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## vol. xxvi. No. 35 <br> GOOD CROP WITH <br> SMALL RANFALL

Last Year's Crops Surpass
All Others Considering Amount of Rain

Here is a great fact to be
taken into consideration, the crop of 1916 was at least an the smallest rainfall we have ever had for one whole year.
This is true not only in this This is true not only in this
county but it seems to be true all over the country. Foard and a cotton crop nearly as
large as that of 1915 , which was a big one. This has been done on a rainfall of only a little more
than 16 inches. The average than 16 inches. The average
rainfall for this country is nearrainfall for this country is near-
ly double what we had last
year. The feed crop was the only short one in this county.
The same thing seems to be true in the adjoining counties. Ver few of them will fall far short
of their 1915 cotton crop. In
the country about Abilene it is the country about Abilene it is
claimed that the rainfall of 1916 was only about 18 inches and of 26,000 bales. In the con crop 1915 that county claims a rainfall of 44 inches and a cotton
crop of only 32,000 bales, or only 6,000

## There is evidently some caus for this which it would be we to study. No doubt natural een ditions aided just at the righ time. We had a few rains, seems, just at the time when w had to have them, but we are inclined to believe that the inclined to believe that the methods of farming had much to do with it, and if that be the

 to do with it, and if that be thethe case, these are to be studied We believe 1916 proved the moisture conservation more tha any previous year. If so, then we have scored a point in farming in this country that will be of inestimable value through the
coming years. We must coming years. We must have
rainfall, but when we get it
down to where we can produce rainfall, but when we protuce
down to where we can prod
average crops with the minimum average crops with the minimum
rainfall, farming in West Texas rainfall, farming in West Texa
shall have been reduced to shall have been
a practical science.

## Six-O'clock Dinner

 Mesdames J. R. and T.Beverly gave a six
$o^{\prime}$ clock Beverly gave a six o'clock din
ner Tuesday evening to the im mediate relatives of the Beverly families. It was a very delight-
ful dinner, those present, declare ful dinner, those present, declare
and those knowing the ability and those knowing the ability
of these iadies to prepare some thing good to eat well know-
Those who attended were: J. W Beverly and family and Mrs. Reid, T. L. Hughston and fam

> Birthday Party In honor of her 15th birthday about 30 of her friends on Mon day evening at the residence her sister, Mrs. T. N. Bell. After a couple of hours merr
ment of various contests ment of various contests an
music the guests were invite into the dining room where ho into the dining room where hot
chocolate and wafers were
served. At a, late hour all went
setheir way wishing Marie
thay more happy birthdays. served. At a late hour all went
their way" wishing Marie
many more happy birthdays.
Marie was the receipient of a

Rabbits Hurting What

 the jack raboits are a perfect
nuisance this year, more so,
perhaps than they have ever
been. It tseems that they have
accumulated more rapidly within the last two or three years than
ever before in the same length of time. We hear many of the damaging their wheat to a are killed out and if they are not as they have been doing they are going to beco pensive animals.
In various portions of West exas they have been having rabbit drives and have been
killing them by the thousands, and we believe that it would be
fine thing for this a fine thing for this county for
the farmers to do likewise far as is known jackrabbits are
nothing but pests, unless it is a
fact that they are good for the fact that they are good for the perhaps we can better it may, eat them than to let them eat us. But better still, we can
far better afford to kill them and sell them to our northern and eastern friends at a small
price than we can to let them orice than we ca
have the country.

Forty-Two Club
The Forty-two Club had its
evening at the comfortable home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom M. Bever-
Iy with Mrs. Pisell Bever ly with M
hostess.
At the appointed hour the
guests arrived and in guests arrived and in a very few
minutes the usual high spirit at these parties prevailed. Not a minute was lost and it was
found at the conclusion that the Marguerite Stephens. Stephens, Mesdames J. B. Andrews and Charles Fergeson,
A. Andrews Ther J. B. Andrews, Thomas Hughs.
on and T. B. Klepper A and T. B. Klepper.
A delightful cwo-cour
$\qquad$
The Club meets nex
with Mrs. H. Schindler.
Cleared $\$ 10,000$ on Cotton
John N. Pharr, living Chillicothe, landed lit that new about a year ago stone broke. He succeeded in renting a farm
and this crop from 138 and this crop from 138
made 100 bales of cotton to a week or so before the break he was holding for 25 cents. but and let the other fellow have a chance. So Pharr sold all but
about 13 bales, and after paying all expenses, his share amounts to ten thousand dollars in cash besides his share in the 13 bales
he is holding. our informant he is holding, our informant
says, and he knows.-Quanah

Moved From Rayland C. A. McLarty and family
finished moving last Saturday from Rayland to their hom from Rayland to their home
west of town. Mr. Melarty
bought the place originally own
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CROWELL, FOARD COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 12. $1917 \quad 8$ PAGES
COMPULSORY LAW EPWORTH LEAGUE NOW IN OPERATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS
 In

Children Required to Attend
ks Our Streets Sho ublic Schools 60 Days

The compuisory school attend
ance law requires that every this month the officers and some old and not more than fourteen League hembers of the Epwort years ond on Sept. 1, 1916, shall
attend school foral important item
a period of sixty
iness were transacted. consecutive days during this
school year. The compulsory period for Crowell school district egan January 1, 1917.
The following classes of chil ren are exempt:

1. Any child in attendance on
private school and who is prop erly instructed
2. Any child whose bodily or mental condition is such as to
render attendance inadvisable.
This must be show This must be shown by a phy. sician's certificate.
3. Any child
4. Any child who is blind
deaf, dumb or feeble-minded 4. Any ehild living more than ao and one-half miles by direct st public school.
5. Any child more than twelve
years old who has satigf years old who has satisfactorily
completed the work of the fourth grade of the standard elementary
school of seven grades, and
whose services are needed in plis
support of a parent. This ex-
the county superintendent.
Excuses for absences-Section
7, "Any child not exempted from the provisions of this Act
may be excused for may be excused for temporary
absence due to personal sickness sence due to personal sickness,
sickness in the family, quarantine, severe storm which has destroyed bridges and made the

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Marguerite Stephens. } \\
& \text { Visitors present were Misses } \\
& \text { Essie Thacker and Margurite }
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$$ regular means of travel dangerous, or for other reasons accepta-

ble to the teacher, principai or superintendent of the school in which said child is enrolled; provided the excuses are in writing and signed by the parent or
guardian of said child: but guardian of said child; but any
case so excused may be investicase so excused may be investi-
gated by authorities discharging the duties of attendance officer for the school from which said hild is so excused.
It is unlawful for any person,
frm or corporation to induce any rm or corporation to induce any
child of compulsory school age o remain out of school during school hours.

Ladies Aid
The Baptist Ladies Aid met of Mrs. J. H. Self Thursday, anuary 4th, from 3 to 4 p . m.
The large number in attend. ance bespoke evidence of ne and greatly encouraged the officers who need their presence and aid in their efforts to do
cood. This being the regular ession of the month the past years work was reviewed, show-
ing that many movements for ood had been accomptished. The by-laws and constitution
were read, a press reporter ap. were read, a press reporter a
pointed, a committee for visi
ig the sick appointed or re tained and the plans for the
continuation of the twice-a-先

## To the People of Texas and their Legislators Elects

ration This is a paid advertisement intended to give reasons why the present law of Texas relating to the incorpoof the several branches of this single business.

The Texas Company is engaged in purchasing, refining and marketing petroleum, and as a part of its business owns and operates a system of pipe lines. It is incorporated under the laws of Texas and is handicapped se-
riously by the inadequacy of its charter powers. It has no direct power to prospect for and produce crude oil. And as the law now stands it charter powers. It has no direct power to prospect for and produce crude onl. state, thus becoming a corporation of that state and ceasing to be a corporation of Texas

Heretofore the stockholders, by a separate producing organization, have borne the burden of obtaining the necessary crude supplies; and but for this arrangement the company could not have succeeded. This was workable
when the organization was small and operations were on a narrow scale. But with the growth of the business when the organization was small and operations were on a narrow scale. But with the growth of the business
and with varying and shifting stock ownership it has become subject to too many complications. The company is now manufacturing in Texas and marketing in nearly every country in the world the various finished products of Texas crude oil. It now has more than 10,000 employees, and its stockholders number about 4,000 , including approximately 2,000 employees.

The competitors of this company are engaged in all branches of the business. Two of its principal competitors in Texas operate as limited partnerships or joint stock associations and therefore may pursue any business that an individual might pursue, the only restriction being such stipulations as the shareholders see fit to make among nother state, and owns the stock of three Texas corporations, one engaged in, producing oil, another in refining and marketing, and a third in operating pipe lines, so that on the whole the stockholders have the benefit of an organization which covers all branches of the business.

The statement just made is not in criticism. The plan of including all branches of a single business is logical.
. ${ }^{\text {Therer }}$ as applied to the oil business it is universal in all of the oil producing states and in foreign countries In practically every state of the Union, except Texas, a corporation of this kind has the charter power to produce oil
And it may not be inappropriate to say further in this connection that the limitations which the laws of
Texas place on the charter powers of The Texas Company do not stop at the boundaries of the state; they follow Texas place on the charter powers of The Texas Company do not stop at the boundaries of the state; they follow
the company wherever it goes; they follow it into other states and foreign countries where its competitors carry the company wherever it goes; they follow it into other states and foreign countries where its competitors carry
on all branches of the business and where the state of Texas can not prevent them from doing so. If anywhere on the Globe this company should do an act in excess of its powers as defined by the laws of Texas its charter would be subject to forfeiture.

No one would think of precluding a company engaged in the lumber business from going directly to the natural source of supply, taking timber leases or buying standing timber, and in that way acquiring its raw material. There as in the oil business the manufacturing merchant takes the raw or crude material and turns it into finished products. In each case the supply is limited as regards both locality and extent and the matter of obtaining sup-
plies of the particular kinds needed and obtaining them at the times when needed and in the places where needed plies of the particular kinds needed and obtaining them at the times when needed and in the places where needed
is of supreme importance. The same thought may be applied to mining or any industry where the operator must lay out large sums in plant and marketing facilities and is not warranted in doing so unless he is to have a free hand in obtaining the raw material. He must be allowed to protect his investment, otherwise he is at the mercy of hostile forces and can be destroyed at their will or upon an event of chance. To exclude an oil company from taking leases and producing oil, and thereby require it to buy from those who may happen to have wells and produce some oil, would mean to any concern operating on a large scale precisely the same that it would mean to the
owner of a sawmill if he should be prohibited from acquiring standing timber and required to buy his logs at retail. And furthermore, as previously indicated, it is not a question of what might be ideal if we were at the inception of this industry; the business has pitched itself along certain lines; and these lines are universal and world-wide.

The position of The Texas Company was fully explained to the last legislature, but there was opposition to the bill introduced for its relief, and the matterwas delayed and finally crowded out near adjournment. The company did not then, and it does not now, ask any special favors, or for the enactment of a law which would not apply to all similarly situated, or for any change in the settled policies of the state; but it did desire and it still de-
sires some fair and suitable relief; such legislation as will remove the handicap and accord it those lawful corporate rights that are enjoyed by companies organized in such states as California, Oklahoma or Louisiana. It will present the matter to the Thirty-fifth Legislature.

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# The Quantity Store 

## As Well as Quality

## Others Give Much But We Give MORE

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Crowell, Texas


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There are two highly importan points for a man to consider before having his car ovorhauled.
The first point is to assure himself that the men who are going to work on his car are mechanics expert enough to locate and properly repa all the parts that need attention. The second point is to convince himeelf that he can trust the shop to sive him an honest accounting of the
amount of work that was actually done on the car.
We gladly welcome an investigation We gladly weth of these points. We have the facilities, the workmen and the bustness methods that will
cattsfy all who investigate.

## Burks 8 Swaim

Growell, Texas

Thalia Items
Prof. O. L. Wood was
Crowell Saturday.
Crowell Saturday. There was quite a crowd at the
singing at Sue Thompson's Sunsinging at Sue
day evening.
Wood Roberts and wife have
moved to Lem Roberts farm near Rayland. Clyde McKown and Gordie
Gafford were in Thalia last week Gafford were in Th
writing insurance. Mr. Hathway has moved his
house to Thalia which was
formerly suth formerly south of town. As this is the first of the year
year many have been busy moving for the past two weeks. Miss Mad Gamble of Ayers-
ville attended the party at
Walter ville attended the party at at
Walter Johnson's Saturday night.
Lonnie Johnson and son Clate Lonnie Johnson and son, Clate,
of Rayland were transacting of Rayland were transacting
business in Thnlia last Tuesday. Miss Ethel Rector spent a few days last week with her browh-
er, W. E. Kector, of Ayersville. Miss Mae Dodson of the Plainview community spent
Saturday night and Sunday in
Tur Thalia. Miss Helen Turner, our tele-
phone operator, visited homephone operator, visited home-
folks in the Vivian community Miss Ethel Neill entertained
the young people with a New the young people $\begin{aligned} & \text { with a New } \\ & \text { Year's party. All } \\ & \text { enjoyable timerted an }\end{aligned}$ Year's party.
enjoyable time.
The party given by Walter
Johnson Saturday night was Johnson Saturday night was at- at-
tended by a large crowd and all tended by a large crowd a
report an enjoyable time.
O. L. Rector has recently sold
his farm near Thalia to B his farm near Thalia to B. Wis . Wis-
dom ard father and has bought dom ard father and has bought
a quarter section from Tom Bell about two miles west of Thalia. Mrs. Burress has returned
home after spending the holihays at Terrell. She was ac-
dompanied by her son, Henry, companied by her son, Herry,
who we understand has come who we und
back to stay.
Miss Myrtle Howard of Vernon
visited her friend, Miss Ethel Abston, lar St Sunday. She was
accompanied home by Miss accompanied home by Miss
Ethel and Messrs. Fred Rennels
and Bob Abston. and Bob Abston.
W. L. Johnson and J. G.

Thompson attended the sale at
Lonnie Johnson's near Rayland
last Friday. Mr. Johnson is last Friday. Mr. Johnson is
selling out and will soon leave
for Terry county in search of a

## location.

## Correspondent.

Jerseys For Sale I have two 2-year old Jers cows, both fresh, for sale. See kindness shown us during the Mrs. S. A. SLapfy J. L. Slappy, Roy Todd. 36p band, father and brother. May Mrs. N. E. Jordan.

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back! Prince Albert has always been sold without coupons or premiums. We prefer to give quality! ${ }^{1}$ Prince Albert affords the keenest pipe and cigarette Prince Albert affords the keenest pipe and cigarette
enjoyment! And that flavor and fragrance and coolness is as good as that sounds. P.A. just answers the universal demand for tobacco
without bite, parch or kick-back! without bite, parch or kick-back.
Introduction to Prince Albert isn't any harder than to walk into the nearest place that sells tobacco and ask for "a supply of P. A." You pay
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