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PLAN FALL FAIR IN THIS COUNTY

Members Nolan County Farm Bureau Heartily Endorse Proposition at Annual Meeting Wednesday

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED
All Re-Elected With One Exception—Delegates For State Meeting at Dallas Elected

Preliminary plans for a Nolan County Fair to be held next fall in Sweetwater, election of officers for the two ensuing years and instructive motion pictures by the Homestead Film Company featured the fourth annual meeting of the Nolan County Farm Bureau Wednesday afternoon.

With one exception all officers were re-elected for the next term. H. O. Mueller was elected to succeed T. D. Wiman as director of precinct No. 1.

The following officers were elected: H. E. Lewellen, president; F. M. Lockett, vice president; G. A. Lackey, secretary-treasurer; E. O. Mueller, director of precinct No. 1; Elmer Jordan, director of precinct No. 4.

Five delegates were elected to attend the annual State Convention of the Farm Bureau to be held in Dallas December 15-16. They were: H. E. Lewellen, delegate who will have the voting power; F. M. Lockett, precinct No. 1; W. G. Oliver, precinct No. 2; George T. Cave, precinct No. 3; J. W. Alexander, precinct No. 4.

President Lewellen opened the meeting with an introductory talk in which he mentioned briefly results obtained by the Nolan County Farm Bureau. He was enthusiastically received by a large crowd which included many ladies. The president then introduced John A. McCurdy, secretary of the Board of City Development, who stressed the necessity of a Nolan County Fair and urged that farmers and business men of this county get together, co-operate to the fullest extent and intelligently compete with other West Texas counties. Secretary McCurdy spoke at length on the subject, concluding his speech with complimentary remarks on the splendid results obtained by the Nolan County Farm Bureau. He was roundly applauded.

Motion picture films, produced by the Homestead Film Company exclusively for the Farm Bureau and projected on a temporary screen, were instructive as well as interesting. Old and new methods of farm production depicted by scenes from various sections, with actual farmers substituting for actors, made a decided hit. The same picture will be shown Thursday afternoon at Blackwell, Friday at Dora, Saturday afternoon at Roscoe and Saturday night at Brownlea.

VERTHROW CABINET

Member New Cabinet Get Opposition Before Sworn In

By The United Press.
ATHENS, Greece, Jan. 10.—The Greek Cabinet formed by Premier M. Roussos at the request of the Venizelists, was overthrown before it had an opportunity to take the oath of office. Bitter opposition from the Moderates developed.

FIGHT CONTINUES

Bloodhounds Fail To Overtake Members Ashley Mobley Gang Desperadoes North Florida

By The United Press.
WEST PALM BEACH, Florida, Jan. 10.—Bloodhounds today failed to overtake members of the Ashley-Mobley gang that has held out more than twelve hours against a constant fire. The notorious band of desperadoes fled to an almost impenetrable waste in the Everglades and in the battle that ensued it was stated that John Ashley Sr., and Deputy Sheriff Fred Baker, of Palm Beach County, were killed.

Wesley Mobley, one of the leaders of the gang, was captured early Wednesday morning by Deputy Sheriff Hiram Lawrence. The running battle, which raged all day Wednesday, was said to still be in progress.

Willie Couch of Big Spring has come over to spend some time with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ross, and do some surveying work.

Coolidge Rebukes Members Shipping Board of Directors

By The United Press.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—President Coolidge today rebuked members of the United States Shipping Board for their failure to separate the Shipping Board and the Merchant Marine for the benefit of Lehigh C. Palmer, new head of the Fleet Corporation with full power to run the merchant fleet.

Coolidge had the members of the Board on the "carpet" at the White House and told them the resolution they adopted yesterday was unsatisfactory. They replied their resolution went as far as the laws would permit but under pressure promised to comply with the wishes of the President.

SUBMARINE RAMMED

By The United Press.
LONDON, Jan. 10.—The Submarine L-24 has been sunk in a collision off Portland, according to a statement issued by the British Admiralty. It is feared that all hands were lost. A crew of 38 men was carried.

CANT STOP GANG

Bandits in Philadelphia Raid Liquor Warehouse While Efforts To Clean-Up Town Are Made

By The United Press.
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 10.—At the moment Brigadier General Butler arrived at Police headquarters to request that officers speed up their efforts in a general clean-up of the city, six masked bandits attempted to rob a Government liquor warehouse but a few blocks away. The call for help reached the police but a few moments after the General had driven away.

In the height of the police drive, two holdups, in one of which a man was shot for resisting arrest, was reported today.

Chauffeur of Nina Wilcox Putnam Returns to His Wife

By The United Press.
NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—Ellsworth Bassett today formally resigned as the business representative of Nina Wilcox Putnam and left New York for his home at Madison, Conn. There he will seek a conference with Mrs. Bassett who charged that he had gone away after he and his novelist employer had suggested that she seek a divorce.

This action was taken in deference to Mrs. Putnam, who had suffered from her employment of him.

TROOPS TO STAY

Governor Small Refuses To Withdraw Militia From Williamson County When Dry Agents Object

By The United Press.
MARION, Ill., Jan. 10.—Governor George T. Small today refused to withdraw troops from Williamson County. He announced that the State troops would remain until all prohibition raiders had been driven out of Illinois.

Eleven warrants charging assault, larceny and assault and battery were sworn out by six men against S. Glenn Young, dry worker and ten of his "clean-up" assistants.

Five of the warrants were against Young. The six defendants have been arrested recently in the dry raids which resulted in three companies of militiamen being sent to this (Williamson) county, scene of the Herrin mine killings.

Weather

West Texas—Tonight and Friday generally fair and warmer.

Mrs. Tom Flack and little daughter, Louise, left Wednesday afternoon for Coleman, where they will visit Mr. Flack's uncle, Dr. N. B. Bowie and family for a few days.

ELECT BEALL AS PIONEER CITIZEN CLUB PRESIDENT OF COUNTY DIES

James Henry Beall Jr., W. E. Wade and J. A. McCurdy Are Officers of Sweetwater Club

MANY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
Members of Co-Operative Poultry Exchange and Boy Scout Executives Present—Successful Year

Election of officers, Boy Scouts activity, plans for the annual banquet, Jan. 18, coupled with the presence of many distinguished visitors, enlivened the semi-monthly Luncheon Club at the Wright Hotel Thursday.

James Henry Beall Jr., was elected president with W. E. Wade, vice president and John A. McCurdy, secretary. All were elected by acclamation amid thunderous applause. H. B. Allen was named as chairman for the next meeting by the newly made president.

Prominent among the visitors who responded with timely talks was G. C. Farris, of Ennis, Texas, who is president of the Texas Farm Bureau Federation. He spoke at length on the wonderful progress made by the Association and stressed particularly the importance of the Co-operative Poultry Exchange. Mr. Farris stated that the Federation, among other things, had been able to have a law passed concerning the pooling of poultry products that had been adopted by 28 states without a single correction and that it was in force in no less than 15 Texas co-operative associations.

Other members of the poultry exchange to be introduced by G. E. Lackey, secretary of the Nolan County Farm Bureau and who responded with short talks, included C. K. Pular, attorney for the Federation; Owen Holly, of Abilene, president of the Poultry Exchange; A. W. Bell, president of the Southwestern Association as well as vice president of the Poultry Exchange; C. E. Christ, manager of the San Angelo Poultry Association; Mr. Hall of Brady and Mr. Sheppard of Hamilton, representing the two newest members of the Exchange and B. W. Eaton, manager

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LEADER BANDIT GANG IS SLAIN

More Than 250 Robberies Cleaned Up By Confession of Gang Routed Up in Kansas City

LOOT TOTALED OVER \$20,000

Two Bank Robberies, Theft 100 Automobiles, and Raiding 150 Freight Cars Are Cleared Up

By The United Press.
KANSAS CITY, Jan. 10.—Confession to taking part in more than 250 robberies in which loot in excess of \$20,000 was taken, was given police today by members of the George Riley gang of bandits, after George Riley, leader of the gang had been trapped and killed in a rooming house during the affray, Lincoln Toyne, lieutenant of police was wounded.

The confessions involve several members of the police force and other men who worked with the gang. Robberies including two bank burglaries, theft of 100 automobiles, raids, on more than 150 freight cars and countless holdups.

To Fight Rum Runners

By The United Press.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Activities of the rum runners alone is responsible for continued violations of the Prohibition Laws, Secretary of Treasury Mellon said today in asking Director of the Budget Lord to keep his hands off an item of \$28,000,000 asked to be appropriated to build fast boats to cope with rum runners.

Tidwell in Baird

J. D. Tidwell, who recently disposed of his interest in the Jones Dry Goods Co., here, has taken charge of the Jones Store at Baird. Mrs. Tidwell will join him there shortly.

Add Bookkeeper

D. E. Cozart of Abilene has been added to the staff of the First National Bank as a bookkeeper.

Dick Howe Passes Away At Fifth Street Residence Early Thursday Morning—Aged 81 Years

CAME TO COUNTY IN 1876
Was Among Organizers of Nolan County and of Sweetwater in the Early Days

Dick Howe, who with I. S. Focht, Ben Jones and Hardin Buntun, was one of the first settlers of Sweetwater, died at his Fifth Street residence at 10:30 o'clock Thursday morning, aged 81 years. In failing health for some time past, he suffered a stroke of paralysis Saturday, pneumonia set in Wednesday which proved too much for the feeble frame.

Mr. Howe came to the United States from Ireland in the early days and when he was but a small child, landing in New Orleans. Various sections of the country were used as residence. He was living in South Texas when the Civil War broke out. He served as a member of a company from Texas.

In 1876 he came to Nolan County with the above named associates. Nolan County was frontier country truly in those days, with buffalo, Indians and other objectionable inhabitants far outnumbering anything else. Coleman was the nearest trading point, although Fort Worth was considered as the western edge of the frontier.

With others who came in later, Mr. Howe aided in the organization of Nolan County and of the city of Sweetwater. He sat on the first jury ever empaneled in the county, when Jess Chandler, an uncle of Miss Minnie Fowler as constable, arrested a mule driver for cruelty to his animal while working on a T-P construction gang.

On Jan. 1, 1883, he married Mrs. Hernald Otey Pearce. Six children survive. Two sons, Richard and Otey, and four daughters, Mrs. Faun Howell of California, Mrs. Fern Farquhar of Ranger, Mrs. Bert Mays of Merton and Miss Mollie Howe of this

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BEGIN RAIL RATE FIGHT IN SENATE

LaFollette Introduces Measure For Scientific Readjustment of Rail Road Freight Rates

ELECT MINORITY CHAIRMAN

Senatorial Deadlock Over Chairmanship Interstate Commerce Committee Broken

By The United Press.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Senator Robert M. LaFollette today opened his fight on railroad rates and the Each-Cummins railroad legislation by introducing a bill in the Senate to revise the present system of rate fixing.

He would make the system more scientific, he declared.

The bill was referred to the interstate Commerce Committee, of which Senator Smith has been made chairman.

Elect Democrats

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The deadlock in the senate over the choice of a chairman for the interstate commerce committee, which will handle all railroad legislation, was ended late yesterday by the election on the thirty-second ballot of Senator Ellison D. Smith, Democrat of South Carolina.

Smith's election was a terrific defeat for the Republican old guard, which stood from the first for the election of Senator Albert B. Cummins of Iowa, who was considered "safe" on the railroad question, from the standpoint viewpoint.

It was a decisive victory for Senator Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin, unrelenting foe of Cummins and of the Each-Cummins railroad law, which Cummins helped to frame.

For it was LaFollette who broke the deadlock. After two ballots earlier in the day had failed to bring about an election, LaFollette led five others in the insurgent Republican group over to Smith and on the third ballot brought about Smith's election.

Petition Neff To Commute Sentence of Ewell Morris

By The United Press.
AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 10.—J. L. Dunlap of Victoria today presented a petition to Governor Neff asking for a commutation of sentence for Ewell Morris to life imprisonment. Morris was given a sentence of death for murder in the Victoria court and if Governor Neff does not interfere he will be the first to meet death in the State electric chair.

Dunlap is an attorney and was appointed by the court to defend Morris. He has done so very vigorously. He wants a respite pending a review of Morris' insanity plea.

SNOW AT PORT ARTHUR

By The United Press.
PORT ARTHUR, Texas, Jan. 10.—Snow, preceded by hail, started falling here shortly before noon. It was the first time snow has fallen here in 25 years, old timers say.

BLIZZARD RAGES

Northern Nebraska In Grip Terrific Snow and Sleet Storm With Wires Down—Cars Can't Go

By The United Press.
OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 10.—A terrific blizzard is raging today throughout the State of Nebraska causing a discontinuation of street car service.

So heavy was the sleet and snow that practically all wire communication has been destroyed.

Nominate Gross

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—President Coolidge today sent to the Senate the nomination of Samuel L. Gross to be United States Marshal for Northern Texas District.

Muscle Shoals Is Bid For By Another Group Financiers

By The United Press.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Another offer has been made for Muscle Shoals today. The name of the new group bidding for this project was not revealed by Secretary Weeks who declared however that the interests were in no way connected with the Southern Power group who through the Alabama Power Company made an offer yesterday.

The new bidders plan the manufacture of fertilizer and have ample capital. Secretary Weeks stated that no arrangements had been made as yet for a meeting of the Federal Power Commission to consider the offer of the Alabama Co. Efforts are now being made to get Ford to renew his offer.

ANNUAL MEETING

Texas Bank and Trust Co., Declares Annual Dividend

Declaring a semi-annual dividend of five per cent, the election of Dr. H. C. Scott on the board of directors and the re-election of all other officers, featured the annual meeting of the Texas Bank & Trust Company. The following officers were re-elected:

G. E. Bradford, president; R. A. Ragland and T. L. Hughes, vice presidents; J. N. Dulaney and E. H. Hull, assistant cashiers. These officers, with Dr. H. C. Scott, will form the board of directors during the ensuing year.

Keeling to Dallas

By The United Press.
AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 10.—Attorney General W. A. Keeling left Austin today for Dallas and Fort Worth on official business, the nature of which he refused to disclose. He said the visit was not in connection with the anti-trust suits, however.

King Announces

ABILENE, Jan. 10.—Harry Tom King, former district judge of the 42nd judicial district, and widely known as a lawyer, announces his candidacy for the office of State senator from the 16th senatorial district.

MANY SUBSCRIBE FOR LOAN STOCK

Building and Loan Association Gets Away to Hearty Reception With Men of This City

MORE HOMES ARE NEEDED

More Money Subscribed Than Homes Can Be Built To Alleviate Housing Shortage Here

With the cry for more homes in Sweetwater becoming louder and louder the Board of Directors of the Sweetwater Building and Loan Association, after having successfully cleared the desk of a mass of preliminary details and with the charter safely tucked away, are preparing to launch an extensive stock-selling campaign. Numerous local business men have signified their intention to acquire stock in the Association, and the following have already signed applications for blocks of stock:

Rufus Wright, John T. Johnson, L. J. Geer, R. M. Simmons, Abe Levy, M. C. Manroe, W. E. Wade, John A. McCurdy, H. D. Humphries, R. K. McAdams, Moses Newman, S. I. Edwards, Joe H. Boothe, Roy Scudday, Kate Risinger, G. H. Sheppard, Minor Shutt, C. S. Boyles, R. C. Crane, J. B. Hawkins, Ernest and Ralph Wright, Cliff Baldwin, J. H. Tubbs, Walter Booths, J. H. Freeze, L. A. Ritter, B. C. McCall, Lane McCall, W. W. Davis, E. P. Doyle, Guy Morris, Granville Morris, H. B. Allen, Frank Murehison, Humphries Family, U. B. Newman, S. R. Malone, S. R. Cockrell, W. P. Freeman, J. H. Doscher.

"We appreciate the manner in which the business men are taking hold of this splendid proposition and if others will follow the example of those who have already subscribed, but a short time will be required to dispose of all the authorized saleable stock." Secretary John A. McCurdy, of the Board of City Development, stated Thursday. "The crying need of more homes in Sweetwater was never more apparent than at the present moment and it is distinctly up to the citizens of Sweetwater to get solidly behind the Building and Loan Association with both their energy and money."

Your name on the dotted line will more quickly bring physical evidence of the Association's work.

LADY KLAN SPEAKER

Mrs. Bloodworth of Fort Worth at Courthouse Friday Afternoon

Mrs. J. T. Bloodworth of Fort Worth, holding a high place in the Ladies of the Ku Klux Klan will be here and will deliver an address to all ladies of Sweetwater and vicinity who would care to hear of the principles of that order and about the facts of that organization on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the Courthouse auditorium.

The meeting will be open to the public, but the ladies especially are invited and expected to be present. And it is said that no obligation whatever will be incurred by coming. Mrs. Bloodworth is said to be a very interesting and forceful talker and is said to be in every way worthy of a full house and close attention to what she has to say.

REDUCING GRADE

List and Gifford Expect to Complete Grade Reduction Work on T-P West of Town Next Week

Completion of the grade section work on the Roscoe hill of the T-P west of town is scheduled for the latter part of the coming week, according to the engineers on the job.

The big steam shovel operated by List and Gifford on the work, that handles from 1,200 to 1,500 cubic yards of earth a day in its huge jaws, 3 1/2 yards in one bite, has made short work of the proposition. This in spite of the fact that an unexpected lot of explosive was encountered. A lot of explosive was encountered. Dirt removed from the grade is used to fill at other points and build up the road bed and dump.

Build Warehouse

W. E. Henderson was granted a permit to build a warehouse in Block 24, to cost \$4,500, by City Secretary W. H. Bartlett. John Meyers is the contractor.

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STONE MOUNTAIN

Stone Mountain is a big granite block over in Georgia. Seven miles in circumference at its base, it towers hundreds of feet in the air, big, rugged, massive. It has stood there for untold ages past, with its outlines softened and rounded just a little by the action of the elements and unworried by the frequent lightning crashes which have bombarded it—for it is a favorite target for aerial artillery.

Somebody conceived the idea of making this mountain a Memorial to the Lost Cause. It may never be known who had the idea at first. But Daughters of the Confederacy, with the faithfulness that only devoted women know, imported Gutzon Borglum from his Connecticut home to look the proposition over. They wanted a tablet to the Lost Cause engraved on that mountain.

The famous sculptor came and looked and kept on looking. He impatiently rejected the idea of that tablet, for in his great brain was slowly forming the outlines of something far grander.

His ideas are now slowly taking shape on the sheer north wall of Stone Mountain. Gigantic horsemen, as tall as a 16-story building are being carved out in bas relief. And when the work is completed, as it will be in ten or fifteen years from now, the army of the Confederacy, led by its immortal heroes, will pass in endless review for the inspiration of generations to come.

A thousand generations from now that deathless memorial will stand. It excels in size, in grandeur of conception and in matchless detail of its working out, anything that has ever been done before and the Sphinx and Pyramids, the Parthenon and the other wonders of bygone days pale in comparison beside it. Before he started Stone Mountain, Gutzon Borglum was known as the greatest sculptor of the United States. His latest work will place him ahead of Phidias no less than the builder of the Laocoon, and the other sculptors who made so glorious the ancient days of Greece, Italy and Egypt.

PIONEER CITIZEN DIES

(Continued from first page) city. All were present at the time of death.

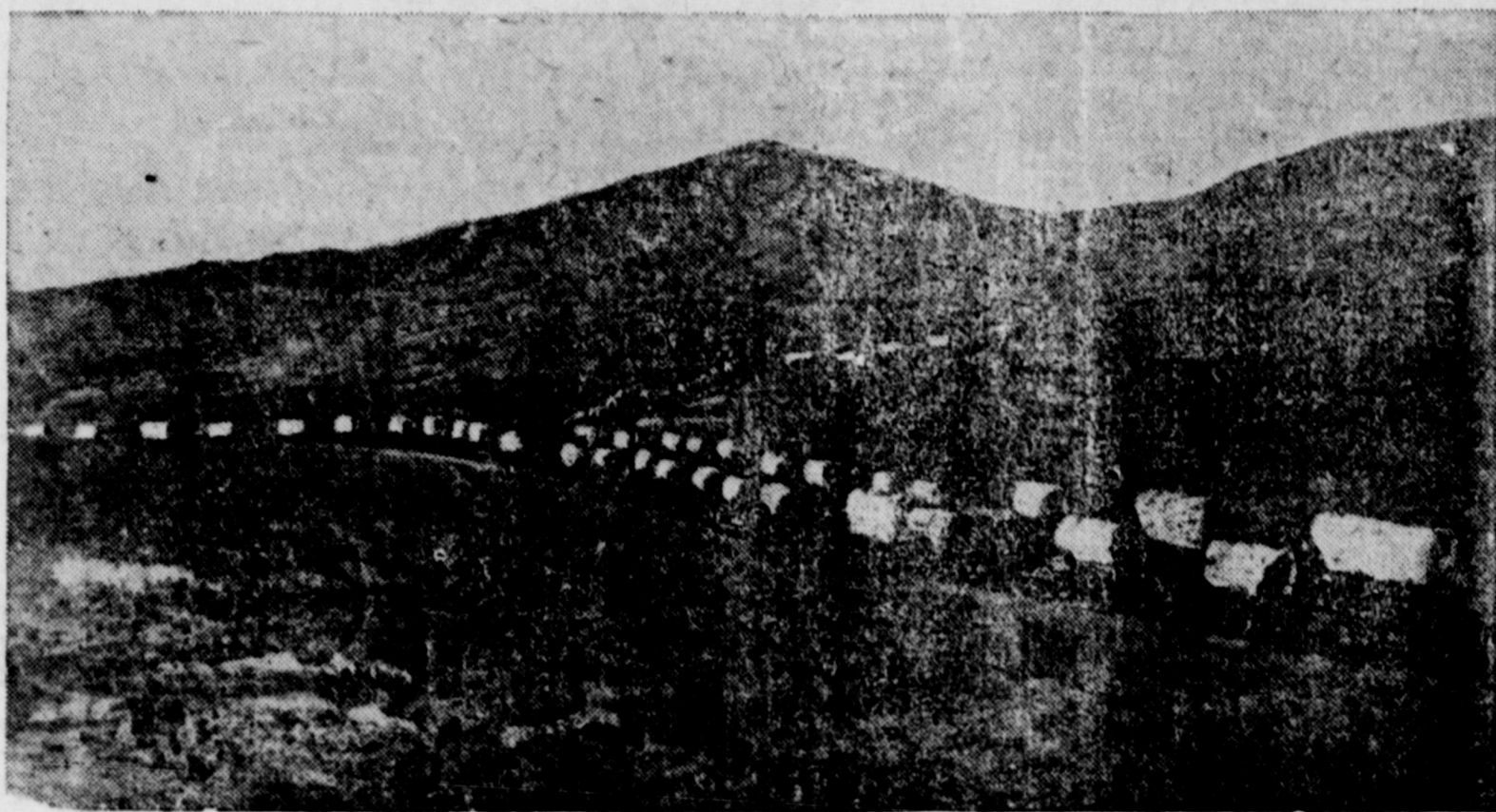
The funeral will be held Friday with Rev. D. B. Hestir preaching the funeral sermon and the Masonic Lodge, of which he was a member, in charge. Confederate veterans will attend as honorary pall-bearers.

In addition to his city property, Mr. Howe owned the Howe Ranch, comprising more than 3,000 acres in Nolan County. In recent years he had disposed of much of his holdings.

Mr. Howe was a member of Giddings Cavalry Regiment, an exclusively Texas organization. One engagement at the Brazos near Velasco was fought some weeks after the close of hostilities, there being no telegraph service in those days and the close of the war not having reached that far.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home.

Mrs. W. H. Boyd accompanied by her daughter, Miss Velma, of Huddell, left last night for Denison to visit her daughter, Mrs. Homer McGee and family. She has been visiting the family of her brother, M. D. Willis and will visit at Dallas, Hico and Eastland before returning home.



A Scene From "The Covered Wagon"

ELECT BEALL

(Continued from page 1) of the local branch of the poultry association.

John A. McCurdy, secretary of the Board of City Development, responded to the visitor's remarks and then spoke of the success accomplished by the men interested in Boy Scout work. The Four County Scout Council not only has been organized but the charter has been received. Mitchell, Scurry, Fisher and Nolan are the counties represented. Mr. McCurdy thanked the Luncheon Club for the work accomplished by its members and introduced W. C. Barcus, formerly scout executive of Tyler and Dallas. Mr. Barcus complimented Sweetwater on having so many officers elected on the scout board and spoke of the wonderful work to be accomplished by the combined efforts of the Luncheon Club members.

Secretary McCurdy announced that the Annual Luncheon Club Banquet would be held at the Wright Hotel Friday night, January 18, and extended a cordial invitation to all members and their families and to every citizen of Sweetwater interested in the welfare of the city. He called attention to the fact that it was to be a grand get-together affair in which much good could be accomplished.

Much interest was shown in the statement by Secretary McCurdy that the Luncheon Club, during the past year, had entertained more than 300 visitors without requesting a single contribution and had a balance in the treasury. He reviewed briefly the work accomplished by the club. The announcement that an extensive campaign for new members was to be launched immediately met with the entire approval of all present.

IRION KICKS

Another County Bucks at New State Highway Law

SAN ANGELO, Texas, Jan. 10.—A temporary injunction restraining Frank E. Herk Irion county tax collector, from remitting the state's portion of motor license fees to the state Highway Department was granted here late yesterday by District Judge Charles Dubois. Hearing on a final decision was set for the March term of court at Sherwood.

Plaintiffs, twenty-six Irion county citizens, assert the county will not receive a just proportionate part of the fees, totaling about \$2,000 inasmuch as there is no designated highway through Irion County.

The suit does not attack the validity of the new State law, but alleges disposition of the money under the law violates the United States Constitution.

POULTRY EXCHANGE MEETS

After having been the guests of the Sweetwater Luncheon Club at its semi-monthly luncheon Trustees of the Texas Farm Bureau Poultry Exchange held a regular meeting at the Wright Hotel this afternoon.

Although the headquarters of the Exchange are at Dallas most of its regular meetings are held in West Texas on account of the fact that a majority of its products are marketed from points west of Fort Worth.

Owen Holly, of Abilene, president of the Exchange and vice president W. R. Bell, of Snyder, presided.

Chas. W. Amstead and Fred Tennant, president and general manager respectively of the Amstead Mfg Co. of Dallas, visited the Dabney Motor Co., Wednesday enroute to New Mexico, Arizona and California.

AMUSEMENTS

Covered Wagon

J. Warren Kerrigan, who plays the leading role in "The Covered Wagon," the Paramount production, was born in Louisville, Ky., on July 25, 1882, a stage career which carried him all over the United States. He appeared in leads with the Spooner Stock Company, and then with Shuberts. In 1911 he entered pictures, Essanay making him a star from the beginning. After two years off the screen he was induced to return for the part of Will Banion in "The Covered Wagon." Kerrigan is not married, his name is the same as in private life, and his permanent address is Hollywood.

When James Cruze was making "The Covered Wagon," the Paramount picture, on location in Utah, the whiskers and hair of the men in the picture—most of them—grew and grew, as the great cross-continent journey of the wagon train progressed.

Charles Ogle, as captain of the train, developed a wonderful growth and one day a tiny girl belonging to one of the "families" inhabiting the covered wagon passed before him and looking admirably at his flowing locks. Finally she mustered up courage:

"Are you Santa Claus?" she asked.

Ogle looked startled for the moment and then beamed. "Yes," he answered, "what would you like for Christmas?"

The child named a long list and soon was joined by a number of other girls who looked with awe on the good natured "Santa Claus."

Lois Wilson, who plays the role of Molly Wingate, in the Paramount production of "The Covered Wagon," has appeared in such outstanding successes as "Manslaughter," "Miss Lulu Bett," "Midsummer Madness" and "What Every Woman Knows." She was also recently seen here in "Only 35."

Still Going Strong

"How long did it take your wife to learn to drive?"

"It will be ten years this coming September."

GOOD COTTON CROP

W. A. Elliott of Dora Raised 20 Bales On 43 Acres This Year

Twenty bales of cotton from 43 acres is the result of W. A. Elliott at Dora this year, he said while in Sweetwater Wednesday. His place was right at the edge of the area visited by the hail last spring.

His neighbors in the hail area who poisoned the worms made a good crop of cotton while those who did not failed to make a crop. Mr. Elliott told of two men on adjoining places. One staid at work, put out poison and made several thousand acres from his crop. The other was discouraged at the appearance of his field and went to work at Merkel. The worms ate his cotton and he made nothing.

"The only damage from hail that I could see was that it delayed the crop visited by it," Mr. Elliott said, adding that right after the hail had swept an area, it looked as if nothing at all were left.

Farmers around Dora are just beginning to plow this week. The ground is just getting in shape so it can be worked.

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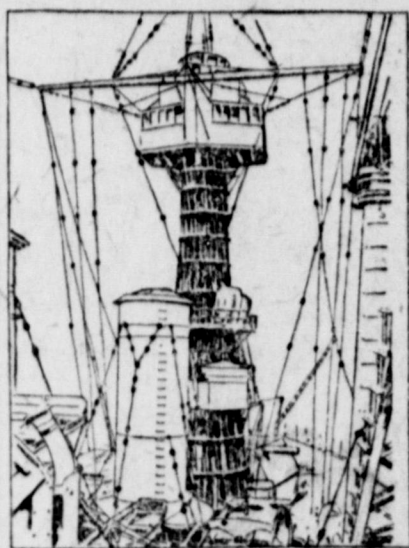
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What the World Is Doing

AS SEEN BY POPULAR MECHANICS MAGAZINE

Insulators on Warship Like Strings of Beads

Every rope and stay of the "Colorado," Uncle Sam's new electrically driven warship, is thoroughly insulated, the knobs



giving it the appearance of being decorated with strings of large beads. Because of the great amount of current generated aboard the vessel and also because the radio is so necessary for its guidance, no electrical leakages can be permitted anywhere aboard. According to navy officials, the craft is one of the best insulated ships afloat.

Cities Half Century Hence to be "Built in Air"

Moving the calendar ahead fifty years, some noted experts see American cities with towering skyscrapers beside which even the tallest and most beautiful buildings of today will seem very ordinary. Even the small towns will have structures as large as those now considered huge. Street traffic will have been almost eliminated, workers will travel in subways, dirigibles, or on elevated roads at high speed. The telephone will have added improvements. Radio sets will be essential in every office and home. Houses will be heated by electricity in a few man-

Rastus—Ah wants a divorce. Dat woman jes' talk, talk, talk, day an' night. Ah can't get no rest and dat talk ah drivin' me crazy.

Young Lawyer—What does she talk about?

She doan' say.

utes, and little coal will be used in either houses or office buildings. The camera will have been discarded for pocket motion-picture outfits, and "movies" in the theaters will have been given speech. College students will report their lessons by wireless and ministers will broadcast their sermons.

Automatic Gear to Replace Clutch in Autos

In the invention in England of an automatic automobile gear, which dispenses with the clutch, gear box, and the usual type of rear-drive axle, certain engineers see the beginning of a new era in the industry that will be marked by many revolutionary changes in the vehicle's mechanism. The device is said to instantly adjust itself to loads and grades without attention from the driver.

Phone Receiver Held to Ear by Bracket; Frees Hands

Free use of both hands is permitted a person using a telephone equipped with a folding steel arm recently invented, that holds the receiver to the ear. Clamped to the stand, it is easily adjusted to any position desired. With a single movement of the arm, the receiver hook is raised to signal the operator. To dis-



connect, the hooker is folded back. Its weight is counterbalanced by a plate fitted under the telephone.

Day of Prayer Observed

Instead of the regular program Monday afternoon, the ladies of the First Baptist Church condensed their Week of Prayer into one all-day program and carried it out Monday at the church, beginning at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. J. A. Mullins arranged the program which was on Foreign Missions, as follows:

Hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers."

Devotional service—Dr. Morony, leader.

W. M. U. watchword, "He that wrought us for this very thing," re-

A Ski Toboggan

The exhilarating sport of sliding downhill on the snow crust has much to commend it. It also has its dangers, as the crust softens toward spring, and a heavy sled is liable to break through, catapulting its passengers headlong into the frozen snow, which breaks up and presents jagged cutting edges capable of in-



flicting considerable injury. A sled that is so built as to practically eliminate this danger is shown in the drawing.

It is made from a pair of old skis, securely fastened together by means of three crosspieces and two diagonal braces, as shown in the upper details. The top board and foot rail are attached to the framework by means of wood screws, and a hole is drilled through the end of each ski to take a 1/4-in. rope. This sled will slide just as easily and just as far as any other sled, and will not break through the snow crust, or turn over, due to the width of the runners. It is also light in weight and can be easily managed by children.

Cleaning an Oil-Soaked Belt

To clean an oil-soaked belt, coil the belt loosely in a box or tub and fill the box with whiting, being sure to get the whiting between the surfaces for the entire length. Let it remain thus overnight, and the whiting will absorb the oil and leave the belt clean.

peated in concert.

Reading, "The Story of Lottie Moon"—Mrs. W. B. Crenshaw.

Leaflet, China—Mrs. Lee Rudd.

Talk, "The comparative importance of prayer and giving"—Mrs. Harry Bondies.

Prayer, "That God would lay it on the hearts of women to pray regularly for our missionaries"—Mrs. Dan Herndon.

Leaflet, Japan—Mrs. William Fomby.

Song, "How Firm a Foundation."

Adjourned at noon for sandwich luncheon, at the church.

New Bucilla Embroidery Packages

A big and complete line for Spring—Exquisite patterns, something different that will appeal to the lovers of handwork! Dainty charming little dresses for the children, all stamped ready to make. Instructions with each package—any mother can make her child one of these beautiful little dresses at small cost.

BE SURE TO SEE THE NEW SPRING LINE

Sweetwater Dry Goods Co.



LADIES AND MEN'S WEAR
THE STORE AHEAD

Special Women's Missionary Hymn.

The Lord's Prayer in concert.

Bible incidents of prevailing prayer, Mrs. R. S. Embry.

Leaflet, Mexico—Mrs. Ola Miller.

Talk, "The Light of Mexico's New Day"—Mrs. Tom Farris.

Song "The Morning Light is Breaking."

Leaflet, Africa—Mrs. L. D. Levy.

Call for Lottie Moon offering for missions.

At the conclusion of the program Mrs. L. D. Terry presided over the business part of the meeting.

The Rebekah Lodge will hold their regular meeting at the I. O. O. F. hall at 7 o'clock Friday evening.

Members are urged to note early meeting hour.

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Definite Arrangement

A tailor had called to collect his bill frequently, but without success. Finally in desperation, he said vehemently:

"Mr. Jones, I must insist that you make some definite arrangement with me."

"Why, surely," replied Mr. Jones, agreeably. "Let's see. Well, suppose you call every Thursday morning."

Milly—I wouldn't marry you if you were the last man in the world.

Billy—of course not. You'd be killed in the rush.

"Those eggs you sent me were very ripe."

"How do you know?" Asked the grocer.

"A little bird told me."

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Organized 24 Years Paid 164 Calls Defaulted In None!

Such is the record of the Denton County Home Relief Association as evinced by the following statement from G. W. Saunders, secretary, Dec. 15, 1923:

"We have been organized 24 years, have paid 164 calls and defaulted in none. We now call for assessment No. 165 and 166 owing to the death of two members—amount due from each member \$2.00."

G. W. SAUNDERS, Sec.

Your Sweetwater Association has not been in operation 24 year but it has paid every claim is growing every day and now has over 1,300 members. There's a reason for this steady growth, talk to

W. W. Davis Sec.

SWEETWATER MUTUAL LIFE ASSOCIATION

The best way to begin a California winter



Fred Harvey "all the way"

Santa Fe superior service and scenery plus Fred Harvey meals—your assurance of a pleasant trip
Pullmans via Grand Canyon National Park—open all the year

Pullman reservations and details
C. B. Robertson, Agent
SWEETWATER, TEXAS
Or Write
T. B. Callahan
General Passenger Agent
Amarillo, Texas

DON'T MISS THE COVERED WAGON

GOOD SERVICE

Our Coffee Shop is operated on a sensible basis. Reasonable Prices and Fair Portions. The volume of business we are now doing enables us to sell you a \$5.00 Coupon Book for \$4.25

WRIGHT COFFEE SHOP

Cliff Baldwin, Steward



And, it's worth insuring when you're SURE of A-1 Service and companies.

D. A. CLARK
INSURANCE & BONDS
BY THE SWEETWATER TRADING COMPANY
PHONE 103

CLASSIFIED ADS

For immediate results on real estate for sale, rooms for rent, lost articles etc., use the Sweetwater Daily Reporter Want Ad Columns. They bring the seller and the buyer together. It will profit you to tell your wants in a classified ad for you are certain of a favorable answer from a favorable source.

Sweetwater Daily Reporter

This Tremendous Market Reached Daily

Classified Section

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—Three unfurnished or partly furnished rooms at 506 Walnut street. Phone 559. 288-tfc

FOR RENT—Six-room house, closets, glassed-in porch and double garage, suitable for two families. Known as old Dan Childress place on Lamar St. Mrs. C. C. Davis. 291-tsp

FOR RENT—Furnished bedrooms, close in. Phone 494. 290-3tdp

MISCELLANEOUS.

STOP THAT ITCHING

Use Blue-Star Remedy for Eczema, Itch, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Ring Worms, Chapped Face, Poison Oak, Sunburns, Old Sores, or Sores on Children. It relieves all forms of Sore Feet. For sale by Bowen Drug Store.

IF YOU WANT—to sell or exchange your household goods, phone us. We will pay cash for used furniture or stoves. R. Andrews Furniture Store, Phone 596 286-tfdc

COAL! COAL!!

For the best grades of coal phone S. Edwards Gain Co., Phone 142. 233-tfc

All of us are either going to die or grow old. Southwestern Life Insurance policies fill the need in either case. Joe H. Boothe, Agent, Sweetwater, Texas. 286-6tdc

WANTED—To buy a good second-hand tent. Call 654. 291-tfdc

Buy your cake from the Mary-Marthas Saturday at their sale at the Piggly-Wiggly Store. Will have them in variety and at reasonable prices.

APARTMENT WANTED—By couple with no children, prefer two or three furnished rooms, close to post-office. Phone 95. 291-2tdc

BARGAIN TYPEWRITERS—\$3.00 down, balance like rent. Abilene Typewriter Exchange, Royal and Corona Agents. 288-6tdp

\$ BIG MONEY \$
Is being offered to Draught-trained men and women every day. Positions secured or money refunded. Catalog and Contract free. Address: Sweetwater College at Abilene or W. J. calls now. 291-3tdp

HAS A SON

Les Is Father of Six and Half Pound Boy

Thin air and with his in the well known pointer pigeon, Les Kearney announced in general and Sweetwater that he is the pro of a bouncing, six and one boy.

who is named L. T. Tuesday morning at 6:30 I son are resting we

has returned from building a new de- Pe. pot.

MISS THE COVERED WAGON

CALLED MEETING

All Master Masons are urged to attend a called meeting Friday afternoon at two o'clock at the Masonic Temple for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Brother Howe.

M. C. MANROE, W. M. GEO. McKNIGHT, Sec.

EGGS, EGGS—Feed Purina Hen Chow with Chicken Chowder. You get more eggs or your money back. S. Edwards Grain Co. 288-tfc

FOR SALE—Twelve span work mules; ten teams, extra good work horses. Will be held for inspection at Farmers' Wagon Yard all this week. C. G. Cochran & Sons. 290-tfc

RUNNELS PROSPEROUS

Optimistic Outlook With Demand For Farms and Homes Increasing

Special to The Reporter. BALLINGER, Texas, Jan. 10.—Runnels County is experiencing the biggest building boom that she has had since the palmy days of 1900 when homes sprung up like mushrooms all over the county and when thousands of acres of land were turned under to be planted for the first time.

The building in the city proper has been gradual during the past year. A number of new homes have been completed. At the present time there is not a vacant house in Ballinger or in any other town in the county and the demand for farms by renters is ever increasing.

Good crops during the past few years, coupled with the high price received for cotton, has made it possible for farmers to carry out building programs and has created a demand for additional homes.

U. D. C. MEET

The United Daughters of the Confederacy held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon, in the auditorium of the Courthouse, with a representative number of members present.

Mrs. R. C. Crane occupied the chair. Mrs. R. C. Ledford gave an interesting talk on observing Lee's and Jackson's birthdays and plans for program were discussed. The ladies decided to hold all future meetings at the courthouse.

All ladies of the city who are eligible to membership are extended a cordial invitation to join.

Parent-Teacher Social Meeting

The ladies of the West Ward Parent-Teacher Association held a social meeting at the school building Wednesday afternoon, with a large majority of the members present.

Mrs. George Baker, association

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Any Time -- Any Place
Phone 556



Political Announcements

The following announce their candidacy for the various offices named below, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries:

For Tax Collector: JIM BUTLER
MISS WILLIE ELLIOTT Re-election

For Tax Assessor H. P. HARKINS re-election

For Public Weigher LLOYD ROGERS, re-election

FOR COUNTY JUDGE A. S. MAUZEY re-election

FOR COMMISSIONER-Precinct 1 W. H. THOMPSON, re-election.

FOR SHERIFF Jack YARBROUGH re-election.

COUNTY CLERK Gus FARRAR, re-election.

SUPERINTENDENT Public Instruction. Miss Minnie FOWLER, re-election.

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY R. D. COX, Jr., re-election.

FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE, Precinct 1 I. W. BRASHEAR, re-election.

For District Clerk DAN CHILDRESS, Re-Election

For County Treasurer W. T. HIGHTOWER, Re-Election

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Marriage Licenses

Walter Ernest Plunkett and Miss Martha Jewel Younger of Roscoe. Phillip Gonzales and Garvilia Cierra of Eskota were granted marriage licenses by County Clerk Gus Farrar.

Mrs. Milton Adams and two children of Abilene, arrived last night to spend a few days visiting her mother, Mrs. S. Z. Williams. She and Mr. Adams spent the Christmas holidays at Mobile, Ala., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Adams, who formerly lived here.

president, occupied the chair and conducted the program as follows:

Reading, "Mandy at the Telephone"—Miss Georgia Sheppard.

Talk on work planned by the Ladies Auxiliary to the City Board of Development, and the relation the Auxiliary occupies toward real city development—Mrs. Willard Gibson.

Music in the schools—Mrs. R. C. Ledford.

What Work and Play Do For the Child—Mrs. George Massey.

It was voted to co-operate in entertaining the meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of the 6th district here in April. During the social hour followed the program, sandwiches and chocolate were enjoyed.

Deposits Increase

COLORADO, Texas, Jan. 10.—The Colorado National and City National Banks reported deposits totaling \$2,584,817.30 at the close of business December 31. Thirty days prior to that date deposits at the two banks aggregated \$3,000,000.00, but heavy payments in liquidation of land notes by farmers reduced this amount more than \$400,000. During one day recently one of these banks paid \$100,000 in land notes.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Gray of Ada, Okla., who are visiting in Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. J. Bradburn, have gone to Big Spring today.

JANUARY 16th

R and R Palace

ONE DAY ONLY

THE GREAT AMERICAN PICTURE AT LAST!

THE **COVERED WAGON**

APARAMOUNT PRODUCTION

FROM EMERSON HOUGH'S GREAT STORY OF THE DAYS OF '49

ORCHESTRA OF 20 SOLOISTS

PRICES: MATINEE 50c - \$1.25 NIGHT 50c - \$1.50 PLUS TAX.

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When better shows are shown in Sweetwater R and R will show them

Organ Music **R and R PALACE** Perfect Projection
"West Texas' Finest Theater."

TODAY

From Booth Tarkington's Famous Novel

"Cameo Kirby"

—He was a Mississippi Gambler—But in the great game of life and love he proved himself all man.

Also

Lige Conley in "BACKFIRE."

Show opens at 2 P. M.

Adults 30c Children 10c

R and R QUEEN

TODAY and THURSDAY

VIOLA DANA in

"LOVE IN THE DARK"

An exciting Comedy-drama with a laugh for every thrill.

Also

A Two-Reel Western Picture

Adults 25c Children 10c

awaken your appetite

The delightful, spicy fragrance of a morning cup of White Swan Coffee awakens the appetite to keen enjoyment of the flavor. The first delicious cup makes breakfast a pronounced success.

Try it today — one and three pound full weight cans — whole or ground — at your grocer's.

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