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AFTER BOUNTY ON RATTLESNAKES.

Next Legislature Is To Be Asked for Such a Law.

STAMFORD, Dec. 9.—A bill will be introduced at the next session of the legislature providing a bounty on rattlesnakes, according to information received by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. It is hoped that the bill will be generous enough to pay from 25 to 30 cents for each snake killed.

It is pointed out that counties and states are paying bounties for destruction of predatory animals, but that no state is offering rewards for destruction of reptiles that annually take toll of human life, not to speak of the economic loss they indirectly cause.

Reports to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce indicate that the rattlesnake crop this season was the largest in the history. If the production was not greater, the activities of the serpents would be much more widespread. At Austin, according to these reports, two deaths occurred in one month from snake bites. One rattler caught near that city had 28 rattlers, said to have been the biggest snake of its kind ever apprehended.

In many portions of West Texas rattlesnakes are numerous. For instance, a few years ago more than 30 of the venomous wigglers were found beneath a single boulder. In the mountain country about Buffalo Gap, Taylor county, dynamite was used to destroy hundreds of the serpents. They seem to favor the limestone belts of the state.

In the caves and beneath great boulders they hibernate in the winter. It is then easy to dynamite or otherwise destroy them. Since no bounty has been placed on their deaths very little concerted action has been taken to rid the country of them. With a reasonable bounty trappers and others will turn to this light employment for the money that is in the quest, destroy thousands, upon thousands, and thereby aid in exterminating them, as well as saving possible deaths from bites.

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DEATH RATE IN 1921 LOW.

Lowest in Montana, Highest in Vermont, Report Shows.

The department of commerce announces that the compilations made by the Bureau of Census for 1921 indicates that the 1921 death rate was remarkably low. The census reports show that low death rates were recorded in nearly all areas of the United States.

The lowest death rate was in Montana, that state reporting a rate of 8.2, while Vermont reported the highest, 14.2, for any state. For cities with a population of 100,000 or more Akron, Ohio, shows the lowest death rate, being 7.5; and Memphis, Tenn. holds the highest rate with a record of 17.4.

In making the report it is pointed out that death rates by no means tell the whole story regarding the healthfulness of different localities. Race stock, occupations of the inhabitants, the sex and age distribution of the population, and the relative number of deaths of non-residents are factors which must be considered before it can be determined that one city or state is more healthful than another.

CUT RAIL TELEGRAPHERS WAGE.

was handed down by the United States Labor Board today. The decision was made following the request of the railroads that the inequalities in the pay of station and telegraph employees be corrected.

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SOCIETY Club

WEDNESDAY BRIDGE CLUB.
Mrs. John Hubbard was hostess Wednesday afternoon at a most enjoyable meeting of the Wednesday Bridge Club. Four tables were in play with Mrs. M. Simmons and Mrs. Paul B. Soronson playing substitute hands. The regular series of five games were played. Mrs. Tom Hughes will be the Christmas hostess, the meeting date falling on the 27.

The refreshment plates held cleverly contrived "peanut ladies" for favors.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORS
One of the pleasant social affairs of the week was the party given Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Ney Sheridan with Mrs. McKissick assisted by Mrs. Murchison, to the young people of the newly organized Inter-mediate Christian Endeavor society.

The officers for the society were elected as follows: president, Elizabeth McKissick, secretary, Bond Bradford, treasurer, Bernice Sheridan, leaders, Mrs. W. D. Watson and Mrs. Vanderson.

The evening's diversions consisted of music, songs and merry games. Every one had a good time and made every one else enjoy the party. The party concluded with a course of treatments.

1922 BRIDGE CLUB
Mrs. Carl Ragland was hostess Wednesday afternoon for the members of the 1922 Bridge Club as they met for their regular card games. Each one was soon interested in adding scores to their credit and thus passed a most pleasant afternoon.

There were only two tables of Bridge players, the third table being out on account of illness in the homes of members and some were out of town. Mrs. Ingram and Mrs. Moss were special guests of Mrs. Ragland and were among the players.

A clever color scheme in lavender was featured in the refreshment course score cards and plate favors of unique "peanut parrots."

Mrs. John Perry will hostess at the meeting during the Christmas holidays.

PRISCILLA CLUB
A most pleasant affair Thursday afternoon was the meeting of the Priscilla Club at the home of Mrs. M. B. Howard on Oak street.

During the short time devoted to business it was decided to observe the annual exchange of gifts and accepted Mrs. Luther Watson's invitation to hold their Christmas party at home December 21. Four new names were enrolled as members as a result of the votes cast as follows: Mrs. W. P. Curtis, Mrs. Ed Bardwell, Mrs. Earl Londer, and Miss Mable Bardwell.

Pretty fancy work filled the remaining hours with pleasure while plans for the coming holidays were the chief

topic of conversation. Mrs. Howard served a delightful salad course assisted by Miss Mable Bardwell.

Mrs. J. D. Dulaney and Mrs. M. E. Brown shared Mrs. Howard's hospitality with the club members.

T. E. L. CLASS MEET
The T. E. L. Class of the First Baptist church enjoyed an interesting meeting Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Deihlman and Mrs. Vivian Neblett joint hostesses.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. R. C. Crane, second vice president presided and opened the meeting with a word of prayer.

There were 15 class members present. They voted to give the old ladies at the aged woman's home a Christmas card party. Their names will be secured and each one will be remembered.

A reading by Mrs. J. A. Mullins was very much enjoyed. Many plans were discussed for new year's work and other matters pertaining to the class' interests. The special feature of the program was a solo, "Tis Heaven Below When He Is There," sung by Mrs. John Aycock's little three year old son. The meeting closed with the class song, "My Faith looks up to thee."

A pleasant social hour followed, during which the hostesses served a refreshment course.

P. T. A. ENTERTAINED
The High School division of the Parent-Teacher Association had an enjoy-

able meeting in the Auditorium of the school on last Thursday afternoon.

With Mrs. H. R. Bondies presiding, a short business meeting was held during which the treasurer received about \$10 in payment of dues.

The association was then entertained with a splendid program given by the Junior Class. Sam Crutcher, president of the class, gave an address in which he expressed appreciation for what the organization has meant to the High School. He then introduced the tolling numbers on the program: "Sweet Barbara" a chorus by eight of the girls followed by Jaunita, sung in Spanish; Piano solos by Alene McDaniel and Verna Sheppard. Ina Lee pleasing manner and Edith Litchfield presented William Gree Hill in his charming episode.

"The Home Going Chorus" was sung by the class and received much applause as did also the solo "Smiling Through" given by Miss Emma Nicholson.

Then the class pulled off a "jolly stunt in the form of a silent chapel service. Boys and girls of the class represented the different members of the faculty, having previously secured some of their characteristic articles of clothing. They imitated some of their mannerisms as they addressed the student body.

Sam Crutcher as Supt. Rives conducted the exercise, Herman Hardin threw away dollars as he presented Mr. Brownings address on "Wasting Time" and Raphy Farris, as Mr. Myers

"executed" a violin solo with many contortions. Wayne Rea was Mr. Cobb. If the young men exaggerated their parts they were rewarded for their exertions for at the end of their program Messrs. Myers, Browning and Cobb walked down to the stage with great solemnity and presented the Juniors with a wreath of excelsior dotted with a few faded rosebuds.

Carried Unanimously. From Answers, London. The hall was crowded, and the woman speaker was waxing eloquent.

"Yes," she cried emphatically, "women have been misjudged for

ages. They have suffered in a thousand ways."

Here she paused to give her audience time to consider this momentous statement.

"There is one way in which they never suffered and never will," said a meek little man from the back of the crowd.

The lecturer gave him a frigid look. "And in what way is that?" she inquired. "In silence," replied the little man, as he sank into his seat.

Subscribe for the Reporter.

Gets 50c For Wool: Two hundred thousand pounds of wool have been sold in the past week by the local firm of Peterson and Company, it is learned. The long wool will average around 50 cents a pound, while the short wool brought 44 cents. This sale was made at rather a good price and in accord with that which has been received in Del Rio and other places by wool and mohair merchants. The good sales this fall of mohair and wool will have much to do with bringing the ranchmen into good shape and enable many to enter the winter almost free from debt.

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HAVE FAITH IN GOD

And Jesus said unto him, go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way. -Mark 10: 52.

PONZI

Ponzi, it is revealed, was offered \$1,000,000 cash for the secret of his get-rich-quick coupon business. This was when the Wizard of Pie Alley was just getting the suckers coming faster than he could handle them.

Ponzi could have won a gold medal as champion optimist, for he refused the offer. If he had accepted and liquidated his business, wonder where he'd be today.

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We nominate President Harding for president of the League Against Hand Sinking, which is considering a gold medal for the burlesque comedian who originated the saying, "Give it to him he's saving them."

DENOUNCES "SLICKERS"

Grafting Business Men Come In For Special To The Reporter.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 9.—Business men who will lower themselves to take advantage of a negro or illiterate persons without business experience have been denounced by Associate Justice Miller of the State Supreme Court here.

Miller issued a hot denunciation after the case of Becky Armstrong, negro, Okmulgee county, was brought to his attention.

The negro began action in Okmulgee County district court seeking cancellation of a deed to her land allotment which she is alleged to have given an oil company, operating in the field, after she was threatened by representatives of the company.

PLAN TO PROPOGATE GAME

State Hunters to Ask Use of Hunting License Fees

DALLAS, Dec. 9.—Texas sportsmen will ask that funds amounting to more than \$100,000 from fishing and hunting licenses be turned over to them for the purpose of propagating the game and fish supply of Texas, it has been learned here.

Lovers of these sports from all parts of the state are aroused to the seriousness of the situation. J. L. Phillips, of Lufkin declared at a meeting of prominent sportsmen here. "It is up to us to demand that the legislature instead of diverting this into other channels, turn it directly into the hands of the game commission that the laws may be enforced and our fish and game not be exterminated."

A statewide organization of hunters and fishermen will be organized here December 12 when sportsmen from all over the state will meet here for that purpose Phillips declared.

RASPBERRY ROUGE NOW

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 9.—If the Missus wants to "doll up" a box of orange rouge is the latest thing out. The old style violet tinted rouge, has been discarded for the new creation, according to local beauty specialists.

However, the specialists advise selection of rouge—whether orange or raspberry—best suited to the complexion. Orange is suited for the darker types only.

TO DEVELOP COAL FIELD

BUCKLIN, Kans., Dec. 9.—A local company has been formed to develop the coal field discovered last spring in Clark County, 16 miles southwest of here.

A syndicate has charge of the work, H. P. McCausland is trustee. The field is said to cover 20,000 acres of land.

L. T. Wilson Sells Farm.—L. T. Wilson was in from the farm Saturday and reports that he had moved to his new place. He sold his old place to S. H. McIntyre for \$30 per acre, the place sold is 4 1-2 miles southwest of town. Mr. McIntyre has bought a Fordson tractor to use on his farm.—Eldorado Success.

RECLAMATION PROJECTS.

Levee Construction Forges Ahead—To Salvage 50,000,000 Acres.

AUSTIN, Dec. 9.—A dozen or more levee construction projects in North and Central Texas, which when completed, will mean the reclamation of upwards of 50,000,000 acres of land, are nearing completion, according to Major Arthur Stiles, state reclamation engineer, who recently returned from a tour of those sections of the state.

The lands, for the main part situated along the Trinity River, and other streams are subject to inundation by the overflow of these rivers. Today they are practically a barren waste, but with completion of the projects they will become the most fertile section in Texas.

The projects for the most part revolve around the task of confining the flood waters of streams in that territory and the development of water-power for generating electricity.

The scheme, one of the most progressive and extensive ever undertaken, will entail an enormous output of money. Efforts are now being made to interest private capital in the development of the project. A bill that will provide state aid in the development of the lands, will be introduced at the next session of the legislature here in January.

Some of the counties in which work is progressing are, Dallas, Ellis, Kaufman, Henderson, Lamar, Bowie, Franklin, Morris and others situated along the Trinity River and in northern and central Texas.

It is expected that developments in the project will extend over a number of years.

ENDORSE A. & M.

Lackey Returns From College Station Convention of Farmers.

G. A. Lackey has returned from College Station where he represented Nolan county in the formation of the A. & M. Farmers and Stockman's Agricultural and Educational Association, a permanent organization. Farmers were there from all over the state, including many of the West Texas Counties. Mr. Lackey was very much impressed with the unanimous endorsement of the West Texas A. & M. proposition by those present and by President Bizzell of the A. & M.

MAY DIVIDE DEPARTMENT

Separation of Insurance and Banking Branch Contemplated

Dallas, Dec. 9.—Division of the State Department of Insurance and Banking into two separate departments may be advocated before the next session of the Texas Legislature, according to plans being made, by a number of banking and insurance men of the state.

Under the present system the work

is too heavy to be properly handled by the one office, it is held by those advocating the division. Due to consistent growth of the state and corresponding increase in insurance companies and banks, the volume of business before the state commission on insurance and banking is developing to such an extent as to be almost beyond the control of a single board.

Differences in the operation of the two businesses are gradually becoming

more marked and it is therefore harder to properly administer the insurance and banking companies under one main office, it is further claimed.

J. L. Chapman, commissioner of insurance and banking, is named as being one of those advocating a division of the department. Other prominent bankers and insurance men throughout the state are reported interested in the movement.

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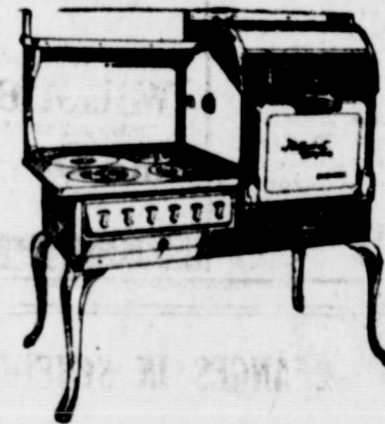


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WEST TEXAS NOTES

Brown County Census Figures: O. G. Griffith Brown county agricultural agent in a recent talk before the Rotarians presented the following interesting facts about the poultry and dairy industry in the county, according to the Brownwood Bulletin. Mr. Griffith said:

"The United States census for 1920 show 118,000 chickens and a little less than 5,000 dairy cows in Brown county. The production (1919) from these was: Dairy \$261,135; poultry \$247,650; total \$513,801. Of this production there was sold dairy products \$115,000; poultry products \$87,929, total \$203,322. The production per dairy cow over two years old (1919) was \$53.25. The production per hen in 1919 was approximately \$3.00. These figures are based on war time prices for poultry and dairy products.

"In 1918 there was only one flock of poultry containing more than 200 hens. Today we have a few egg farms that boast 1000 hens and score of flocks of over 200. We estimate that the poultry products now produced in the county would have a value of \$300,000 of which \$175,000 is sold. The dairy production is about like (1919) the census figures. This takes into account the reduction in prices since 1919.

"The production of three demonstration poultry farms (1250 hens) for the past twelve months if sold as market poultry and eggs would be approximately \$4,325.00, besides the flocks were almost doubled in size. At this rate an industry counting 125,000 hens would produce \$432,500 worth of products; and give us an increase sufficient to make a poultry industry of 200,000 hens.

Texas Cattle Make Fine Showing.

"The front page of the Drovers' Telegram of Kansas City carries a fine story of the fine showing made there by the Texas folks, as follows: A large and appreciative crowd of interested feeders and breeders followed the judges very closely in their work of selecting the champions and grand champions in the carlot feeder show yesterday afternoon. In all about 40 loads of steers and heifers were inspected before the judges began the process of sifting down to the first 10 loads, and after that it was a much more difficult job to pick out the first five, especially in the class of range calves which had 27 entries, the large per cent of which came from the herds of the members of the Highland Hereford Breeders' Association, Marfa, Texas. The contest was finally decided in favor of the Jones load of calves, with the J. W. Merrill load second, W. B. Mitchell third; F. A. Mitchell fourth and W. B. Mitchell fifth. These were all Highland calves shown in district 2, class 10 (calves) which includes the entire range district. The yearling classes brought out two loads from the native district and five from the range district. First in native division, and first in range division by H. L. Kokernot, Alpine, Texas. The Poole yearlings were made champions in this class. Entries and results in other classes were as follows: Champion native division carlot feeding cattle—Grover Poole, Manhattan, Kansas, on Herefords. Champion

range district carlot feeding cattle—W. T. Jones Cattle Company, Marfa, Texas. Grand champion carload feeder cattle—W. T. Jones Cattle Company, Highland Hereford Breeders' Association, Marfa, Texas, on Hereford calves.

Some Freak.—A three-year-old steer sucking, did you ever see one before? August Kothmann is the owner, and the steer is a big, heavy Brahma. The steer is probably as heavy as any three-year-old. When he was a year old he was placed with one of the ranch cows which had lost a young calf. The cow adopted the charge after the hide of the dead calf had been placed over the steer. Since then the cow has lost a second calf and the three year old baby has to get onto its knees today to get the cherished milk. Walter and Louis Hencke and Edgar Kothmann were

visiting the August Kothmann ranch Thursday and report of this unusual baby calf. There are several of the Brahma cattle on the ranch, Hencke says, and they are of every imaginable color, except perhaps green.—Fredericksburg Radio Post.

Brady Hunter Finds Deer Hanging on Wire Fence.—A rather unique find was made by Joe Baker while hunting deer in Kimble county. Mr. Baker states he came across a dead deer hanging from the top of a barbed wire fence. Upon investigation he concluded that the deer attempted to jump the fence and caught one of his hind feet between the two top wires forming a loop from which he could not extricate himself. The front feet of the deer reached the ground and he had pawed out a great hole in the ground before death.—Brady Sentinel.

Gets Land at \$17 Acre.—H. F. Sofgee will probably get moved up here by the this county, but for the past two years has lived at Christoval, has bought the T. K. Womack stock farm eight miles west of Eldorado, pay-

ing \$17.00 per acre. Mr. Sofgee will Master Frederick Stewart celebrated his birthday anniversary Saturday by

entertaining his friends with a party. W. W. Davis has returned from a weeks vacation trip to Loraine, Colorado and Snyder.



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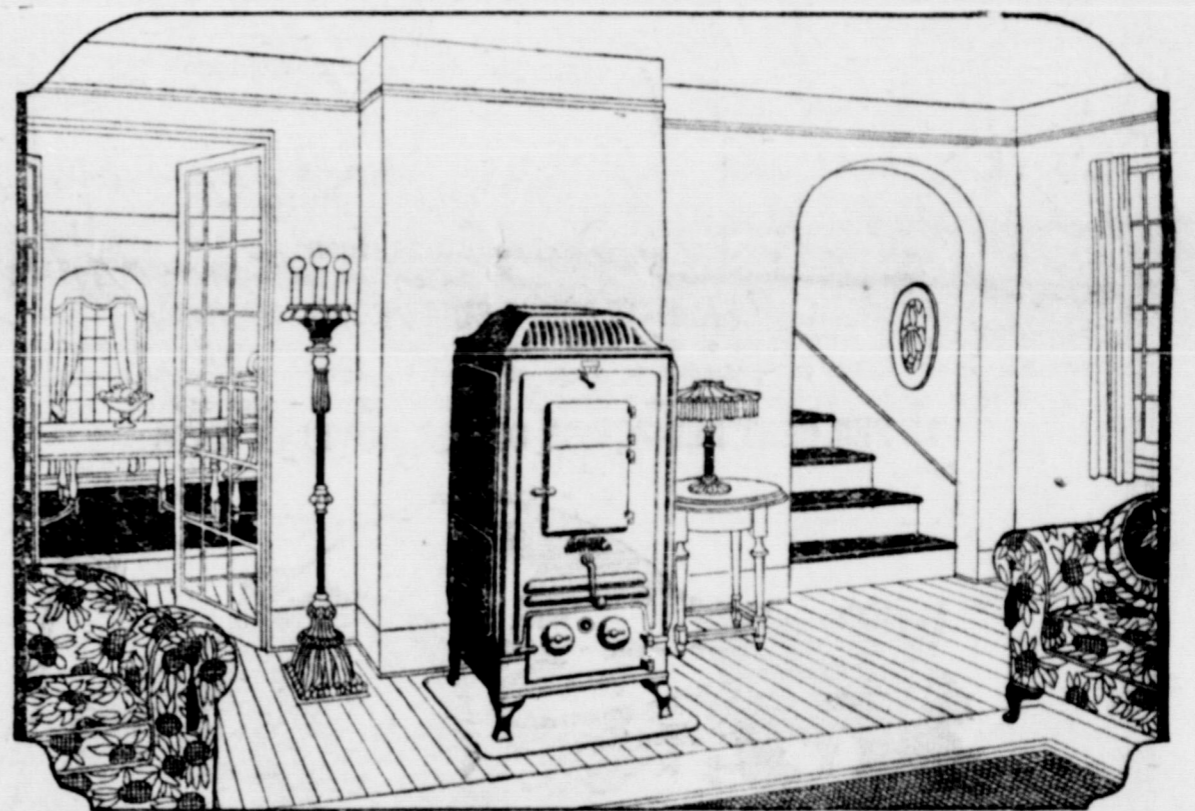
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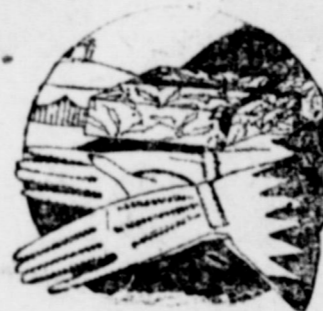
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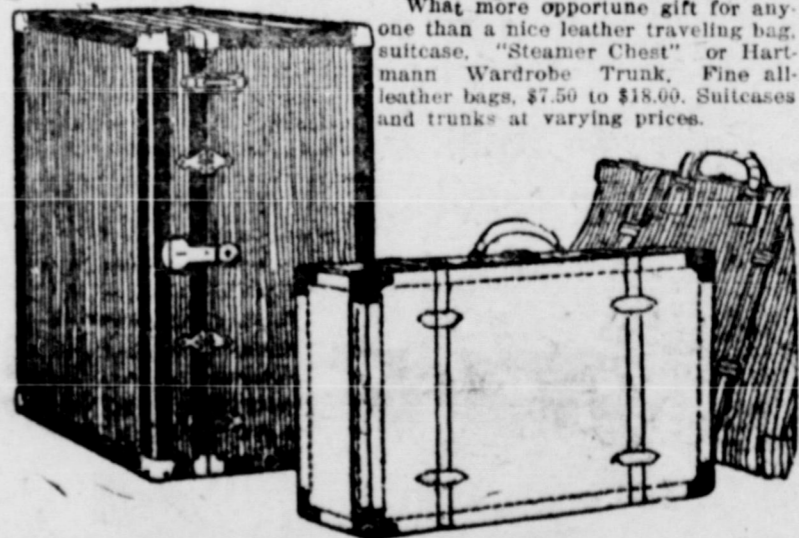
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GIUSEPPE VERDI.

(Pronounced Vair-Dee.) (1813-1901.) Giuseppe Verdi was the greatest opera composer of Italy in the nineteenth century, and his long life of eighty-one years covers a most interesting period of musical history.

He was born, October 9, 1813, in the little village of Le Roncole. His father, a grocer and innkeeper, bought the boy a spinet and gave him lessons with the village organist. When he was 10 years old he succeeded his teacher at the organ and received \$20 a year for his services. Giuseppe Verdi became so popular that the village sent him to Milan for further study. Applying for entrance to the famous conservatory of that city, he was refused as not having sufficient talent. Many years after this same institution was renamed in honor of Verdi. His talent soon made a stir in Milan and his first opera, "Oberto," was produced at the LaScala opera house in 1839. Two years later grief over the death of his wife and two children almost caused him to abandon his musical career. The manager of the theatre, however, persuaded him to write two operas, "Nabucco"



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and "I Lombardi" which were very successful. Later he visited London and Paris and learned much from the observation of the styles of operas produced in those capitals. His next works were "Rigoletto," "Il Trovatore" and "La Traviata." These operas brought his name to the front rank of all Italian opera composers of his day.

At this time Wagner's wonderful success was not escaping his attention. He realized the value of Wagner's idea of the importance of the dramatic side, or story of the opera.

Although Verdi was nearly 60 years old, he commenced a series of operas that are much greater than his earlier works and which the influence of Wagner. The operas included "Aida," (ah-ee-dah), "Falstaff" and "Othello." "Falstaff" was written when he was 80 years old and is his only comic opera.

He wrote little but operatic music, but his "Requiem," written in honor of an Italian statesman named Mauboni, is a work of great melodic beauty.

"MISERERE—EL TROVATORE." (By Verdi.)

Four of the numbers on the Music Memory Contest including "Miserere," "Home to Our Mountains," "Anvil Chorus" from "Il Trovatore" and "Quartette" from "Rigoletto" were written by Verdi.

The opera "Il Trovatore" was produced in Rome in 1853. The scene is laid in Sicily and the story is based on the Spanish drama by the same name, "Azucena," an old Gypsy, has stolen the son of "Count di Luna" out of revenge, and has brought him up as her own under the name of "Manrico." He gains the love of "Leonora" who is also beloved by the present count, really a brother of "Manrico." "Azucena" falls into the hands of the count and to save her "Manrico" goes to her aid, but he too is captured. "Leonora" consents to marry the count if "Manrico" is released, but, as the order is

signed, she takes poison. The count then puts Manrico to death, only to find that he has murdered his own brother. "Il Trovatore" is a favorite opera and many of the numbers are well known.

"ANVIL CHORUS." (Il Trovatore, By Verdi.)

At the opening of the second act, the scene shows a Gypsy camp in the Biscay mountains. As daylight streaks the sky, the men begin their day's work and sing as they hammer the heated iron on their anvils. The orchestra has a long introduction, Gypsy like in character. Then the men sing in unison, this strong, virile chorus, which passes through broken chords and leads into a swinging melody, slowly rhythmic in time with the clang of the anvils. The whole is repeated. This is one of the best known numbers from the opera.

The number opens with the solemn tolling of the bell and the chant of the priests as they pray for the soul of the doomed prisoner, "Manrico." Then, after a series of chords in the orchestra, "Leonora," standing without the cell of "Manrico," sends up a last prayer for help. Upon this breaks the air of the lover Manrico a passionate farewell forever, at the end of which Leonora shrieks. The priests are again heard and again the wall of the lovers, this time with the chanting of the priests carried through the air. The two voices join at the end of the number in a beautiful duet passage.

QUARTETTE—RIGOLETTO. (By Verdi.)

"Rigoletto," another famous Italian opera by Verdi tells the story of the Duke of Mantua, his jester, Rigoletto, a hunchback; Gilda, the jester's daughter, and Maddalena, whom the duke admires.

The duke, disguised as a student, makes love to Gilda, who is infatuated by him. Rigoletto, discovers the

love affair and, knowing his master is only amusing himself, tried to dissuade his daughter, but to no avail. Finally to prove to her that her lover is false, and does not return her love, he takes her to the home of Maddalena where he knows the duke to be. It is at this place in the opera that the famous quartette is sung.

The duke and Maddalena are in the house; Rigoletto and Gilda are on the outside looking through the window. The duke is casting languishing eyes on Maddalena, who is laughing in return. Rigoletto is crouching outside the window, and plotting vengeance. Gilda is desperate with the discovery of the duke's faithlessness.

Here are four people each animated by a different emotion, each part strongly individual and all voices combining to make a piece of wonderful harmony. It is undoubtedly the most brilliant of all Verdi's concerted numbers, and there are few ensemble passages in all opera which equal it in beauty and dramatic power.

"Home to Our Mountains" is another beautiful number from Il Trovatore, by Verdi, included in the Music Memory Contest.

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Automobile accidents kill one person on an average every 40 minutes or 35 a day, on America's highways and streets. While you are reading this article at least two Americans will be injured in motor accidents.

- Automobiles yearly kill more Americans than typhoid, malaria and smallpox combined.
- Automobile accidents cause an annual property loss of a billion dollars a year. Since 1917, the destruction by automobiles has totaled nearly one-half the huge sum America spent during the World War.
- AND AUTHORITIES AGREE THAT NEARLY ALL OF THIS LOSS OF LIFE, LIMB AND PROPERTY IS PREVENTABLE.

More Americans than were killed in the World War are being killed and injured in automobile mishaps this year. The total toll will be about 13,000 persons killed and approximately 40,000 injured—many of these maimed for life.

One-third of these will be children not yet 15 years old. Nine-tenths will be pedestrians, run down by autoists.

Figures compiled for The Standard by NEA Service in a nation-wide survey, show that in 1921, lives of 11,024 persons were snuffed out by automobiles, and approximately 35,000 were injured. These figures, compiled from vital statistics records of each state, represent the most complete check ever made of the American juggernaut's fearful harvest.

Motor fatalities will kill more people this year than typhoid, malaria and smallpox combined. They will exceed the deaths from appendicitis and equal diphtheria fatalities—and in most cases, they could have been avoided.

And instead of decreasing or remaining stationary, the percentage of automobile fatalities is steadily increasing, despite all efforts to regulate traffic.

Fatalities on Increase.
Increase in automobile traffic and corresponding increase in the percentage of automobile fatalities per 100,000 population is shown in figures for cities and counties where accurate death statistics are kept. Figures for these localities show that:

In 1917, with 4,983,340 automobiles licensed, there were 6724 deaths in auto accidents, or a death rate from the cause of 9.0 per 100,000 population.

With 6,146,617 automobiles in 1918, there were 7525 fatalities, or 9.3 per 100,000.

Autos numbered 7,588,848 in 1919. There were 7968 persons killed, or 9.4 per 100,000.

In 1920, with 9,211,296 automobiles licensed, there were 9103 fatalities, or 10.4 per 100,000 population. There were 10,449,362 licensed automobiles operating in the United States in 1921.

In the U. S. Census Bureau's registration area, which contains 82 per cent of the nation's population, there were 10,168 deaths, or 11.5 per 100,000 population.

Between 1917 and 1921, therefore, the death rate per 100,000 population from motor vehicle accidents increased about 28 per cent.

This year, there are nearly 11,000,000 motor vehicles running in the streets and roads of the United States. Everything points to the highest automobile death toll in history, the greatest record of violent death from any single cause except war.

California Leads.
California shows the greatest number of automobile fatalities per 100,000 population, and one of her cities Los Angeles, has the highest automobile death rate of any American city of more than 100,000. There were 889 fatalities in California last year, or 24.1 deaths per 100,000 population. Los Angeles' rate is 27.9, with 170 fatalities last year. This was a decrease from 24.4 in 1920 for California, and an increase for Los Angeles from 27.1. Mississippi has the lowest record for auto deaths, the rate being 2.7 per

100,000 population. South Carolina is second with 4.5.

Despite all their traffic police their safety commissions and their other efforts to minimize accidents the large cities present the highest death rate. Compared with the national death rate of 11.5 per 100,000 population, the death rate in 65 American cities last year was 15.6. The safest city in the United States is New Bedford, Mass. It decreased its automobile fatalities from 16 in 1918 to half that number in 1921, or 6.4 per 100,000.

New York State, with 1633 auto deaths in 1921, shows a death rate of

15.4. In the first nine months of 1922, the Empire State had 1219 fatalities. New York City's fatalities in 1921 totaled 896, or 15.6 per 100,000 residents, with 701 deaths up to October 1 as the 1922 toll.

Cities with the highest ratio of automobile fatalities, following Los Angeles, are: Youngstown, O., 24.3 per 100,000; Kansas City, 20.8; Chicago, 20.3; Albany, N. Y., 20; Bridgeport, Conn., 19.5; Lowell, Mass., 19.3.

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William P. Eno, international traffic authority. "I doubt that even official figures give a true picture of the extent of auto fatalities."

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The first 25 special scholarships will be allotted on or before Wednesday, December 13, and those students will start school Monday, December 14. THESE 25 RECEIVE A DISCOUNT OF 40 PER CENT.

The second 25 special scholarships will be allotted on or before January 2, and those students will start school January 2. THESE 25 RECEIVE A DISCOUNT OF 25 PER CENT.

Those who wish to take advantage of the 40 per cent discount or the 25 per cent discount but cannot start school on the days named may reserve a scholarship and start later.

The principal thing to do is to call at our office at once if you ever expect to take a business course and get all details as to courses of study, rates of tuition, etc. Such an offer as we are now making will never be made again. It is done for advertising purposes and to make the school a sizeable Institution from the start. Those who act first will get the benefit of it.

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CHURCH NEWS.

The Episcopal church ladies will hold their Guild meeting, Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Daiton Moore.

The Lamar Street Baptist church Ladies Aid Society will not hold a formal meeting Monday afternoon on account of the Worker's Conference being in session.

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Christian church will hold a business meeting Monday afternoon in connection with their regular Bible lesson, which will be led by Miss Mollie Musgrove.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The special musical numbers to be given at the Methodist church today will be at the 11 o'clock service. An anthem by the choir and a vocal duet by Mrs. Roy Scudday and Miss Ruby Hemby.

At the night service, Mrs. Scudday and Miss Hemby will sing "At Evening," by Frederick Jerome.

The Cutbirth Orchestra will play.

The social and business meeting of the Wesley Bible Class will be held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. A. Stewart, on E. N. 4th St.

Rev. Batsell Baxter of Abilene will hold two preaching services for the congregation of the Church of Christ today. The public is cordially invited.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The Christian Science congregation will hold their Sunday morning meeting at 11 o'clock this morning, location at 507 Cedar street. All members in the city are urged to attend and visitors are invited.

Wylie Embry. Address, "The unlimited atonement"—John Chapman. Hymn No. 224. Address, "Justification by faith and the witness of the Spirit"—Rev. J. C. Moore. Hymn No. 46. Announcements—Benediction. All young people of the city are cordially invited to hear the program.

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ADVENTUROUS CAREER ENDS

Houston Staff of Denton Noted Indian Fighter

By The United Press
DENTON, Texas, Dec. 9.—Adventurous and colorful as the career of a character in fiction was the life of Houston Stiff, native Texas who died at his home here recently.

Beginning his activities at the age of 14, as operator of an extensive sheep ranch, he became cowman, gold miner and turfman. The following of these picturesque vocations took him to the far places of the western world.

In 1883, when Yakul tribesmen of Northern Mexico were in the midst of their depredations, Stiff, becoming uneasy as to the safety of his brother who was the owner of a mine in the southern part of the Yaqui country, made a perilous passage through this danger-fraught region to discover that bandit murderers had slain his brother.

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er and overtook the five in the first of the Sierra Madre after a pursuit of many days.

He surprised the gang in the act of dividing his brother's property. He killed four of the brigands. The other escaped across the border into Texas and was eventually arrested, tried and hanged at San Antonio.

In the first year of the Klondike Gold Rush, Stiff went to Alaska and crossed the Chilcot Pass to the territory of the Golden Sands. On this expedition he was an associate of the late Col. J. Sheb Williams of Paris, Texas. He assisted in building and launching the setamboat "Clifford Stiffon", first

self-propelled craft to pass through the White Horse Rapids of the upper Yukon.

When racing was in its heyday in America, Houston Stiff was a familiar figure on the tracks from New Orleans to Windsor Canada. At various times he owned and trained some of the best thoroughbreds in this country. To the time of his death he was deeply interested in horses and racing.

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The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church have postponed their regular weekly meeting for Monday afternoon until Wednesday afternoon during the "Rally Day" when the society members are requested to bring all finished garments intended for the Buckner Orphan Home box to this meeting.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will meet Monday afternoon for Bible study in the following order: South Circle with Mrs. Hemby; West Circle with Mrs. J. M. Arnold; Central Circle, hostess to be chosen.

The Gleaners Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. F. J. Neal.

Rev. R. A. Stewart left Saturday for Big Springs where he will hold quarterly conference with the Methodist church today.

The members of Circle A of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church will meet Monday afternoon at home of Mrs. K. H. Hodges, but Circle A will not hold a meeting on account of their Japanese Sale at the Wright Annex building.



GIFT

The West Ward Parent-Teachers will hold their Christmas social meeting Wednesday afternoon at the school building, in connection with their regular business hour. All mothers who have children attending the West Ward school are cordially invited to be present and get better acquainted with the teachers and each other. Refreshments will be served.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

Program for this evening at 6:15 o'clock at the Methodist church in the basement auditorium.

Subject, "What we believe and why" Leader—C. L. Browning Jr. Hymn No. 61. Scripture reading, John II:17-27:41-46.—Leader.

Prayer—Mrs. E. V. Glass. Address, "What we believe and why"—C. L. Browning, Jr. Address, "Christian Perfection,"—



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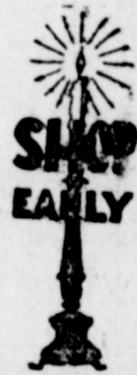


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