meet at the Santa Fe depot at 11 o'clock where the line of procession will be arranged. A cordial invitation is extended to every business concern in the city, or any others who will decorate rigs or autos, to join in this grand demonstration, so that visitors to the city will be impressed with the town's enterprise and push.

The parade will proceed from the depot to and around the square and out several of the residence streets, being led by the Queen of the Carnival. Everybody turn out and make this a gala day for the fire boys.

**NEW GROCERY FIRM**

During the past week, Messrs. Dunann & Asbury purchased the grocery business of L. W. Dorbandt & Co., and are now in possession of same. Mr. R. K. Asbury being in active management of the store.

# THE FAMOUS SOUTHERN AMUSEMENT CO.

WILL APPEAR IN

## SWEETWATER ONE WEEK COM. MONDAY MAY 13 AUSPICES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

THE GREAT SUMERSAULT

# HIGH DIVE

FROM A LADDER 75 FEET HIGH

## INTO A TANK OF WATER

Most Exciting and Thrilling Act Ever Witnessed  
One of Our Many Wonderful Features. Ladder Brilliantly Lighted at Night

Take The Children a Ride on the

### MERRY-GO-ROUND

Pleasing, Pleasant and Fascinating to Both Old and Young  
One of The Greatest Attractions on Carnival Grounds.

IT TAKES YOU TO THE LAND OF MERRIMENT

A Wonderful Exhibition of The

### GLASS BLOWERS

Many Novel, Intricate and Beautiful Designs Executed in the Presence of the Audience

Get a Souvenir of The Carnival

They have muzzled for the safety of the public the monster Boa-Constrictor, the largest Snake in captivity. 53 years old and in the prime of his life. His name is TEDDY and he came from Africa. More than 33 feet in length and weighs over 350lbs.

### GIANT SNAKE!

King of all man-eating reptiles. Captured by the Boers in Africa. The largest living Boa-Constrictor serpent in captivity. Blended with all colors of the rainbow. Measuring over 30 feet in length; weighing 353 pounds. 53 years old and not poisonous. Killing its prey by crushing and feeds only once in two months on calves, goats, turkeys and chickens. Nothing ever seen in zoological gardens, exhibitions or circuses to equal this great monster. ALSO SACRED SNAKES WORSHIPPED BY HINDOOS. Rare animals and birds from all parts of the world. An instructive study of natural history. Also artistic glass blowers. All combined in one grand show. Indorsed by press and public everywhere. Like a trip through the jungles of Africa and India. An interesting educational sight now in your city. For ladies, gentlemen and children.

C. Bascom Faulkner, Manager.

### GIANT SNAKE KING of the JUNGLES



Length Over 30 Feet; Weight 353 Pounds, 53 Years Old, and Alive; Valued at \$5,000.00.

— A Continuous Performance — In Carnival Grounds

HEAR THE SONGS AND SEE THE Pastimes of the South in the

### Old Plantation Theatre

BUCK AND WING DANCING,  
CHAMPION CAKE WALKERS,  
GENUINE SOUTHERN MELODIES,  
COLORED SKETCHES AND SPECIAL TIES  
A TRIP BACK TO THE COTTON FIELDS

TAKE A TRIP IN MID-AIR ON THE FAMOUS

### Ferris Wheel

This gives you the Thrilling Sensations of a Ride in a Balloon, and a birds Eye View of the Surrounding Country.

EVERYTHING CLEAN, MORAL AND UP-TO-DATE

## CHEAP EXCURSIONS ON ALL RAILROADS

**GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION FOR WEST TEXAS**

West of meridian 98, we begin to approach that part of the country which is coming to be known as the dry farming section. The term dry farming is of recent origin, and though it is a misnomer, the name is being accepted and understood to mean a method of farming which depends on the storing and conserving of moisture in the soil of an unseasonable rainfall as an insurance against drouth.

Adaption of crops and certain methods of soil culture perform very important duties in the system of dry farming. A valuable moisture is determined largely by the average rainfall of any country or locality. So the extent to which Western Texas or any part of West Texas may be interested in or depend on dry farming crops and cultural methods may be ascertained by looking up its average rainfall for ten years or more. The rainfall for this section of the state lying along meridian 98 ranges 15 to 33 inches for four years, 1905 to 1908. Just preceding the last three dry years the rainfall for Western Texas was from 5 to 7 inches above normal. But for four years before and for the three which have just passed the average is only 20 inches for all the country that has records.

Beginning farther north going west we find a gradual decrease. The four successive years of unusual precipitation certainly had many of us ready to accept the theory that "the rainfall follows the plow." But the three years which have followed should leave us more willing than ever to be guided by the record in choosing the methods of culture and kind of crops with which to build a permanent and profitable agriculture for Western Texas.

The record shows that we may expect about one-third of each year's rainfall from September to February.

In examining the records for all these years it is interesting to note how often a wet month is followed by a dry one during the growing season.

The purpose of this discussion or rather summing up of the rainfall for West Texas, is not to explode anybody's theory nor shake the faith of those who have invested here or who may be planning to come here. And above all it is not to make any farmer feel that his farm is worth less today than it ever was. It is simply an honest effort to get together a few dependable facts about what we may expect in the way of rainfall for the future.

First, that no farmer west of Meridian 98 should let any kind of prejudice or preference as to precipitation make him forget where he is farming.

Second, that the average rainfall of his locality should be ascertained and taken seriously. Not because any possible profit of farming in such locality are determined solely by the rainfall, but because the kind of farming and the variety of crops through which these profits may accrue are most certainly determined by the average annual rainfall of your locality.

Third, that the rainfall of West Texas, though irregular and once in a great while distressingly short is ample for profitable crop productions, provided that the rainfall is stored when it comes. That crops are planted that have in themselves the virtue to make yields in the worst years and that more attention is given to the

# ANNOUNCEMENT!

**TO THE Parents of the Graduates; to the Friends of the graduates; and the Graduates Themselves: We want special attention of parents to be directed to our present offerings in Graduation Dresses, and all the dainty accessories the occasion requires. To the friends of the graduates we announce that here you will find a wide range of acceptable gifts. To the Graduates themselves we extend a special invitation to come and see the many beautiful things we have prepared especially for Them.**

## J. & W. Fisher

Department Store :: :: Sweetwater, Texas

**AN UNUSUAL WINDOW DISPLAY.**

On their way to the postoffice many people will doubtless have noticed the display of articles in one of Mr. Major's windows—about which Mr. Majors says a great many questions have already been asked. Some of the articles were ordered through Mr. Majors, who attended to various details for us, and to whom we extend our most appreciative thanks.

All of the silver and brass articles shown in the window are Easter Gifts to the Episcopal church in Sweetwater. The Altar Cross and Candlesticks were presented by local members of the church; and the other articles (the brass vases, silver Paten or plate, and the silver Bread Box) were gifts to the church from three very greatly interested friends in Washington, D. C. to which friends our most grateful thanks are surely due.

The silver "Bread Box" is a part of the Communion Service, is to hold the main portion or supply of Bread or Wafers on the altar; while the "Paten or Plate" is for the minister to use for the necessary number of pieces of Bread when he administers it to the communicants.

All of these new things, with the few other articles in the window (previous gifts to the church here), will be used this coming Sunday night at 8 p. m., and Monday morning, by the Rev. Mr. Seaman, who will be here, then for his regular services. A.B.P.

proper preparation and cultivation of the soil.

Briefly stated it would be conservation of moisture, adoption of crops and scientific soil culture.

R. E. MANN,  
U. S. Special Agent.

LOST—Last Sunday a lady's open-faced gold watch, Betsy Ross make; the initials "B. T." engraved on case; finder will please return to Dorothy Trammell.

Save your coupons from the paper and get some dishes.

**AN ORDINANCE**

prohibiting the emptying of cess pools and privies within the corporate limits of Sweetwater, Texas, except between the hours of 9:30 p. m. and 6:00 o'clock a. m.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas:

That it shall hereafter be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to empty, or cause to be emptied, within the corporate limits of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, the contents of any cess pool, or privy by pumping or otherwise, except between the hours of 9:30 o'clock p. m. and 6 o'clock a. m.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding One Hundred Dollars.

This ordinance shall be cumulative of all ordinances of this City now in force regarding nuisances and shall take effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Passed and approved this 7th day of May, 1912.

T. B. THARPE,  
Mayor.

L. S. Polk, City Secretary.

Richardson's Grecian Floss and embroideries, the best made. Sweetwater Dry Goods Company.

Mrs. Sam Wilson of Hermleigh, mother of one of Sweetwater's prominent attorneys, Judge Geo. T. Wilson, is in the city for an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson.

**ABILENE NORMAL AND SIMMONS COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL.**

Covers both service of examinations, June 10—August 1.  
Faculty of six College Graduates and Primary teacher.  
College credit for courses completed.  
College equipment and surroundings.  
Board \$15.00 a month.  
Tuition, Normal Course, \$7.50, one series, \$10.00 both.  
College, \$5.00 to \$10.00.

Address J. D. SANDEFER, Conductor and President, Simmons College.

Sant Richardson, one of Fisher County's prosperous farmers, was a pleasant caller at this office Wednesday, and reports a fine rain out his way Tuesday night. He says he had six acres of corn that is almost knee high, and that other crops are doing fine.

Richardson's Grecian Floss and embroideries, the best made. Sweetwater Dry Goods Company.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Homer is very ill.

Red Cross Shoes for ladies and

children, all sizes, styles and leathers; also in white canvas. Sweetwater Dry Goods Company.

R. P. Duke of Loop was a visitor in Sweetwater last Monday, and while here was the guest of Hon. Ed W. Smith.

# WINKLER'S

## Extra Value - Giving Sale

### During Week of Firemen's Carnival

**WOMEN'S MUSLIN UNDERWEAR AT CARNIVAL PRICES**

- 65c Gowns, Carnival Sale ..... 48c
- 75c Gowns, Carnival Sale ..... 54c
- 85c Gowns, Carnival Sale ..... 64c
- \$1.00 Gowns, Carnival Sale ..... 69c
- \$1.25 Gowns, Carnival Sale ..... 95c

**SPECIAL BARGAINS IN BLACK PETTICOATS**

- \$2.50 Black Petticoats, Special ..... \$1.95
- \$2.00 Black Petticoats, Special ..... \$1.59
- \$1.75 Black Petticoats, this week ..... \$1.38
- \$1.50 Black Petticoats, this week ..... \$1.15
- \$1.25 Black Petticoats, this week ..... 89c
- \$1.00 Black Petticoats, this week ..... 69c
- 75c Black Petticoats, this week ..... 49c

**SILK PETTICOATS**

\$4.50 Quality Silk Petticoats, just a few left, special this week, only ..... \$2.95

New Line of fine Lace Bandings at popular prices.

New Barretts, Fine values, Prices 25 and 50 cents.

Large Selection of Bar Pins and Brooches at 25 and 50 cents.

Ladies' Parasols at Special Prices, during Carnival week.

Special Prices on all Ladies Dresses during Carnival week.

**Special Bargains FOR MEN During Carnival Week**

Fine Quality Priestley's Cravenette Mohair Suits. Three good patterns. Priced During Carnival Week, Per Suit only **12<sup>95</sup>**

Extra Fine Quality BLUE SERGE SUITS, Extra Special During Carnival Week, Only **12<sup>95</sup>**

**Men's Hats at Special Prices During Carnival Week.**

A Complete Line of Men's Underwear; all of the Best Makes at Popular Prices.

Complete Line of Negligee Shirts, Splendid Values at \$1.50, \$1.00, 75c and 50c

We extend a special invitation to the Firemen and Visitors to the City to visit our store and make yourself at home. Plenty Fans and Ice Water to keep you cool.

**H. WINKLER**

**FOR RENT!** All or any part of building now occupies by A. S. Horn (Vacant June 1st) Either front or Rear Space, in Prim's Variety Store, for Millinery or Big Dress Making Outfit. **PRIM'S VARIETY STORE**





We are very anxious to sell what ever you need in **Hobsefurnishings**--We will appreciate your business very much. Call and see us at any time. We will be glad to show you our goods if you are ready to buy or not.

# HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE COMPANY

The Cheapest Cash or Credit Store in The City.

**"I'm glad you telephoned, I'll be right over."**

The dread of sudden sickness on the farm is to-day robbed of half its terrors. The telephone call to the doctor assures first aid; brings help "in no time."

## A SOUTHWESTERN RURAL LINE

eliminates distance, for the telephone bridges the miles to doctors and friends, and dispels the feeling of isolation and loneliness as nothing else can. Send to-day for booklet.

The Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Co.  
DALLAS, TEXAS



## Sweetwater Sanitarium

Open to Physicians and Surgeons All over West Texas. Everything Strictly Sanitary and Up-to-Date.

Address all Communications to the Sweetwater Sanitarium

AN ORDINANCE to amend an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance designed to regulate, to provide for the cleaning, and keeping clean, of premises, to protect the public health of the City, to reduce the fire hazards of the City, creating the office of Sanitary Officer and to prescribe the maximum charge which he may make and prescribing penalties for violation," passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, on the 2nd day of April, 1912.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, that a certain ordinance passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, on the 2nd day of April, 1912, entitled an "Ordinance designated to regulate, to provide for the cleaning, and keeping clean, of premises, to protect the public health of the City, to reduce the fire hazards of the City, creating the Office of Sanitary Officer and to prescribe the maximum charge which he may make and prescribing penalties for violation," be and the same is hereby amended by striking out Section 9 thereof and amending Section 5 thereof so that Section 5 shall read as follows:

Section No. 5. That for the purpose of the regulations hereof for the enforcement of the Sanitary provisions, the reducing of fire hazards and the spreading of disease, and for the cleaning and keeping clean of this City as designated and purposed under this ordinance, there is created the office of Sanitary Officer for this city, whose duty shall be to look diligently into the sanitary conditions of this city and to the keeping of the city clean and sanitary under the provisions of this ordinance. He shall sweep or cause to be swept the streets of this city and shall remove or cause to be removed any rubbish, trash, etc., from the City as herein pro-

vided for under this ordinance or other ordinances of this city. Said officer may serve from the date of his appointment of the first regular meeting of the City Council of this City in April of each year, being subject however, to the control, direction and removal at any time by the City Council without assignment of cause. It shall be the further duty of said officer to diligently and carefully inspect all premises within the limits of this City and he shall report to the City Attorney of this city each and every violation of any provision of this ordinance, failure to do which shall constitute an offense hereunder.

The salary of the person holding the office of Sanitary Officer shall be such an amount as shall be agreed upon in a contract between him and the City of Sweetwater, such amount to be paid out of the Sanitary Fund of this City. For the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred under the provisions of this ordinance said officer shall charge the following fees for free haul service under this ordinance, which said charge shall be paid by the person or persons liable therefor for one month in advance:

- Each Garage, per month... \$1.00
- Each hotel, per month... 1.50
- Each rooming house, per mo. 1.00
- Each blacksmith shop, per mo. 1.00
- Each baker shop, per month... 1.00
- Each Bottling Works, per mo. 1.00
- Each planing mill, per month... .75
- Each Lumber Yard, per mo. .75
- Each Drug Store, per mo. 1.00
- Each Grocery store per mo. 1.50
- Each dry goods store, per mo. 1.00
- Each Fur. and Hdw. store, mo. 1.00
- Each meat market, per mo. 1.00
- Each Barber Shop, per mo. 1.00
- Each Tailor Shop, per mo. .75
- Each Printing Shop, per mo. 1.00
- Each Restaurant, per mo. 1.50
- Each Wholesale House per mo. 1.50
- Each Saddle Shop, per mo. 1.50
- Each Confectioner's, per mo. 1.00
- Each Theatre, per mo. 1.00

- Each Feed Store, per mo. 1.00
  - Each Livery Barn, per mo. 2.00
  - Each Wagon Yard, per mo. 2.00
  - Each Tinner, per mo. 1.00
  - Each Bank, per mo. 2.00
  - Each Pool Hall, per mo. 1.00
  - Each Abstract Office, per mo. .50
  - Each Lawyer's Office, per mo. .25
  - Each Doctor, per mo. .25
  - Each Jewelry Store, per mo. 1.00
  - Each Racket Store, per mo. 1.00
  - Each Implement Store, per mo. 1.00
  - Each Chile & Hot Tainale Stand, per month... 1.00
  - Each Undertaker, per mo. .75
  - Each Real Estate Of., per mo. .25
  - Each Architect, per month... .50
  - Each Cotton Buyer, per mo. .25
  - Each Telephone Co., per mo. 2.00
  - Each Electric Light & Supply Co., per month... 1.50
  - Each Express Office, per mo. 1.50
  - Each Railroad Office, per mo. 1.50
- For each and every other place of business, occupation, calling or profession, not specifically enumerated or provided hereinabove, a charge of One Dollar per month is hereby fixed, which shall in like manner be paid one month in advance.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be of full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Passed and approved this 7th day of May, 1912.  
T. B. THARPE, Mayor.  
L. S. POLK, City Secretary.

### A SPLENDID PAPER

The following paper was read on Hogg Educational Day by one of the Sweetwater High School pupils, a young lady 17 years of age, whose name is appended thereto. It is well written and worth reading:

#### The Relation of Higher Education To the Economic Development of the State.

The late afternoon sun sinks slowly behind the purple-tinted hill tops, leaving the drowsy world suffused with a faint saffron glow. The gentle breeze rustles through the pine forest where the sweet, plaintive call of a whippoorwill breaks the hush of evening. Far away in the valley, the lights of a great city twinkle and flicker through the gathering dusk. As we gaze out over the rich, fertile valleys and wide stretches of prairie fringe with a low border of mountains and hills, and realize the beauty surrounding us, our hearts thrill with pride and exultation, and we feel that Texas is the grandest state of all, for is it not the largest? Is it not rich in resources and the possibilities of future wealth, and is it not peopled with a sturdy, intelligent class of men capable of doing and achieving great things?

Yes, indeed, Texas has all these advantages and more, but, unfortunately, we are paying too little attention to the most important thing of all--education. We are too dependent upon the brains and leadership of the few who, realizing the value of learning, have striven to take advantage of it, while our masses of people remain in a state of ignorance and illiteracy that will eventually put us out of the race. How long will our greatness last, if we remain indifferent to our greatest natural resources--our manhood resources? What benefit will our fertile soil, timbered land, water-power, and mineral deposit be to us so long as we allow them to lie idle, be thoughtlessly squandered, or be exploited by outsiders while our children stand

by in helpless ignorance. If we people of Texas could rid ourselves of the idea that education is an unnecessary expense to the state, and realize what it is doing for the other states we would undoubtedly put forth greater efforts to establish and equip the proper schools and institutions for educating our boys and girls, so that they may be able to face the great industrial struggle before them. Can we afford to cling persistently to the same business principles that have been in use for so many years? We, as free American citizens and descendants of men who won our liberties at the point of the sword, who framed our Constitution, and for half a century guided our great Republic, cannot doom our children to a life of financial and social serfdom. This is exactly what we are doing when we spend over a hundred times as much for whiskey, tobacco, and luxuries, as we do for Universities and colleges. It is positively alarming how little Texas is doing for the advancement of her cause.

Let us examine, for a moment, some of the statistics of other states and see whether or not education is a paying investment, and one that it would be well for Texas to consider. Illinois invests annually in agricultural investigations, \$125,000. By means of careful and intelligent application of the laws and principles of botany and heredity, there have been developed new varieties of corn, and a new method of cultivation which has increased the corn yield five bushels per acre or a state-wide increase of 45,000,000 bushels per year. Suppose this corn is valued at 50 cents a bushel, it would mean an increase equal to the annual revenue from \$450,000,000 at 5 per cent interest. The same state, by carefully planned feeding processes, has discovered a balanced ration that gives the same results at one-fourth less cost than the usual feed system practiced by cattlemen. Thus, these two improvements alone bring to the state more than a hundred times the amount invested.

Similar work has been done in Iowa. It has been found that the imperfect stand in the corn crop is due to planting seed of impaired vitality. By a simple and inexpensive method, the seed corn can be tested before planting, and all worthless grains be rejected. As a result, the corn crop of Iowa has been increased over 5,000,000 bushels per year, which is a return to the state of ten times the cost of the Agricultural College.

Some years ago the orange growers of California lost more than \$5,000,000 a year from the ravages of the white scale. All efforts on the part of the growers to destroy the pest were in vain, and it seemed that the crops would be entirely lost. It was discovered, by the students of the Agricultural School that the Australian lady-beetle would destroy the scale. They were speedily sent into the stricken districts, and, in a very short time, not a trace of it remained. Thus, education in entomology not only saved California its former loss of \$5,000,000 from the scale, but also from the final loss of the great fruit industry.

There is another important discovery that has been of great benefit to Texas and other states of the South. It is the cause and prevention of "Texas fever" among cattle. It was found,

by the professors of the Missouri University, that this dreadful plague is transmitted by the cattle tick which carries the germs from sick to well cattle, when sucking their blood. It was also discovered that the fever could be artificially produced in a mild form, by direct inoculation. In this way the cow is made immune to the fever in any form, and the states may continue the cattle trade with safety, and are also enabled to breed up the scrub cattle of the South. This one discovery has not only increased the wealth of the South, but has probably saved it from complete failure in the cattle business.

These examples give us some idea of the favorable results of scientific investigation in the Agricultural line, but they are only a small part of the great work that is being done along almost every branch of industry. Millions of dollars are being saved annually in the United States, on account of the improved methods introduced by trained and educated minds. Yet, this important development is only in its infancy. Think of what it may be after a few years' growth. But shall we continue to fall farther and farther behind until we have utterly surrendered the leadership of this country to our better educated neighbors? We can only hope that such will not be the case, for unless we awake speedily to a realization of the true value of education, and begin the plan for

it in earnest, it will be too late to avert the impending ruin.

Thus far, we have viewed advantages of higher education only from a financial standpoint, but let us not forget that we must have something more than material wealth. He must have wealth of noble sentiment and lofty thought that will enable him to appreciate the beauties and truth of nature, and imbue him with the delights and possibilities of a life spent usefully and intelligently. His artistic taste must be developed to the point where he will cease to regard the rich returns from his fields as mere bodily sustenance, but will come to regard them as Nature's own instruments for developing powerful and competent leaders in the affairs of our country. The desire must be created in him for the best and highest things of life, so that he may cease to be content with the narrow, selfish existence of one who cannot understand the most important thing in life--the perfect fellowship of man.

If education can and will do all this and more for us, shall we continue to regard it with indifference, and sit in idle ignorance while opportunities slip by like sand through our fingers?

DAPHNE ANDERSON.

Miss Bessie Burts left last Monday morning for Fort Worth to join her aunt, Mrs. Geo. Jackson, on an extended trip to New York City, by way of New Orleans.

## GRAIN, HAY, FEED AND COAL

Just received car fresh Maize, Chops. Try them they are fine. Have plenty of Oats, Kafir Corn and Maize Seed. Also Cane Seed and Cow Peas to Plant. Bring your Sacks and get money or feed in exchange. Phone 142. Quick Service.

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