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WORLD POPULATION NOW 1,804,187,631 NEW YORK IN LEAD

Berlin, May 20.—Scattered over the face of the earth is a total population of 1,804,187,631, only 7 per cent of which is in cities of more than 100,000 inhabitants, according to statistics compiled here and based largely on 1922 census reports. Only thirty of the seventy nations listed have cities of or above the 100,000 class, which is the lowest counted within the classification of "large cities."

Approximately 40,000,000 of the globe's inhabitants live in the eighteen centers having a million residents or more each. About 90,000,000 live in the smaller large cities, of which there are only 393 in the whole world. The average large city is said to number 320,000 souls. From these figures, it is stated, every forty-fifth human resides in cities housing millions, while every fourteenth finds his home in a large city of some sort.

New York is given as the largest city in the world, with a population of 5,620,048. London is placed second with 4,483,249 and Berlin third with 3,803,770.

Europe leads the continents in point of population. It has six cities in the million class—London, Berlin, Paris, Glasgow, Vienna and Moscow, and 193 with more than 100,000 inhabitants. Of the European countries, England has fifty-three large cities, Germany forty-five, Italy sixteen, France fifteen and Russia fifteen.

It is considered surprising that Asia has more large cities than North America. Six of the ninety-two Asiatic cities house more than a million apiece. These are Shantung, Hankau, Calcutta, Bombay, Tokio and Osaka. British-India is credited with thirty large cities; China has twenty, so far as available records show, and Japan's number nineteen, including three in her foreign possessions.

North America follows Asia with seventy-nine large cities. Four of these—New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and Mexico City—are placed in the million class. Of the nations on that continent, the United States leads with sixty-eight large cities, twelve of which record more than a half-million inhabitants.

Twenty-four large cities are located in South America, Brazil having thirteen. Buenos Aires and Rio De Janeiro are the only million-resident centers.

Australia counts eight large cities, none of which runs up into a million.

Junior-Senior Picnic.

Wednesday night, May 16, the Seniors were entertained by the Juniors with a picnic and swimming party at Cook's Lake. The crowd assembled at the school house, and from there we departed in cars. When we arrived at the lake, many flew straight for the bath houses, and then went with a plunge into the lake. Some amused themselves by going boat riding, others playing games. The sun was sinking, and our appetite was rising so we thought it was time to eat. We all ran for the club house, where on a long table, beneath a large shady tree, was spread a very appetizing lunch. Before eating, the Seniors gave the Juniors fifteen rags, and were answered by the Juniors. Cheers were also given to our

lovable host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cook, who had befriended us so, and who also were our chaperones. After we had eaten to our heart's content, we spent the rest of the evening playing games. As it was getting to be a late hour, we thought it time to depart. After telling our host and hostess what an enjoyable evening we had spent, and also expressing our thanks to the Juniors for the lovely time they had shown us, we bade goodnight to them and departed with the hope of spending another such enjoyable evening. A Guest.

MASONIC LECTURE WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The first lecture of the Masonic Service and Education Association was held in the high school auditorium Wednesday night of last week with all lodges of the county participating.

The subject was on the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, and was ably handled by Hon. Henry Edwards of Troup, one of the executive chairmen of the Masonic Service and Educational Association of Texas. Hon. John LeGory, district deputy grand master for the 23rd district, introduced the speaker in his own happy way which was appreciated by the membership present. The lecture was illustrated by two reels of motion pictures on "a citizen's duty to his government." More than two hundred members of this fraternity enjoyed the lecture and pictures and are looking forward to the second lecture of the series which will be given about the middle of June.

The operation of the motion picture machine was ably handled by J. C. Shotwell and H. J. Trube Jr. and the presenting of the program was under the direction of W. P. Bishop, vice chairman for this district.

Mr. Edwards is recognized as one of the state's best citizens—is editor and publisher of the Troup Banner and a past president of the Texas Press Association. During his short stay here he made many warm friends who hope to have the pleasure and honor of again entertaining him in the very near future. He is giving his service gratis to this laudable work and is one of the leading members of the Masonic fraternity, and as a result of his long and faithful service to this order received the 33rd degree honorary last year.

Picture Show Party.

Thursday night, May 17, a picture show party was given for the seniors by Mr. Powell. We all assembled before the picture show at about 7:30. Before entering we were presented with whistles, tied with the class colors, lavender and pink. We all marched in before the lights went off, so as the senior class might be displayed. The picture being shown was Dorothy Dalton in "Moran of the Lady Letty." The picture proved to be a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. We all departed after telling Mr. Powell what a lovely evening we had spent. After all had assembled on the outside, cheers were given for Mr. Powell. Then we all bade each other "good night." A Guest.

Donald McDonald, superintendent of the Crockett city schools, will go to Denton to teach in the summer normal school.

SHARPER HAS NEW WAY OF GETTING MONEY FROM BANK

Temple, Texas, May 19.—Two local banks were victimized by a sharper with a brand new confidence game, it is said. The operator, assuming the role of a laborer, attired in overalls and army shoes, with rumpled hair, smutty face and greasy hands, was apparently an honest mechanic.

Approaching the paying teller's window he would say: "They tell me my balance is \$22.22 and if you don't mind I'll just give you a check for it." When a blank check was shoved toward him he would glance at his hands from which he was wiping grease with oily waste and request the teller to fill out the check.

Investigation later showed that the stranger had no account at either bank.

NEGRO WHIPPED SATURDAY NIGHT

Peter Smith, negro, was taken by a number of unmasked men from a street in the lower part of town at an early hour Saturday night, forced into an automobile, driven out of town and severely whipped, it is currently and casually reported. The work was done so quickly that no one had an opportunity of ascertaining who the men were, but they are said to have been white. Peter Smith had made some suggestive remark to a member of a white family. The better class of negroes will endorse the job done by the white people as a good one.

Peter Smith has an unsavory reputation. It is said that he was once tried for raping a young girl of his own color and that he has served a term in the penitentiary. At the time of his arrest on the rape charge he gave the officers considerable trouble by resisting. Sheriff R. J. Spence, with the assistance of two men whom he called to his aid, made the arrest after a hand-to-hand scuffle with the negro, in which the negro was repeatedly knocked down with a six-shooter. Finally beaten down and overpowered, the negro was hog-tied by the three men and taken to jail.

It is said that Peter Smith made a desperate resistance on Saturday night of last week, but he was seized so quickly and forcibly that his resistance was easily overcome. His cries attracted attention to a bunch of men in speeding automobiles, but the dust obscured the vision and the automobiles were lost sight of. The scene of the whipping was unknown, as was also the extent of the culprit's injuries. It is said that Peter prefers to not say, if he knows, who whipped him.

Mrs. R. S. Hooks Dead.

Mrs. R. S. Hooks died at the family home in Pennington Saturday, May 12. Funeral services were held at the Pennington cemetery on Sunday afternoon following. The religious service was conducted by Rev. Robert Hodges, the Methodist pastor. Mrs. Hooks was a long-time member of the Methodist church. Mrs. Hooks, whose maiden

name was Mary Elizabeth Bradley, was born in Alabama October 21, 1860. She came when very young with her family to Texas and located at Pennington, where the family continued to reside. When a young woman she married Mr. R. S. Hooks, then a young man of Pennington whose people also came from Alabama. Mr. and Mrs. Hooks continued to make their home in Pennington, where they were prominent in the religious, educational and industrial affairs of the community.

Mrs. Hooks leaves two sons, Oscar and Lacy Hooks, who are engaged in business in Crockett. She also leaves two brothers and a sister, who are: H. M. Bradley of Groveton, W. A. Bradley of Troy, Ala., and Mrs. W. A. Dominy of Alto.

SOME NEWS OF THE CROCKETT OIL FIELD

The Porter Oil Company, headed by Mr. George L. Porter of this city, held a reorganization meeting on Monday of this week, at which reorganization was effected and the capital stock increased. The new organization will have ample funds to fulfill the plans contemplated by the old organization in making a thorough test for oil in the Crockett field. It is believed that the drill will be again started in the Porter well by June 1. This is the well which now holds the stuck drill stem. This drill stem will be cleaned out a part of the way and gone around the remainder.

The Driskell well is drilling around 3500 feet. The operators of this well expect to get into the paying sand within the next few hundred feet. Indications are sufficiently encouraging to justify the fullest test for oil, promoters believe.

OLDEST WOMAN IN TEXAS DIES; AGE 112

San Antonio, Tex., May 19.—Juanita Flores de Casanova, 112 years old, believed to be the oldest woman in Southwest Texas, died at the family home in San Antonio Friday. For several months previous to her death she had been bedridden as a result of a fall in which her leg was broken and her head badly injured.

Mrs. Casanova came of a long lived race according to relatives. Her mother lived to be 110 years old. Her father was 90 when he died and one of her sisters lived to be 100. Mrs. Casanova's husband also lived to be 90.

The Casanova family lived in the federal district of Mexico in the town of La Resurrection in the late 40's of the last century. Antonio Casanova was a soldier and during the war between the United States and Mexico served in the Mexican army with the rank of captain.

Buy Lock and Dam.

Smith Brothers of this city have bought from the national government the lock and dam at Hurricane Shoals on the Trinity river west of Crockett. Mr. F. A. Smith of the firm, when asked as to what his plans are regarding the property, said that he did not yet know. The Courier has heard it stated on the outside that the firm may put a bridge there, utilizing the lock and dam in that way.

CHURCH BRANCHES FAIL TO AGREE ON EVOLUTION THEORY

PRESBYTERIAN, U. S. A.,
FOR IT; CUMBERLAND
BODY OPPOSED.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 22.—William Jennings Bryan was defeated and evolutionists scored a victory today when the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States of America defeated the Commoner's resolution to bar schools permitting the teaching of the evolutionary hypothesis from use of church funds.

A rising vote was taken on the question of substituting Mr. Baer's resolution for Mr. Bryan's and the evolutionists apparently were in the majority by more than two to one. On the question of final adoption only one dissenting voice was heard.

Defeat on the question of evolution followed a day of successes for Mr. Bryan and his followers in the assembly. They won three victories, the first when the delegates adopted his resolution requesting every minister, church official, church members and the faculties and students of Presbyterian schools to sign the pledge of total abstinence. The assembly also reiterated its policy that no part of educational funds shall go to any school employing an instructor who is not a Christian, and voted to urge State officials to prohibit attacks on the Christian religion by instructors in State universities and colleges.

The educational committee had declined to approve the latter resolution, offered by Rev. Thomas V. Moore, professor of systematic theology at San Francisco Theological seminary, and likewise rejected the Bryan resolution on evolution, so both were brought in by their authors as minority reports.

The Commoner spoke for nearly an hour, ridiculing the Darwinian theory.

OKLAHOMA STORM TAKES HUGE TOLL; CHILD LOSES LIFE

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 22.—Reports trickling in tonight from flooded sections in Western Oklahoma confirmed earlier advices that damage running into millions of dollars had resulted from a heavy storm which isolated that section of the State yesterday and last night.

Crops and live stock were the hardest hit, according to the reports. Rain, at some places reaching cloudburst proportions, and raging rivers, destroyed the productivity of thousands of acres of farm lands.

Roads were virtually impassable but some progress was made during the day in re-establishing wire and rail communication.

A sullen sky today threatened the fury of the elements in the stricken district again, but tonight the federal weather bureau here predicted that the grip of the storm was broken.

Two tornadoes followed late this afternoon in the wake of yesterday's torrential rains and high winds. They were in widely separated regions.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Good milch cow for sale. See Nat Patton. It.

S. T. Allee has returned from his recent trip to Tennessee.

Miss Katherine Hassell has returned from Dallas, her school having expired.

Mrs. W. T. Branch of Houston spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. T. B. Monk.

Earl Sallas, who has been in Arizona for some time, is making the home folks a visit.

Wanted. Peas and peanuts. It. Jas. S. Shivers.

Miss Lucile Howard of Grapeland is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Berry.

Mrs. L. V. Jacobi and little son of Nacogdoches are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Allee, in this city.

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Send in those winter clothes and let us clean them and put them away in a nice clothes bag. B. R. Purcell, Your Tailor, Phone 359. It.

You are invited to attend the piano recital given by pupils of Miss Lucy Roye DeuPree, in the school auditorium, May 29th, at 8 p. m. It.

Members of the Crockett Masonic lodge visited the Lovelady lodge Monday night. These neighborly visits have been going on for some time.

For Sale. 1922 Ford roadster with starter, everything in good condition, new set of casings just put on, \$220.00. See or write W. F. Harrison, 2t. Kennard, Texas.

Coming Again. Dr. G. Ward Shelfer, Optometrist of Dallas, will be at Bishop's drug store again Saturday, June 9th. Eyes examined, glasses fitted, prices right. 2t.

Dr. G. Ward Shelfer, Optometrist of Dallas, who has been coming to Grapeland and Crockett for years, will be at D. N. Leaverton's drug store, Grapeland, Texas, Friday, June 8th, and at W. P. Bishop's drug store, Crockett, Saturday, June 9th. Eyes examined, glasses fitted, prices right. 2t.

Miss Archie Mae Satterwhite has returned from visiting friends in Tyler.

Wanted. Peas and peanuts. It. Jas. S. Shivers.

Saturday Marriage. Mr. Homer Sanders and Miss Annie Mae Shotwell were married near Crockett Saturday evening by Rev. S. F. Tenney, the Presbyterian pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders have the best wishes of our people.

Notice. Having sold our saw and planing mill, at Cut, Texas, we will retire from the saw mill and lumber business, and will cancel our charter, and do hereby appoint H. Brooke as our agent to close the affairs of the company, who will collect all accounts and bills due us, and will settle all claims against the company of whatsoever nature. Brooke-Morris Lumber Co. It. By H. Brooke, President.

Brings News from the Home Town. Palestine, Texas, May 21st, 1923.

Mr. W. W. Aiken, Crockett, Texas. Dear Sir and Friend: Please find enclosed my check for one dollar and fifty cents, as subscription for this year. I am always glad to get the Courier, for it still brings lots of interesting news from the home town.

Best wishes for your success, I am Very truly yours, J. D. Blair.

Teachers Entertained. Mrs. Mike McCarty was hostess to the Methodist primary teachers Wednesday afternoon, May 16. All teachers present except one, and one new member was added to our number. Mrs. Tom Hairston, who is musician for the primary department at present, also had several visitors whom we welcomed gladly. The rooms were prettily decorated with ferns and roses. Were entertained for a while by Mrs. McCarty's two charming daughters. Bernice played several numbers on the violin, accompanied by her sister, Pearl, on the piano. This was enjoyed by all. We then proceeded with our regular work. Business was dispensed with and devotional taken up, our lesson being the Deity of Christ.

Delicious ice cream and cake were served as an aftermath. Reporter.

Bird Sunday, May 27.

Primary department, First Baptist Sunday school, will be as follows:

"Bob-o-link," kindergarten class.

Coleridge on "Birds," Ann Kiesling.

"The Birds and Their Eggs," Dan Kennedy.

"Bird Song," Primary Department.

Reading, "Our Birds," Class No. 4.

Song, "God's Works," Primary Department.

Reading, "The Sparrow's Broken Wing," Merle Lee.

Bible Quotations on Birds, Class No. 5.

Reading, "Birds of Palestine," B. L. Satterwhite Jr.

Reading, "Birds of Our Country," Robert Allen.

Reading, "Birds of Summer Time," Albertine Smith.

Song, "Goodbye," Primary Department.

Come be with the children of the primary and beginners' department, among the birds and flowers.

CROCKETT THEATRE

First Night Show Starts at 7:45 p. m. Promptly

PROGRAM FOR WEEK OF MAY 28 TO JUNE 2

To the Patrons of the Crockett Theatre.

I wish to say I have again bought the Paramount pictures, also the First National, the two best and strongest companies in Filmdom.

I bought these pictures with the sole view of pleasing my patrons and hope you will not be displeased in them. Will start the first of June and continue through the summer and fall. Come out and we will try to make you comfortable while you are being entertained.

MONDAY, JUNE 2
"BREEZY JIM"
With Crane Wilbur and Juanita Hansen

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TUESDAY, MAY 29
Jane Novak and Roy Stewart in "THE SNOWSHOE TRAIL"
It will lead you into the most thrilling adventure, the most wonderful romance, the greatest excitement, everything that means big enjoyment! Matinee 3:30.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30
"THE DUST FLOWER"
With Helene Chadwick, Claude Gillingwater and James Rennie.

The story of a modern Cinderella. The tenement girl whom he married in his hour of desperation. The society beauty who begged him to come back. It is a tender recital of romance. It is a rugged message of faith.

THURSDAY, MAY 31
Mr. and Mrs. Carter De Haven in "THE GIRL IN THE TAXI"

Mrs. Wife, hang on to your your hubby! Steer him clear of "The Girl in the Taxi." She'll beat him, cheat him, eat him out of a year's pay in one hour. She's Broadway's wickedest vamp—with a pile of style and a mile of guile. She'll run him right to Reno and use your marriage certificate to start a bonfire with his bankroll.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1
Thomas Meighan in "BACK HOME AND BROKE"
A Paramount Picture

A picture that appeals to everybody with a home town and a sense of humor. More laughs to the reel than any comedy ever produced. And a real "home town" romance. Lila Lee heads the exceptional supporting cast.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2
Priscilla Dean in "THE FLAME OF LIFE"

See dynamic Dean flash like a comet across the screen. See her when she defends the man she loves against the man who would wreck his career! See her when she descends into an inferno of raging flame, falling walls, into a bedlam of fear-crazed men, seeking the one creature who had been her friend—had taught her that Life was something more than an uphill battle against odds! Matinee 2:30. Special Music.

JOINT COMMITTEE SOUGHT TO TRIM APPROPRIATIONS

Austin, Texas, May 22.—Concurrent resolution, asking for appointment of a joint committee to decide upon a program of appropriation reductions or of new revenue bills or both to make appropriations come under available revenues, was offered in the senate by Davis of Dallas, and was adopted after lengthy debate by Senators Davis, Woods, Floyd and Holbrook. Senator Holbrook declared that that reductions of \$3,000,000 could be made in appropriations already passed, "without crippling the State." He favored restoring old salary scales, declaring that the State should not increase any salaries at this time.

Senator Bledsoe charged opposition voiced against any new revenue bills as "inspired propaganda."

The house went on record today as opposed to consideration of any measures in the present session that are not strictly revenue bills when it voted 58 to 46 to sustain a point of order that the Collins chiropractic bill is not within the governor's call. The action kills the bill, which was brought out of committee on a favorable minority report. It proposed to levy a \$25 annual occupation tax on chiropractors, and in addition provided for establishment of a State board for licensing chiropractors.

Speaker Seagler announced the outcome of the vote would be a guide for similar questions on other bills.

Repeal of the act creating the Texas Technological college carrying with it an appropriation, is proposed in a bill introduced today by Representative Fields.

MONEY TO LOAN
BUY VENDOR LEIN NOTES.
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE.
B. B. WARFIELD
CROCKETT, TEXAS.

STANLEY BALDWIN SUCCEEDS AS HEAD OF THE MINISTRY

London, May 22. — Stanley Baldwin, chancellor of the exchequer, is the British prime minister in succession to Andrew Bonar Law. Having followed the constitutional practice and ascertaining the views of the conservative leaders through the medium of his secretary, Lord Stamfordham, who had been busy since Sunday in necessary consultations, the king came to town today and without further delay offered the vacant premiership to Mr. Baldwin, who accepted.

That a man comparatively new to politics thus comes to the first position in the nation's councils, passing over well-tryed and experienced statesmen like Marquis Curzon and the earl of Balfour, indicates the change which has taken place on the political stage with the rise for the first time in the county's history of the labor party to the position of his majesty's opposition in parliament.

It was the fact of nonrepresentation of labor in the lords which ruled Curzon out as a possible prime minister, in the opinion of the majority of the conservative leaders.

The most engrossing questions before the British public tonight are: What will be the personnel of the new ministry, and what will be the policy of the new prime minister, especially in the Ruhr and as relates to Russia?

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**EDITORIALS BY
COL. R. T. MILNER**

What the Former A. & M. President Writes in the Rusk County News.

RICH OF OIL.

Oil has made many Texans rich during the last few years, and there is great hope and expectation that many others will soon emerge from poverty to great affluence. But there has been so much fraud practiced through so-called oil stock companies that the masses of the people are almost afraid of the shadow of an oil man. Now, there are oil men and oil men. These fellows that you have been reading about swindling the public are not oil men. They are men who deal in fictitious stocks, selling no values whatever, and nothing based on values. They are not wild-cat promoters, because they promote nothing. They bore no wells, and those who are boring wells are not responsible for them. Boring for oil is a legitimate business, just as much so as planting and cultivating cotton. And the time to look out for "oil sharks" is after an oil field has been established. Then is when the swindlers make their appearance, and the legitimate oil men have no way of protecting the public against them. They are the sort that follow circuses through the country to rob and swindle the public. The circuses have no way of preventing these nimble-fingered gentry from being on hand on circus day. So it is with the oil swindlers. The honest oil men, those who drill wells, bring in the oil and establish the field, have no way of keeping out the swindlers. If a person will keep his senses with him he will never be swindled by an oil man, because an oil man is not in the swindling business. They, as a rule, are honorable men, learned in the science of geology, skilled in mechanics, and in love with their profession. But the swindler is just a swindler and nothing else.

HARDING AND THE WORLD COURT.

Mr. Harding is perfectly consistent on the world court question. His party advocated it in the platform. Harding advocated it in the campaign. It is a matter of history that the Republican party has always been a "world power" party. In all of its experiences on foreign questions it has favored going into entangling alliances if necessary. McKinley favored expansion, imperial expansion, and his party went wild on the subject. On the other hand the Democratic party has from its beginning opposed imperialism. Thomas Jefferson was the first man who laid down the doctrine of "no entangling alliances with foreign nations." And from his time up to Wilson's second term the Democratic party stood like a solid wall against anything that sounded like entanglements; and Mr. Wilson during his first term came out in no unmistakable language against entanglements with Europe.

But the war utterly turned the whole trend of thought as it operated in the heads of men whose sudden achievements were far beyond anything of which they had ever dreamed.

The fight two years ago was against the League of Nations. It overshadowed every other issue. Domestic questions were forced aside. Mr. Harding, no doubt, believed that it might strengthen his cause to keep the traditions of his party on foreign questions from dying altogether, so he told the people in his campaign that his party still was in favor of world court.

But the thing that frightened the American voters was the League of Nations, and so they mustered all their strength against it, and snowed it under by a majority of ten million

votes, knowing that minor things like the world court could be attended to later.

Now they are ready to marshal their forces against it, and convince the world that the body, mind and soul of the American people have returned to the house of the fathers; that the old house feels mighty comfortable and looks most beautiful after sleeping out with strange bed-fellows so long, and wandering in strange and devious paths. "Gloria in excelsis!"

If He Mistreats His Neighbor He Will Deceive His Tenants.

It is a sorry man who permits himself to meddle with the tenants of his neighbor. It sometimes occurs that a man who has land to rent will seek to make his neighbor's tenants dissatisfied by questionable methods so as to produce a change in landlords, the meddlesome neighbor hoping by such means to profit by his chicanery. Over here in Eastern Texas nearly every business man is loaded down with farms and is constantly in need of tenants. He is naturally looking out for the best tenant in the country, and if he is not a very conscientious man he will find himself going beyond the rules of propriety and decency to decoy tenants away from his country neighbor. A man who will treat his fellowman that way will mistreat his tenants. Tenants should not feel themselves under obligations to one landlord any more than another, but there should be a standard of honor among landlords, and it is a very low standard which will permit meddling. Even family ties have been broken to the injury of all parties concerned by outsiders meddling. Divorces and things like that have resulted from meddling.

It hath been said that our public highways, automobiles and feed stuff consume nearly all the money that cometh into our pockets. But a change is coming gradually, because many people are learning more sense than to follow in the footsteps of the extravagant and thoughtless humans that seem to live for the present moment. Wisdom hath not departed from all the heads that wear hats and bonnets. There will be better times when human thought shall follow along the path of common horse sense. We are not paying taxes to educate boys and girls for nothing. Intelligence is the only thing that will change affairs.

No man can tell just how many acres we have increased in cotton, but it is a plenty.

Uses Stringent Method to Curb Errant Husband.

Durant, Okla., May 14.—Oklahoma women sometimes use stringent methods to curb errant husbands.

This was proven by Mrs. Ona Calloway of this city, who obtained a deputy sheriff's commission and started a search for her husband who had disappeared.

Mrs. Calloway strapped on a big six-gun, and trailed her husband through five western and southwestern States, and finally brought him back to face trial and charges of wife and child desertion.

Mrs. Calloway charged that her husband had grown tired of his family life. One day she found he had packed his grip and departed.

Then, she said, the chase started. Calloway's trail led by a round-about way to Denver, Colo., and still more round-about to Amarillo, Texas, where he was overtaken.

Mrs. Calloway told her troubles to the Amarillo sheriff, who gave her a deputy sheriff badge. She found her husband, she said, and sticking the barrel of her six-gun in his ribs, informed him he was under arrest.

Calloway waived extradition, and accompanied his wife back here where charges had been placed against him.

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**RESPONSIBILITY OF
KEEPING WITHIN
PRESENT REVENUE**

Dallas, Tex., May 19.—Declaring that Governor Neff ought to bring appropriations within existing revenues by the free use of the veto power, former Governor O. B. Colquitt has given out a statement in which he declares that the present legislature has appropriated to higher education alone more than was appropriated for all state purposes in the first two years of his administration, and that there is available to the free schools, without help from the general revenue and without further tax legislation, more money per capita than ever before. The text of the statement follows:

"The governor can trim appropriations so as to bring them within the revenue. And means of arriving at what the revenue will be under existing law is available to him. He has the power to veto any part or all of any appropriation bill if the amounts are excessive, or for any other reason. In 1895 Culbertson vetoed the entire appropriation because it exceeded what he believed was sufficient, and as finally passed it carried \$4,744,225 for the two years of 1895 and 1896. The tax rates were then fixed by the legislature and the democratic governor and legislature had as critic a very aggressive populist party which made them slow to make extravagant appropriations.

"The Austin dispatches say the appropriations as passed carry a total for the higher institutions of learning of \$11,921,924 for the two year beginning Sept. 1, 1923. This is \$1,317,542 more than the thirty-second legislature appropriated for the first two years of my admission, Sept. 1, 1911, to Aug. 31, 1923, for all purposes. During the sessions of the thirty-third legislature, covering my second term, vast appropriations were made and I vetoed over \$10,000,000 of them, and yet, I believe, the state affairs were efficiently administered."

George E. Darsey Jr. Married.

George E. Darsey Jr., accompanied by his mother, left Monday afternoon for Cooper, where on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock he was married to Miss Maggie Combs of that city. They will return to Grapeland the latter part of the week.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. R. L. Combs of Cooper and a niece of Mr. Leon Anderson of this city. She is a graduate nurse and up until a few weeks ago was superintendent on the third floor of the Paris Sanitarium. She enjoys the friendship of a wide cir-

cle of friends in both Paris and Cooper, her home city. In choosing Mr. Darsey as her life companion, she captured a splendid young man and one of our best young citizens, who enjoys the respect and confidence of our people.

We join their friends in congratulations and best wishes for a long life of wedded bliss.—Grapeland Messenger.

Why is it that many business men will waste much of their valuable time in trying to save a few cents? It seems that they are willing to spend two dollars worth of their money to get some other business man to come down a dollar in price. Anything to get a lower price is the idea, whether a real saving in dollars and cents is effected or not.

At one time sneezing was regarded as a sign of good luck.

The sun gives 800,000 times more light than the moon.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Houston.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Houston County, on the 1st day of May, A. D. 1923, by A. B. Smith, Clerk of said Court, for the sum of Ninety-Seven and 50-100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of Oklahoma Farm Mortgage Company, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 6057, and styled Oklahoma Farm Mortgage Company vs. S. F. Maples and Adelia Maples, placed in my hands for service, I, O. B. Hale, as Sheriff of Houston County, Texas, did, on the 1st day of May, A. D. 1923, levy on certain Real Estate situated in Houston County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Being a part of the Burrell Morris survey and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the south west corner of Clinkscales 200 acres tract Post Oak and Pine for bearing trees.

Thence south 46, west 426 vrs., corner Post Oak 18 in. brs. S. 22, W. 1.8 vrs. Hickory 8 in. brs. S. 53, E. 1.8 vrs.

Thence north 31½, west 218 vrs., cross gully C. N. W. 315 vrs. cross same C. N. W. 995 cross Spring Branch C. S. W. 1159 vrs. near gully black gum 10 in. brs. 18, W. 1.2 vrs. Mulberry 12 brs. S. 51, E. 3 vrs.

Thence with Gully general course North 58½, East 416 vrs., corner Mulberry 5 in. brs. S. 51, E. 3.6 vrs., Lynn 6 in. brs. N. 15, E. 2.6 vrs.

Thence south 31½, East with Clinkscales line 1057 vrs. to place of beginning, containing eighty (80) acres of land, more or less, and levied upon as the property of S. F. Maples and Adelia Maples, and that on the first Tuesday in June, A. D. 1923, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door of Houston County, in the City of Crockett, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said S. F. Maples and Adelia Maples.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Crockett Courier, a newspaper published in Houston County.

Witness my hand, this 1st day of May, A. D. 1923. O. B. Hale, Sheriff, Houston County, Texas.

By J. L. English, Deputy. St.



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CLARA PHILLIPS IS TAKEN AFTER SIX MONTHS SEARCH

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, May 19.—The woman being held here as Clara Phillips, the Los Angeles "hammer murderess," was positively identified by Deputy Sheriff Walter J. Hunter, who arrived here from California. She will be taken back to Los Angeles, where she broke jail last December, aboard the steamer Colomba leaving Amapala May 30.

The prisoner has completely broken down. All today she attempted to bribe police officials to help her to escape.

Declares Innocence.

In an interview with the Associated Press correspondent in her cell today, Mrs. Phillips protested her innocence vehemently, charging that Alberta Meadows had been killed by Peggy Caffee. She declared her husband had turned State's evidence. He and Peggy were responsible for her conviction, she said.

In Mexico she declared she met a former friend, Jess Carson, who compelled her by force to leave with him for Honduras, which country he declared had no extradition treaty with the United States. Carson is now in the Tegucigalpa penitentiary.

Search for Clara Phillips, former Houston woman, has engaged police of nearly all of the Americas as well as the United States for months. At various times she has been reported in custody in Mexico, Panama and elsewhere. But each time the rumors proved groundless.

Authorities of Mexico apparently made a painstaking attempt to apprehend her during her stay in the Southern republic. The \$10,000 reward offered by the municipality of Los Angeles, together with the proffer of California authorities to surrender the son of a prominent Mexican politician, were the incentives for the effort.

A sister of the youth languishing in the California jail trailed the jail-breaker through the States of Chihuahua, Durango, Nueva Leon and Tamaulipas, only to learn after months of sleuthing that her quarry had boarded ship at New Orleans for some South or Central American port.

Process of elimination narrowed the destination of Clara to Tegucigalpa, authorities of which were warned of her coming. And she and her associates were detained promptly upon

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the arrival of their ship.

Carson Is Business Man.

Followed a period of uncertainty. All of the Phillips party protested their innocence; the man known as Jess Carson claimed to be a New Orleans financier with business interests in Mexico and Honduras. At a little family hotel in the Crescent City, it was said that Carson had kept a room there for years and that he was indeed what he protested himself to be—an American of some means with interests in the southern republic.

Descriptions and photographs forwarded to California, however, convinced authorities there that their long search was at an end. Only remained the task of bringing her back to United States soil.

This task finally was delegated to Undersheriff Hunter of Los Angeles county, who promised to use every precaution not to let his slippery prisoner elude him on the trip home.

Clara Phillips' brother and step-father live in Houston. The former is on the payroll of the city. She herself lived here until a few years ago when, following her marriage to Phillips, she removed to the California city with him. She is about 26 years old.

Farm Labor Union Resolution.

Whereas there are men traveling over the country making public speeches in which they use vulgar and obscene language and taking subscriptions for newspapers in name of Labor Unions.

And whereas we, the Houston county division of the Farm Labor Union of America in session at Arbor Grove, April 7, 1923, go on record as condemning any language in a public address in the presence of our boys that their mothers and sisters should blush to hear.

Resolve further that we recommend to our membership at large that when they come in contact with people claiming to represent the Farm Labor Union, that they demand of them to show their authority for same.

Submitted by

J. M. Carlton,
W. M. Chrisner,
G. E. Hartley,

Committee on Good of the Order, and endorsed by county union.

Automobile Turns Over; Two Seriously Injured.

Wichita Falls, Tex., May 19.—Physicians here hold out little hope for the recovery of Carter B. Rahl, local oil operator, and Eddie Dotey, oil worker, a negro, who were injured this morning when an automobile in which they were riding turned over on the Henrietta road a short distance east of the city. Both sustained fractured skulls and internal injuries.

Rahl, A. D. Fletcher and three negro oil field workers were returning to the city when the accident occurred. An attempt to take a sharp curve at too high speed was held responsible for the accident. The automobile was completely wrecked.

DAVIDSON IN FAVOR OF SLASHING APPROPRIATIONS

URGES QUICK ACTION BY LEGISLATURE IN FIN- ISHING ITS WORK.

Austin, Texas, May 19.—Reduction of appropriations made by the legislature, approximately \$6,000,000, and enactment of an income tax law was proposed by Lieutenant Governor W. T. Davidson as a means of meeting a prospective state deficiency of \$10,000,000 during the next two years in a statement issued tonight. To enact many more revenue measures would be detrimental to Texas industries, the lieutenant governor said.

The following reductions in appropriations were proposed: General educational bill, \$2,000,000; rural aid, \$1,000,000; emergency school aid, \$2,000,000; reclamation and flood control, \$400,000, and departmental appropriations, \$600,000. The latter could be accomplished, Davidson said, by the governor trimming down traveling expenses and other miscellaneous appropriations to state departments.

Davidson estimated that an income tax would bring \$3,000,000 annually and other revenue measures already passed \$1,000,000. The senate president urged speedy action by the present legislature to prevent an extended session.

A PREVENTABLE DISASTER.

Words are inadequate to picture the horror of a tragedy such as that in South Carolina which Thursday night claimed the lives of seventy-three persons, the majority of them children. Schoolhouse fires have taken a fearful toll in this country. Hardly a year passes that one does not read of a school building turned into a funeral pyre. Fortunately the death list seldom reaches the tragic proportions of that in the little South Carolina rural community, where in some instances whole families were wiped out.

Someone was to blame. Someone is always to blame when a crowd of people is caught in a death trap inadequately provided with means of escape. Perhaps the responsibility rests primarily on the state for failure to make and enforce laws regulating the construction of school buildings and the provision of fire escapes. Certainly local school authorities are due a measure of censure, whatever the requirements of the state laws. Such laws are apt to be enforced with laxity, if at all, in rural communities. Doubtless no one had ever thought of the horrible possibility that suddenly became a reality. The next school building in that community, we may be sure, will have fire exits that will be available in every emergency. But it will be too late for the victims of this disaster.

There are hundreds of school buildings in this country, flimsy wooden structures with narrow stairways, where, under the same conditions, the holocaust at Cleveland would be repeated. That more such tragedies do not occur is due to good fortune rather than foresight.

The death list probably would have been negligible had the crowd been composed entirely of adults. Children can not be expected to have the same presence of mind as their elders.

Even grown folks are not immune from unreasoning panic in time of danger.

Texas has made rapid strides in the past few years toward making its school buildings safe. A good many buildings probably still lack the safeguards they ought to have.—Galveston News.

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DONALD McDONALD GOES TO DENTON

Denton, Texas, May 15.—Supt. Donald McDonald of the Crockett schools will be a member of the faculty of the North Texas State Teachers College at Denton for the summer quarter of 1923, teaching in the department of history. Mr. McDonald has held a similar position in the Denton summer school for several summers past.

The attendance on the summer sessions of the Denton Teachers College for the last few years has been from 2500 to 3000 students. As this is considerably larger than the enrollment for the long session it necessitates an increase in the faculty for the summer sessions, and the additional teachers are usually chosen from the faculties of the larger high schools of Texas, and from those of the colleges of Texas and other states. Among the school men and women who will be members of the forthcoming summer quarter faculty of the Denton Teachers College are: Dr. H. L. Hughes, from the faculty of Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Virginia; Prof. A. G. Sanders, A. M., from the faculty of Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi; Miss Ruth Hubbell, A. M., from the faculty of Ewing College, Ewing, Illinois; Supt. J. C. Pyle of the Sherman city schools; Supt. L. T. Cook of the Breckenridge city schools; Supt. W. L. Willis of Sulphur Springs; Dean Hugh Porter of the Junior College, Wichita Falls; Supt. J. P. Glasgow of Marshall; Supt. Donald McDonald of Crockett; Supt. J. M. Smith of El Campo; Supt. L. F. Connell of Honey Grove; Supt. W. T. Doggett of Denton, and others.

The 1923 summer school will open June 6, and will run for twelve weeks. During the summer quarter, a student may do

one full term's work in any of the four classes or either of the two subcollegiate classes. In addition to the regular credit work, the Teacher's College maintains a normal section which runs for eight weeks from June 6, for students desiring review work preparatory to examinations by the State Superintendent for certificates.

Practically the entire faculty employed during the long session is retained during the summer session, and the force is augmented by prominent school men and women of the state, so that it numbers more than 120.

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FIFTY FIRE VICTIMS BURIED IN GRAVE; 73 LIVES ARE LOST

Camden, S. C., May 18.—Tragedy, stalking in the wake of comedy, today had turned Kershaw county into a county of mourning.

As the aftermath of "Topsy Turvy," a commencement play of the Cleveland school, eight miles from here, at least 73 persons, including whole families, are dead and many are injured.

Most of the victims were buried late today. More than 50 bodies of the persons who lost their lives in the holocaust were buried in one grave.

Governor Thomas G. McLeod, who early today had sent his secretary here as a personal representative, decided later to come himself, and he with scores of other South Carolinians stood bare-headed as the bodies were lowered into the grave not far from the spot where they lost their lives.

In the school house last night as the play reached its climax, an oil lamp on the stage overturned and exploded. In an instant the stage was a mass of flames. Panic seized the audience of 300 parents, brothers, sisters and relatives of the graduating class, come to honor the youngsters that had crowded the little auditorium.

There was a concerted rush for the single exit that led to a narrow, wooden stairway. The weight of the mass was too much for the steps and they collapsed, hurling scores in a tangled mass, numbers being crushed to death.

Fire Spreads Rapidly.

In a breath, it seemed to persons who escaped, the entire building was wrapped in flames. And within an hour the building

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was little more than a heap of smouldering ashes, the funeral pyre of more than three and a half score of Kershaw county's citizens.

Nearly every home in Kershaw county was affected by the disaster. Many persons from Camden had gone to witness the playlet and some of these are numbered among the victims. Five injured are in the hospital here, but all are too badly hurt to talk about it.

The Cleveland school is located in the center of a fertile section, but sparsely populated. The road leading to the scene is little more than a one way path, along the edge of a plowed field. Hundreds of automobiles and buggies were passing to and fro marking the route to the scene where the tragedy occurred.

In the panic, which followed the explosion, little effort apparently was made to fight the flames which quickly communicated to the dry timber of the little 40-foot frame school building. Mothers with children in their arms were tramped under foot. Young and old fought alike for exit.

When the stairway collapsed, many were impaled on the jagged timbers and others were pinned down by the weight of bodies above them. Those who had made their way of the building turned at once to aid the victims, but they found little opportunity to do so, the only exit except windows being cut off.

Jump from Windows.

Seeing the hopelessness of their position a number of persons jumped from the windows, suffering broken bones and injuries. Several mothers hurled their children into eager hands below.

Forty-one children, 16 men and 15 women, including a negro nurse, were burned to death and two young white men are missing, and in some cases because all members of families lost their lives bodies remain unclaimed.

THE TOURIST AS A NUISANCE.

From some of the cities favored by automobile tourists come reports that a sentiment of reaction against maintenance of tourist camps is developing because of the tendency of many tourists to abuse the privileges offered in the camps by the citizens.

It is complained, for instance, that some tourists come and remain for months, monopolizing its facilities and getting permanent parking and living space for nothing. Others show no regard for the rules of sanitation. They litter up the places with refuse and turn them into garbage dumps, despoiling their natural beauty and detracting from their desirability.

But these are minor annoyances. They can be corrected without doing away with the camps themselves. It will not be a difficult matter for cities to enact ordinances regulating municipal tourist camps. A time limit can be placed on the stay of each camper, and rules for the disposal of garbage can be enacted and enforced.

Another consideration is that if the tourists are not provided with a camping place they will select one themselves along the roads adjacent to cities, and the conditions complained of in the camps would be multiplied along the highways where there is an absence of regulations. The tourist is with us to stay. He is coming in increasing numbers. Closing up the camps will not discourage him or divert him. It is only since he became so numerous that he began to be regarded as a nuisance.

The increase in tourist traffic brings with it the necessity for regulations just as the increase in motor traffic on the streets brought with it the necessity for a set of traffic rules. The remedy for the conditions complained of is to enforce regulations in the camps that will enable them to fulfill their purpose.—Houston Post.

Ten-pins were invented in the fourteenth century.

MERGER I. G. N. AND FRISCO DISAPPROVED

I. C. C. Denies Latter Road's
Efforts to Secure En-
trance at Gulf.

Washington, May 19.—Acquisition of the International-Great Northern Railroad by the Frisco Systems' purchase of the former's capital stock was disapproved by the interstate commerce commission today, holding that the transaction would not be in the public interest. The Frisco's application was filed with the commission late last year, shortly after reorganization of the two companies had been effected, and drew both approval and opposition from many quarters in Texas.

A great number of commercial and shippers' organizations in the Texas territory traversed by the railroads filed resolutions in support of consolidation. Others, notably Palestine, made known its vigorous opposition to the deal, expressing fear that it would be relieved of the general offices of the International, and its machine shops, over which there has been considerable litigation. The state of Texas, through the attorney general's department, recommended to the commission that in event the application was granted, it be conditioned that it was not to create a consolidation of the two companies.

One of the chief protests filed with the commission was by the Missouri Pacific interests representing that the International had been constructed to form a continuous line from the St. Louis gateway to Houston, Laredo and gulf ports in connection with the Missouri Pacific and the Texas Pacific, and that for forty years the International had been used as a through route. Out of this constant use, the intervener contended, there had been created a channel of trade in competition with the Frisco, and with shorter mileage both to San Antonio and Houston.

Importance of the proposed acquisition by the Frisco is revealed in the fact that it has no outlet to the Gulf of Mexico, and does not reach Houston, Galveston and San Antonio. It was shown that the transaction would have given the Frisco entrance into these commercial centers, an outlet to the gulf at Galveston, and a connection with railroad systems of Mexico at Laredo, through its operations covering Texas and surrounding states, and portions of the Southwest.

Farm Labor Union Resolution.

Whereas the morals of our country are on the down-grade and

Whereas we believe that the teaching of athletics in our higher schools with the costumes they are required to wear are largely responsible for the down-grade in morals, and

Whereas there is being spent great sums of money in the construction of playgrounds and equipments for same and taking money out of the appropriations made for education, therefore

Be it resolved we go on record as condemning any and all such expenditures and that we condemn any such practice of appearing on the play grounds or anywhere else without having plenty of clothing on for decency.

Resolve further that we recommend to the fathers and mothers that they read and practice the teachings of Paul in the second chapter of Titus as a remedy for the immorality that is sapping the life out of our civilization.

Submitted by
J. M. Carlton,
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ONE IS DEAD AND THREE HURT WHEN AUTO TURNS OVER

San Antonio, Tex., May 18.—One person was instantly killed, one probably seriously injured and two others hurt this morning when the automobile in which they were riding turned over 100 feet from the Comal county line in Guadalupe county, on the Austin road. The automobile skidded on a straight road.

The dead:
Miss Maxine Jones, 17 years old, of San Marcos.
Seriously injured:
Mrs. Ross Jones, 52, mother of Maxine.
Slightly injured:

James Jones, 20, badly shaken up and cut about the face.

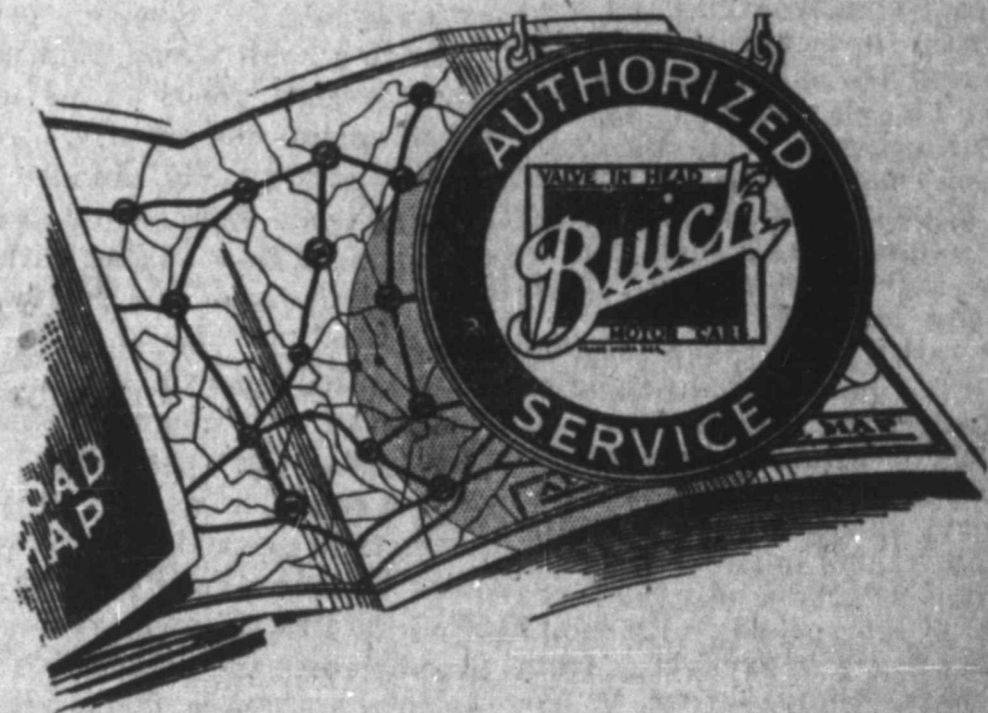
A. D. Hildreth, 22, San Antonio, badly bruised about the legs.
Miss Sallie Ross Jones, 19, sister of Maxine, miraculously escaped injury.

The injured were taken to the City Hospital at New Braunfels by Dr. Wright, city physician there.

Miss Maxine Jones would have graduated from Southwest Texas Normal College next week. In company with her mother, sister and brother and Hildreth, a San Antonio boy attending the normal school, Maxine was on her way to San Antonio to buy a graduation gown.

About one-quarter of all the women teachers in the London public schools are married.

The annual tuberose harvest amounts to 200,000 pounds in Grasse, France.



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YOU ARE NOT HARD UP.

Frances Parker.

You're not hard up when your purse is flat,
And your dresses are frayed like an old door mat;
You're not hard up when your bills fall due,
And you haven't a dollar to see you through.

You're not hard up till you see the day
That you haven't a cheerful word to say.

You're not hard up when your coin is gone,
If you whistle a tune as you travel on.

You may walk the streets while others ride,
And your pockets have naught but your hands inside—
That's not being broke, you may depend,
For you're not hard up if you have a friend.

But you are hard up and in a sorry way,
If you haven't a cheerful word to say.
If naught in the world appeals to you
And you see no dream in the skies of blue.

Yes, you are hard up if you've reached the end,
And can truthfully say, "I haven't a friend."
In dollars and cents don't count your wealth,
But sum it up in friends and health.

When you have no mother you love to kiss,
And no dear home that you would so miss,
If there's no one to love you, and no one to care,
Then you are hard up, though a millionaire.

THE CALL OF THE SEA.

Bryan Spinks.

I stood alone at early morn,
And gazed upon the roaring surf
Thundering against the giant cliffs,
Until it fairly shook the earth.
I saw the billows racing landward,
Brought by the sweeping of the tide,
And dashed against the towering crags,
And brok'n in sprays both far and wide.

The billows raced high o'er the beach,
And washed upon the golden sand;
But still the mighty sea swept on
And thundered forth against the land.

To me the great sea seemed to speak,
As it, incessant, roared along,
And with some hidden, unseen power,
My soul beneath its charm was drawn.

A strange desire then filled my heart,
That seemed to draw and urge me on,
And with its luring beckon called,
"Oh come, oh come to me, oh come."

I longed for life upon the sea,
Though a stronger force bade me resist,
The call that rose from out the foam
Mingled with sparkling rainbow mist.

I was passionate and helpless,
Alone with the magic of the sea,
But the spell was lifted as suddenly
As it had come to me.

But the surf still rolled on o'er the

sand,
While the sea thundered on and on,
With its ever luring beckon,
"Oh come to me, oh come."

THE STORM.

Melton Norton.

It burst upon us unawares,
With tongue outlashed at furious rate,
This terrible thing, a storm unleashed,
And it rages like Mars with his sword unsheathed.

It fumes like the fury of pent up hate,
While the things around it just cover and wait;
And when it breaks, it comes with a crash,
That seems the very heavens to lash.

The wind mounts high on her angry steed,
While the rain battles valiantly for the lead.
Trees are wrenched from the soft green earth,
And houses are torn from round their hearth.

The thunder roars with deadening force,
And the lightning flashes without remorse.
We mortals on earth with cries and groans,
Await its end while it shrieks and moans,

But when through clouds the rainbows bend,
With brightening brows our mood we mend.

SOME THINGS I LOVE.

Dee Sallas.

I love to steal away awhile
In some soft shady grove,
And there alone soliloquize
About some things I love.

I love the winter's chilly breeze,
The summer sunshine gay,
I love the autumn's falling leaves,
But best, the flowers of May.

I love to hear the morning bell
That calls me to my school;
My teacher dear, I love her well,
I love her golden rule.

I love my brothers tried and true,
And darling sister small
But 'tis a fact, I surely do
Love mother best of all.

I love my kindred and my friends,
I love my classmates, too,
And I shall love them to the end,
My neighbors not a few;

Then sing it out from earth to sky,
Whatever may befall,
That I shall love them till I die,
But mother best of all.

POVERTY AS A LESSON IN THRIFT.

A period of self-imposed poverty is the suggestion advanced by Senator Cousins of Bronson to keep the state from engaging in extravagance. "Don't collect the money from the people and the legislature can't spend it," seems to be the gist of his advice. In a statement at Beaumont, the East Texas senator declared that if the state will not attempt to cover the deficit in one year, the state government can be operated and be put on a cash basis in three years.

Creation of a deficit, of course, will not suspend operation of the state government. Deficits have occurred before and the state has managed to worry along. Something may even be said for the idea of the state's gradually pulling itself out of the hole rather than by imposition of super-taxes to balance the budget. But the public will not relish the idea of keeping a constant clutch on the purse strings, lest the legislature dip in with too lavish a hand. The legislature does not spend money merely for the joy of spending, but in response to innumerable claims of varying merit. Undeniable extravagance results from the satisfaction of some of these claims. And just as frequently it happens that such institutions as the public schools are seriously hampered by lack of funds when estimated or available revenue falls short of appropriations. Texas needs a more judicious expenditure of public funds, but it stands in greater need of revision in the system of taxation. Whatever the present legislature does in the way of tapping new sources of revenue to meet the present impending financial

crisis will not avail to prevent a repetition of the crisis or put the state on a more businesslike basis.

Poverty often acts as a spur to individual effort. Men have been known to acquire the instinct of thrift under the pressure of debt. But no thrifty man deliberately keeps himself in debt as a safeguard against extravagance.—Galveston News.

HE PRAYED FOR THE POWER TO SERVE.

"Watch any man long enough and some remark of his will finally give you a key to his whole character." The Progressive Farmer gave a supper to Prof. Massey on the day he was eighty years old. Hundreds of Progressive Farmer readers had sent messages for the occasion, and a side table was piled high with the letters, cards and telegrams. One man after another rose at the table to say how much Prof. Massey's life and service had meant to the farmers of the South, their wives and children; and finally Prof. Massey himself was called on. He rose and with the unassuming frankness and sincerity which had always characterized him, he expressed the same thought that we have quoted in the letter just given. "For forty years," he said, "my prayer each morning has been that God would that day make me of some service to some farmer struggling toward better methods and a better use of God's soil."

Prof. Massey had not prayed for wealth or position, or for a life of ease or luxury. He had prayed only for the power to serve. And richly indeed did the Almighty answer his prayer. It is well said that "what we choose

is what we are and what we love we yet shall be," and never was this truth better illustrated than in the case of Prof. Massey. He had chosen the task of service, this was what he loved, and in a hundred thousand saddened Southern homes—some of them beautiful estates, many of them humble cottages—there is a realization of the truth that Wilbur Fisk Massey was a true follower of Him who told his followers in ancient Gallilee, "He that is greatest among you, shall be your servant." — Progressive Farmer.

Four Are Burned to Death When Automobile Overtakes.

Cairo, Ill., May 18.—Four persons were burned to death near here late today when an automobile in which they were riding ran off the road, turned over, pinning the occupants beneath it, and burst into flames. The dead, all of Mounds, Ill., are: Lee Roach, 24 years old. Ben Gaffney, 36. Cecil White, 2. Millerine White, 4.

The children were nephew and niece of Roach, who was driving the car. Authorities expressed the belief that he lost control of the machine.

A fifth passenger, the 9-year-old son of Gaffney, who was riding on the running board of the automobile, escaped death when he was tossed into a clump of bushes.

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Some Postscripts.

Walnut shells, which hitherto have been regarded as waste matter, are now made into charcoal.

The Texas State Federation of Labor has decided to maintain permanent headquarters in the city of Dallas.

Diamonds have been discovered in a district in Dutch Guiana which has yielded gold for more than forty years.

The first piece of cotton cloth made in America was presented to the wife of General Nathaniel Greene, who had a dress made of it.

The first cannon was made in England about the year 1554.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mr. H. J. Trube of Galveston is visiting his son, H. J. Trube Jr.

Miss Noma Hassell visited her sister, Miss Katherine Hassell, in Dallas last week.

Quinton Allee, attending business college in Tyler, visited the home folks here this week.

Smith Brothers of this city will erect a large cotton gin on their Mustang Prairie farm.

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To see perfectly, see Dr. Sheller at W. P. Bishop's drug store, Saturday, June the 9th. Eyes examined, glasses fitted, prices right. 3t.

Miss Rita Henry of Del Rio will arrive today to join her sister, Miss Alice Henry, in a visit to their grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Berry.

Some of the teachers of the Crockett city schools have been elected for the next term, but all have not been elected. The Courier hopes to have a list of the teachers at an early date.

Shoe Repairing.

Let us replace or put the rubber heels on men's or ladies' shoes. Give us a trial. 2t.
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B. F. Thomas, principal of the Crockett city schools, will spend the summer vacation in Crockett, but leave in September for Vanderbilt University to further equip himself as an educator. He has resigned his position with the Crockett schools.

Notice of Estray.

Taken up by O. A. Pyle and Heath Bros., a black and white spotted sow, marked split and smoothe crop off the right ear and smoothe crop off the left. Owner come to the C. W. Butler place on the bayou. It.

Announcement.

I take pleasure in announcing to my patrons and the general public that Dr. G. Ward Sheller, Optometrist of Dallas, who has been coming to my drug store for years, will be with me again for one day, Saturday, June the 9th. Phone us for appointment and call as early as possible to avoid the rush in the afternoon. Eyes examined, glasses fitted, prices right. 2t.
W. P. Bishop, Druggist.

Brooke-Morris Sell Out.

The Brooke-Morris Lumber Company, operating a saw mill and lumber business at Cut, six miles south of Crockett, has sold its holdings to Messrs. W. J. Sanders of Merryville, La., and A. M. Stark of Orange. The purchasers will continue the business at Cut. The Brooke-Morris Lumber Company was incorporated at Crockett six years ago, Mr. Brooke of this city, and T. H. Morris of Oklahoma controlling the stock. Mr. Brooke says that he will continue his residence in Crockett. Demands on his time made by business interests elsewhere constituted one of his reasons for closing out his milling and lumber business.

Doors Closed.

The store of Dan J. Kennedy, doing a dry goods and clothing business in this city, closed its doors Monday morning. The Courier's information is that the store has made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. The business will be turned over to creditors under a deed of trust and sold to satisfy outstanding claims. The stock was being invoiced behind closed doors this week. The public will sympathize with Mr. D. C. Kennedy, the manager, in his financial embarrassment, which it is hoped is only temporary. The business was owned by the Dan J. Kennedy estate. *

Close Call.

Ernest Waller and Oscar Hooks, two young men of this city visiting in Huntsville Sunday, had a close call for their lives on the return trip homeward. Travelling in a Ford car they met a heavier car in the road, when they turned out as far as possible in their effort to avoid collision, also slowing down their speed. The heavier car, holding the road, struck the lighter car a deadly blow, knocking it from the roadway and turning it over. Messrs. Waller and Hooks were caught under the overturned car, but not seriously hurt. Others passing in automobiles stopped and assisted them out of their dilemma.

E. S. Warren and Curtis Scarborough of this city were following in another car. They picked up the victims of the accident and brought them to Crockett. Messrs. Waller and Hooks did not know whose car struck them, as no halt was made by the driver of the offending automobile.

Complimentary Party.

As a reward for having made "A" in his school work for the past two years, Mrs. Corry complimented Mr. John Milliff and his class with a party Friday evening, May 18th.

As the guests arrived they were invited to the punch table. Here we found the charming little lady, Miss Virginia Mae Foster, presiding. Miss Foster and Mrs. Corry gave cordial greeting. As soon as all had arrived, progressive anagram gave much fun and merriment. This was followed by 42 and other games until a late hour, after which delicious refreshments were served. Ice cold punch was also served during the evening. Mrs. Corry promised the class, if they studied hard and did good school work, she would entertain them again next year.

The library was reserved for Mr. Nunn and Misses Hazel Long, Virginia Mae Foster, Louise Burton and Ineva Headrick. They enjoyed bridge while the younger people were having more hilarious games. Miss Foster assisted Mrs. Corry in doing the honors and all pronounced it "a most enjoyable evening."

Author Corrects Error.

Hillsboro, May 21, 1923.

Dear Mr. Aiken:
I am very much obliged to you for publishing in the last issue of the Courier my little poem entitled "A Thought On Mother's Day." I regret, however, that your worthy compositor added an "e" to the word "moor," making it read "moore." I am aware of the onerous duties of the compositor and that typographical errors will occur. I do not desire to be unduly exacting, but really wish you would publish this communication by way of correction, or a notice written by yourself. With success to the Courier and kindest regards to you personally, I am
Sincerely,
L. N. Cooper.

Texas Railroad Files Plans for Financing.

Washington, May 22.—Financing plans under which the Waco, Beaumont, Trinity and Sabine Railroad Co. proposes to acquire the 66-mile railroad running from Trinity to Colmesneil, Texas, were filed for approval today with the interstate commerce commission.

They provide for issuance of \$1,149,000 in six per cent 30-year bonds, 21,703 shares of common stock with a par value of \$2,170,300; \$60,000 in equipment trust notes and \$75,000 in unsecured notes.

Some Postscripts.

No bird ever visits the bank of Lake Avernus, near Naples, Italy, because of the putrid water.

Wholesome and palatable shark meat was sold recently on San Francisco markets as white bass.

The black bear is always glad to drink and be merry with its keeper, says Nature Magazine, but not the polar bear, whose attendant wisely avoids risking himself in the same inclosure.

Flaming flamingoes, birds whose tongues were regarded as delicacies of the Roman banquet, and which were once numerous in the Bahamas and Florida, have been completely wiped out in the United States.

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BOY GENERAL OF CONFEDERACY DIES

Nashville, Tenn., May 22.—Gen. Thomas Benton Smith, 85, commander of a brigade in Bates division, of the Confederate army of Tennessee, died last night at the Central hospital for the insane near Nashville, where he had been an inmate for years, as a result of a sabre cut on the head received at the battle of Nashville, December 16, 1864.

Though so young that he was called "the boy general," General Smith was a conspicuous soldier. He was promoted a general in the summer of 1864. When the Confederate line holding Shy's Hill on the second day of the fall of Nashville was broken, General Smith, whose brigade was located there, was captured. The sabre cut, his comrades claim, was given him after he had surrendered. In recent years he left the institution only to attend the annual reunion of his old regiment, the Twentieth Tennessee.

The high-intensity searchlight largely used in the world war for anti-aircraft defense, is now being employed to make night-flying safer.

TWO ARE CRUSHED BENEATH TRAIN

Fort Worth, Texas, May 22.—Crushed and mangled, two inmates of the Masonic home for the aged were taken from the tracks of the Texas and Pacific railway at Stop Keystone, near Arlington, about 8 a. m. Tuesday, one of them, W. C. Heath, already dead and his companion, E. F. White, in a dying condition. The latter lived but three hours.

They had been struck by a westbound Texas and Pacific passenger train, of which J. M. Horton was engineer and W. R. Hensley conductor. The aged men were walking beside the track and happened to step in front of the train, it was stated, and before the brakes could become effective they had been ground under the wheels.

Farm bookkeeping is now taught in the eighth grade of public schools in twenty-one Ohio counties.

A salamander, six feet long, believed to be 500 years old, has been discovered in a temple pond in Tokio.

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TIME TO CALL A HALT.

Mutterings of revolt against legislature's tax-levying proclivity are beginning to be heard from taxpayers in all sections of the state. Ordinarily the taxpayer, though he may often give vent to an anguished wail, is patient under long suffering. Individually he may protest against what he considers governmental extravagance, but as a rule he doesn't do very much about it. But the taxpayer resembles a worm in that he will turn if trodden on often and too heavily.

As the legislature girds itself for the heavy work of its third called session there are significant signs of concerted protest against further exercises of the legislature's ingenuity in finding new sources of taxation. An appeal for mass meetings in every community as a means of advising senators and representatives that the present time is inopportune to increase the burdens of taxation was sent out from Austin in the form of a statement signed by something like sixty citizens from all parts of the state.

The statement declared that the legislature has appropriated \$46,000,000 of the public funds to be expended during the next two years; that this exceeds any other state appropriation by \$10,000,000, and, finally, that it is \$8,000,000 in excess of available revenue for the same period. If the deficit here estimated goes somewhat beyond that reported in other Austin dispatches, the difference is not great enough materially to alter the situation. It is generally agreed that between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000 more money has been appropriated than can be derived from sources of revenue now in sight.

The attitude of this protesting group is a pretty good indication of the feeling among the rank and file of Texas taxpayers. One of two means must be taken to balance the budget. Either the appropriations must be reduced, and reduced materially, or taxes must be increased to a point where every taxpayer, from the modest home-owner to the most powerful business organization, will groan under the burden.

It is not necessary to starve the public schools and other essential state institutions. Economy does not mean penury. The News is not in favor of a penurious administration, but it does believe that sounder discrimination in the matter of appropriations would go far toward righting things. The legislature appropriates \$50,000 here and \$100,000 there, the cost of administration is multiplied, until the aggregate demands threaten to strain the state's resources to meet them. Certainly they are straining the taxpayers' patience.

It is inevitable that sooner or later a halt must be called until some really basic revision of the tax system is evolved and put into the statutes to replace the present heterogeneous assortment of revenue measures. In view of the public temper, the legislature will show a wisdom beyond its past performances if

it selects the present time for temporary retrenchment.

Continued disregard of popular feeling against tax accumulation will result in a reaction from which the state will find it hard to recover. A reputation for grasping tax methods will cause Texas to be shunned by business enterprises that might otherwise create property values of greater potential worth to the state than the objectionable tax levies will produce. And, still worse, if the pressure becomes too great it may lead to a taxpayers' strike. The state can levy taxes almost at will, but it can also go bankrupt while it is trying to collect them.—Galveston News.

AMERICA'S SURPLUS OF GOLD.

In sounding a warning that "America is about to die of her gold," Louis Loucher, French financier, clothes in the language of rhetorical exaggeration an idea that European bankers would like to see take root in this country. Nor has the suggestion been ignored by American financial interests. There is evident a feeling of apprehension that the huge gold supply concentrated in this country before and since the war may be made the basis of an inflated credit system leading to a financial crash.

Secretary Hoover referred to this possibility in a recent speech before the United States Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Hoover, however, did not advocate a rush of gold exportation, but assumed rather that the readjustment will be gradual and that the oversupply will not be incorporated in our credit system.

"I am convinced that the surplus of gold will eventually flow outward in an orderly way through trade channels without any necessary increase in price levels, and its flow need make no disturbance in our business life," Mr. Hoover said. "In fact, it contains for us an element of security. If a castle of credit were erected upon the whole of this gold it would mean the greatest era of inflation and speculation in our history. Such action would increase our price levels to a point which would attract foreign goods to us and would curtail our exports."

"It would quickly produce an adverse trade balance and cause this gold to flow abroad with a rush from under our castle of credit, and we should have an unparalleled financial crash."

Because American business recognizes the possibility of such a condition as Mr. Hoover suggests is precisely why it will never become a reality. The tendency is directly away from inflated credits and speculative investments. There is no intention on the part of America to create a perpetual monopoly of the world's gold supply, but the present situation would not be bettered by unloading it on Europe. The surplus will "flow outward in an orderly manner" when Europe shows a disposition to use it in the production of wealth. The oversupply of gold just now is safest where it is. The huge reserves built up by the federal reserve system show that American business has successfully resisted the temptation to use it as the basis of an inflated credit.

In a sense America's surplus gold is held in trust for the rehabilitation of Europe on a sound financial basis. America is not "dying of her gold" by the mere possession of it. Catastrophe is latent only on its injudicious use. The financial salvation of America and France is

not conditioned on compliance with M. Loucher's suggestion to tender at once to France all the money of which the latter nation may have need. American gold will prove an ultimate source of life to Europe, but no policy could be more improvident than an immediate rush to reduce the surplus.—Galveston News.

MODERN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND.

Travelers traversing a rough country on foot or on the back of burros; or crossing a desert stretch astride a camel or a fleet-footed Arabian steed—these are the mental pictures that mention of a trip to the Holy Land produce for the average American.

Biblical art is responsible for our idea of modes of travel in the ancient land. Announcement of the itinerary of a Houston minister, Dr. George W. Davis, now en route to Egypt and Palestine to visit the sacred places, shows how times have changed even in those ancient lands and how the modern has taken the place of the more picturesque ancient travel facilities.

The ancient Israelites fled from Egypt across the Sinai peninsula on foot, probably with a few on horseback. Pharaoh sent his war chariots, the most important vehicle of the day, in pursuit. But the Houston man of 1923 will travel across the peninsula in a railway car of the Pullman type with a diner attached.

Marking an even greater change in transportation methods is the announcement that when he goes to Bethlehem he will run out to the little suburb of Jerusalem in an automobile. Likewise, he will ascend the Mount of Olives, drive through the Garden of Gethsemane, and over to the town of Nazareth in a motor car.

If he blows a tire or has engine trouble on the road to Jericho, which city he expects to visit early in June, no doubt some "Good Samaritan" with an extra tube and a monkey wrench will happen along and give assistance, in case he needs it.

The modern automobile has brought all this territory of the Holy Land into a comparatively small space, and the tourist of today is enabled to travel "from Dan to Beersheba" without difficulty in a short time.

Improvement in travel facilities is evidence also of the progress made in the restoration of Palestine. The returning Jews, under the protection of the British, are building roads as one of the important factors in the modernization of the country. As the work of development goes on the country will be transformed and only the historic locations will be left to connect the modern Palestine with the past. These improvements may rob the country of some of its historic interest, but they are making it much more convenient and comfortable for the tourist, and those considerations should attract more of them each year.—Houston Post.

NECESSARY AND UNNECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS.

Austin dispatches say that the West Texas Technological college appropriation of a million dollars may be endangered in the work of adjusting appropriations to revenues.

Unquestionably that appropriation or much of it—all except what may be necessary to purchase the land—could be defer-

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red without hurt to the State. The building of the institution at least should await the educational survey for which provision has been made.

It is much better all round to have that institution, when established, to conform to the State's system of higher education than to adjust the whole system to a single institution.

At least \$900,000 of the appropriation could go over until the next legislature assembles and has the opportunity to consider the results of the survey.

The appropriation was from the beginning nothing but a slice of pork which our strenuous and insistent friends of West Texas bullied the legislature into granting them.

But the appropriation for hydrographic survey should not be interfered with. The salvation of the Texas river valleys and the conservation of flood waters for use upon the arid areas of the upper reaches of the rivers involve the welfare of the State in a most vital way.

This work of reclamation must be undertaken if the great agricultural foundation of Texas

prosperity is to be preserved, and if the industry is to prosper. The survey must precede any plan of reclamation and conservation adopted. The frightful crop losses of the past warn us against the folly of procrastination.

The hydrographic survey is a matter of imperative necessity; the technological college is a matter that can better await the legislature's calmer consideration.

As for the advice of the board of water commissioners with respect to the proposed hydrographic survey, the legislature with better reason might dispense with that bureau entirely, along with several others, as costing the State more than it is worth.—Houston Post.

The new prime minister, like his predecessor, has graduated from trade, and, also like Mr. Bonar Law, from the iron trade. This also is a departure to some extent from British traditions, the statesmen in the past being to a very large extent recruited from the ranks of aristocracy or legal profession.

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