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GREEN BUGS IN GRAIN MAY CAUSE DAMAGE IN SOME PARTS COUNTY

Some valuable suggestions are given to the farmers of Brown county in a recent article sent The Bulletin by County Farm Agent O. P. Griffin, the subject of the discussion being the danger of green bugs in the grain crop of this year. Mr. Griffin states that although this grain has never experienced a bad infestation of grain aphids, the grain is by no means immune from their attack. The county agent stated that in 1920 the grain along the eastern edge of the county was in some cases nearly ruined by the insect bug.

The communication from Mr. Griffin reads as follows: "Green bugs are more likely to appear the year after a good grain crop. They multiply very rapidly and from a very small infested area will spread over a field of grain in a few weeks time."

"There is no practical means of control, once the insects have spread over an entire field, except to plow under the grain. Therefore all farmers should be on the lookout for them. The area of infestation usually begins about an old straw stack or in volunteer grain that came up early."

"If the insects are found the infested grain should be all destroyed at once by turning it under. All of it should be covered with dirt for the grain will not die if plowed up and left above ground, and starting the grain only makes matters worse. Very small areas can be treated with nicotine dust, but this would be impractical for more than a few square yards."

Description of Bug
The green bug or grain aphid is a small green plant louse very similar to the lice that gets on cotton and melon vines in summer, except that it is bright green in color. At first a small area of only a few yard across of the smaller will be noticed turning yellow or brown. A closer inspection shows the blades of the grain are hosts to thousands of tiny green insects. If these spots of infested grain are treated at once the field of grain may be saved.

"We had a good crop of grain last year. When the grain has been growing since last August and temperatures from 22° to 70° are ideal for it to multiply unmolested by its parasites. The wise farmer is always on the alert to avoid such a calamity as the destruction of grain crop by green bugs would be."

RURAL CARRIER EXAMINATION

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to be held at Brownwood, Texas receipt of applications for which will close March 16, 1927, to fill the position of rural carrier at Zephyr, Texas and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes in that post office. The date of examination will be stated on admission cards mailed to applicants after the close of receipt applications. The salary of a rural carrier on a standard daily wagon route of 24 miles is \$1,800 per annum, with an additional \$50 per mile per annum for each mile or major fraction thereof in excess of 24 miles. The salary on motor routes range from \$2,450 to \$2,600 per annum, according to length. Separate examinations for motor routes and wagon routes are no longer held. Appointments to both positions will be made from the same register. THE EXAMINATION WILL BE OPEN ONLY TO CITIZENS WHO ARE ACTUALLY DOMICILED IN THE TERRITORY OF THE POST OFFICE WHERE THE VACANCY EXISTS and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form 1977. Both men and women, if qualified, may enter this examination, but appointing officers have the right to select only the sex desired in requesting certification of eligibles. Form 1977 and application blanks may be obtained from the vacancy office mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications must be on file with the Commission at Washington, D. C. prior to the close of business on the date specified above. At the examination, applicants must furnish unmounted photographs of themselves taken within two years.

THAT'S ONE ON BILL
"That's one on Bill" is being staged by the Domestic Science Girls at Brooksmith Saturday night, February 19th.

The character cast follows: Uncle Jimmie—A Young Bachelor
Bill Halley—His Nephew
Batting Bennie Boro—a Pugilist
Harry Dover—Engaged to Lil
Ned Collins—"Puffy" Too Rich to Work
Patricia Niles—"Patricia Paney"
Lil Halley—Her Friend
Mab Allen—Uncle's Choice for Bill
Mrs. Halley—Mother of Lil and Bill
Rosie—The Maid
A thrilling comedy of romance and excitement. Come prepared to laugh.

Prizes Announced Winners in 'Safe Farming' Contest

The Texas Safe Farming Association offers twenty-two prizes for the best essays on farming in Texas. The prizes are as follows: First prize, \$100 in cash; second prize, \$50.00 in cash; third prize, \$40.00 in cash; fourth prize, one oval diamond ring, in new solid white gold setting; fifth prize, one genuine diamond set, wrist watch, white gold, or man's diamond set pocket watch; sixth prize, one girl's solid gold wrist watch, or pocket watch; seventh prize, one man's lamond scarf pin, or girls' diamond bar pin; eighth prize, one set gold watch chain, or girls' set gold ring; ninth prize, one girl's solid gold bar pin, or man's set gold scarf pin; tenth prize, one set solid silver teaspoons, or man's solid silver belt buckle; eleventh prize, one solid silver telescope pencil.

Contestants must be attendants at a Texas public school at the essays must be endorsed by the principal of such school.

Suggested Outline.
For the information of contestants it is suggested that the following are main points to be developed in the essay:

- (a) What is a balanced system of farming?
- (b) Why is such a system profitable?
- (c) The importance of a faring program that utilizes the labors of the farmer throughout the year as distinguished from a crop program that utilizes only a part of the farmer's time.
- (d) The importance of a program that provides several sources of income so as to avert the loss that may ensue from a single crop on account of unfavorable weather or low prices.
- (e) The importance of utilizing the land through livestock the various products of the field crops.
- (f) The importance of maintaining soil fertility by rotation, the use of legumes and by live stock.
- (g) The importance of providing the farm with a much food for the family and feed for the live stock as possible with the soil and climate.
- (h) Give example of successful farming in the region of this school district and explain why such farming is successful.

The object of this contest is to stimulate the thinking of boys and girls in the rural districts and through them the thinking of their parents on the problems of agriculture, in order that farming may be made more profitable and country life more comfortable.

County Superintendent J. Oscar Swindle has a supply of posters of his office for free distribution which will explain in detail the contest to those interested.

Flashes of Life

NEW YORK—General Motors is now ahead of Ford. Its net earnings last year were \$186,231,182. In the Ford Motor Company's best year, 1922, it earned \$155,797,000.

PHILADELPHIA—No young person nowadays would think of bobbing her hair. If Miss Clara Miller, secretary of the Philadelphia Hair Dressers Association, is correct. Flappers are letting the tresses grow, she says, because mature women have adopted the bob.

LONDON—Because the streets are too dangerous, Harold Solomon has sold his taxicab and begun to study aviation. He purposes to run an air taxi.

NEW YORK—Elinor Dorrance, heiress, who prefers work to social life, having returned from a short trip to Europe, is going right back to her job in her father's soup factory in Camden, N. J.

NEW YORK—John Macy, lieutenant of the United States Coast Guard, is being held as a brave man. He defended his sex at a banquet against heavy odds, being the only speaker in his behalf. The feminist canonizing on the subject "Men; what of 'em?" was heavy. Ruth Hale argued that man was slowly slipping like a glacier. Loraine Pruett said men better form a conformation league to save themselves.

TOLEDO—No fat girls need apply for admission to a \$50,000 home for young women to be erected 50 years hence through a bequest from David Bourdette Burger, bachelor. The will makes such a restriction. Girls between 14 and 28 of small stature, bright, ambitious, stylish and good to look at will be welcome. The will expresses a wish to gratify girls' love for beautiful things. The testator's portrait will hang on the wall.

OMAHA—Farmer Burns, who is just beginning his 67th year, thinks he could give lessons to some of these young fellows in the wrestling game. He surely could teach them thrift. Having saved a lot from the proceeds of 6,000 matches he is wealthy.

OKLAHOMAN FAVORED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—After a brief meeting today, the Senate Interstate Commerce committee favorably reported the nomination of Ezra Bratner, Jr., of Muskogee, Okla., to be a member of the Interstate Commerce commission.

Jury List For March Term of District Court

The following jurors have been summoned to appear for the next term of district court, which convenes March 7th:

- Grand Jurors**
(To appear Monday, March 7th, 1927, at 1:30 P. M.)
J. K. McMurry, Bangs.
N. T. Bruton, Bangs.
N. G. Gist, Zephyr.
W. R. Shelton, Zephyr.
John T. Yantis, Brownwood.
B. F. Hunt, Brownwood R. F. D.
R. L. Fry, Brownwood.
W. O. Dell, Brownwood.
N. A. Cropp, Bangs.
W. H. G. Chambers, Cross Cut.
H. L. Buford, May.
D. Pierce, Owens.
Lee Stewart, Blanket.
Barney Cravens, Brownwood.
C. C. Woodriddle, Cross Cut.
W. R. Chambers, May.

Petit Jury
To appear Monday, March 7th, 1927, at 1:30 P. M.)
Henry Andersons, Bangs.
C. W. Adair, Bangs.
Arch. H. Horgan, Brooksmith.
W. D. Mullis, Brooksmith.
D. O. Bowden, Bangs.
V. K. Brooks, Bangs.
Ben Tongate, Brownwood.
Marriece Hall, Bangs.
M. A. Yeager, Brownwood.
R. M. Ruffin, Brownwood.
R. S. Quill, Zephyr.
M. M. Glass, Zephyr.
O. E. George, Zephyr.
Eugene Meeks, Brownwood.
E. A. Frankie, Brownwood.
Chester Harrison, Brownwood.
W. M. Griggs, Brownwood.
Fred Entinger, May.
George Gray, May.
O. L. Killian, May.
J. W. Medcalf, May.
T. C. Petross, Blanket.
Tom McCullough, Blanket.
E. O. Dabney, Blanket.
L. L. Lanford, Blanket.
W. F. Denman, Winchell.
Jack Hendersons Brooksmith.
P. E. Rice, Winchell.
Geo. S. Baugh, Brownwood.

Rural.
G. W. Blair, Indian Creek, R. F. D.
R. F. Black, Brownwood, R. F. D. No. 3.
Will Jennings, Winchell.
J. B. McDearman, Brownwood, I. R. D.
R. L. Shropshire, Brownwood.
L. E. Daniel, Brownwood, R. D.
S. R. Chambers, Cross Cut.

Petit Jury
(Second week to appear Monday, March 14th at 1:30 P. M.)
D. E. Edgington, Cross Cut.
R. Anderson, May.
A. Bruton, May.
H. Brown, May.
H. Browder, Bangs.
W. Gabbert, Owens.
F. F. Barker, Bangs.
S. S. Hart, Jr., Owens.
H. Brewer, Bangs.
R. Agel, Rising Star.
O. Boyd, Indian Creek.
L. Dixon, Indian Creek.
M. Davis, Rising Star.
E. Benham, Grosvenor.
L. Ashcraft, Grosvenor.
H. Weaver, Brownwood.
A. White, Brownwood.
L. Tate, Brownwood.
H. Tolbert, Brownwood.
E. Wakefield, Brownwood.
T. Sellers, Brownwood.
Cde Sullivan Brownwood.
T. Austin, Blanket.
R. Byrd, Blanket.
Marshall, Blanket.
F. J. Carraway, Blanket.
E. W. Couch, Owen.
A. Elbridge, Owen.
Je Conaway, Brownwood, I. R. D.
L. Horner, Zephyr.
W. Hollingsworth, Zephyr.
C. W. Jones, Zephyr.
C. Kilgore, Zephyr.
Ledgerrod, Brownwood, R. F. D.
R. Tongate, Brownwood.

AMNESTY BILL AGAIN DELAYED BY SENATORS
AUSTIN, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The Senate again failed to vote on the repeal of the Ferguson amnesty act today when the noon recess intervened after Senator Fairchild of Lufkin had staved off a vote for a few minutes with parliamentary tactics.

The bill came up in its regular order and the Senate had disposed of everything on the calendar above it. Fairchild immediately moved for its unanimous consent to consider out of its regular order his bill to permit farmers to vacillate their own holdings.

It was pointed out that his bill was the next measure on the calendar after the anti-amnesty measure and his motion lost. He then moved to recess and yielded the floor to various senators to send up committee reports and bills until it was near enough noon to recess.

The bill is pending order of business and will be considered when the Senate reconvenes at 2:30 this afternoon.

The Senate today passed to third reading a resolution proposing a referendum on the question of revising the higher courts. The resolution provides for a supreme court of five members, a court of criminal appeals consisting of three to five members and not to exceed thirty-six judges of courts of civil appeals, the total number to be assigned to such districts and in such numbers as the legislature may direct.

ONE MAN IS WOUNDED IN OIL FIELD FIGHT WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON
Members of the sheriff's department were called to the Fry oil field late Wednesday afternoon in connection with a fight that took place there. Three men were arrested and brought to the county jail, while a fourth man was unable to be brought in last night. The men brought in last night were Elmer Wilson, Russell Newman and another man, whose name is thought to be Colker or Cozer. The man arrested and brought into town this morning was badly cut about the face and head, in fact his wounds were of such a nature that the doctor advised the officers to leave him in his tent last night.

The injured man, H. L. Moore, was arraigned before Judge E. T. Perkins this morning and charged with driving an automobile while under the influence of alcoholic liquors. He pleaded not guilty and waived examining trial. His bond is \$100 and he is being held in the county jail until he has time to perfect bond in this amount.

The three men that were arrested and brought to jail Wednesday night were to appear before Judge Perkins this afternoon and at this time charges will be filed against them.

District Deputy Back From Trip to Reagan County
W. N. Holden, district deputy game, fish and oyster commissioner, who is an ex-officio member of the oil fraternity by reason of the fact that the prevention of the pollution of streams by the oil fields comes under his supervision, has just returned from a visit in Reagan county. He states that several wells are on the sand there, awaiting pipe line facilities.

Mr. Holden states that his department has had no trouble with the oil men in Brown county in respect to the work coming under its supervision.

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Reports Million Feet of Gas From Concho Co. Well

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MOTHER BROWNWOOD MAN DIES IN WEST VIRGINIA, AGED 98

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Word reached here today of the death of Mrs. Amanda Osburn, mother of Representative Mansfield of Texas, at her home in Wayne, W. Va.

J. F. Mansfield of Brownwood, a son of Mrs. Osburn, received a message late yesterday, announcing her death. She was in her 98th year, and while she had been here and hearty throughout her life, her death was not unexpected on account of her extreme age.

Mr. Mansfield's father, Colonel J. J. Mansfield, Sr., was killed in 1861 while fighting with the Confederate army. The family home was in Virginia. In more recent years Mrs. Osburn made her home in West Virginia, and exerted a wide influence in her part of the state.

She opened the campaign for Woodrow Wilson's family home when he was first nominated in 1912, and throughout her life took a prominent part in the public affairs of her community. J. F. Mansfield of Brownwood and Congressman J. J. Mansfield are the only Texas members of the family.

POSTOFFICE IS TO BE ESTABLISHED IN FRY FIELD NEAR FUTURE

Fry oil field is to have a post office. A favorable report has been sent to the postoffice department at Washington by the federal inspector who went over the situation carefully, and made recommendations that a postoffice be needed in that part of the country.

The postoffice will be located about three miles northwest of the town of Thrifty, so it is in position to know that there are 1,500 people in the White and Fry oil fields that now get their mail at Santa Anna and Brownwood. Three different routes have been suggested but of course as yet the official route has not been designated. The mail will be daily.

Federal Income Man to be in Brownwood to look After Taxes

Postmaster W. L. Turner is in receipt of information to the effect that a deputy internal revenue man from headquarters will be in Brownwood March 4 and 5 to assist in preparing income tax reports and collecting income taxes.

Postmaster Turner says while no information is given as to where the collector will make headquarters, it is safe to say he will be found at the postoffice.

Brownwood Will Ask For Next Meeting of Legion Conventio

The Isham A. Smith post American Legion meets tonight. It is understood a delegation headed by the postmaster, J. Claude Smith, will go to the legion convention at Sweetwater next Sunday and ask that the next district convention which will be 30 days hence, be held in Brownwood. It will probably be held at the legion hall and the convention if proper efforts are put forth and this the local post plans to do.

Hospital Notes

Bob Harlow, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Harlow of the city, was able to be removed to his home, following a operation in a local hospital about two weeks ago.

Mrs. C. D. Martin of Bangs, underwent an operation in a local surgical institution early Thursday morning, and according to latest statements coming from the institution, she is resting well.

Mrs. Emory Smith, of Lohn, Texas, was operated on in a local hospital Wednesday afternoon and is doing well today, so state latest reports from the institution.

C. E. Hightower, an employe of the Prairie Pipe Line Co., was thrown from a car in some way Wednesday and struck the ground head first, and the impact with the ground is thought to have fractured, according to the statement of his attendants at a local hospital where he was taken following the accident. He is resting well today.

Three men charged with disturbing the peace and one for an affray, appeared before Judge Potts this morning and pleaded guilty to the charges and paid fines for their offenses.

NEGRO MOVED TO SAFE JAIL NEAR LUBBOCK

LUBBOCK, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Robert Benton, alias Stanley, held by officers on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Bob Morgan, Dickens county farmer, Monday, has been removed by West Texas officers from the Tarrant county jail and lodged in another jail closer to the scene of the crime, but officers of Lubbock and Crosby counties today refused to divulge his whereabouts.

Rumors were current here today that Stanley is being held in Lubbock but Sheriff Bud Johnston denies knowledge of the negro's location and emphatically states that he is not held here.

J. D. Gaines, who has been in a local hospital for 83 days as the result of being shot by an unknown hi-jacker, has sufficiently recovered from his wounds to be removed to his home on Belle Plain avenue. It was stated by the attendants at the hospital that Mr. Gaines' condition was very favorable and it is thought that he has entirely recovered from his wounds, that for a while threatened his life.

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Former Brownwood Citizen Dies at Age of 54 at Childress

Newspaper dispatches carry the information that Marcus A. Caradine, a former citizen of Brown county and at Childress, January 22, following a brief illness. Deceased was born near Gatesville, Texas, May 26, 1873. He married Miss Emma Pierrat, on July 12, 1902, at Santa Anna. In January 1905 the family moved to Childress county in which locality the family has since lived.

ARREST WAX FIGURES

DALLAS, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The police department was informed by telephone last night that four well known bank robbers were at Dallas this week. A squad of blue coats rushed to the place to find wax figures of Jesse James, Frank James, Ed Young and Bob Ford, used in a robbery at Childress.

PURCHASE OF COTTON FROM LIVERPOOL FIRM MADE BY RADIOPHONE

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The president of the New Orleans cotton exchange bought a hundred bales of cotton from the president of the Liverpool exchange today in the first long distance telephone conversation between the two cities.

And the president of the Liverpool market, not to be outdone, sold the cotton in the closing minutes of his own market and bought as many more from New Orleans in the opening minutes of that market.

The circuit over which the two talked was said by telephone officials to have been the longest yet set up, its route covering approximately 10,500 miles.

C. C. FOSDICK TO DRILL SOON SOUTH OF CITY

C. C. Fosdick has secured a block of about 1,000 acres from W. D. McChristy and others, 6 miles south of town, on which he is to begin drilling within sixty days. These will be wildcat tests, three or four miles from production. The contract depth is 1,600 feet or to the Caddo line.

Two other drilling contracts in which Fosdick is interested are to be started at once. Fosdick and E. W. Price of San Antonio are ready to move in for a well on the L. W. McDonald, nine miles southwest of Brownwood, offsetting the Gray gas well on the McDonald. Work on this well will start the first of next week.

Alex. Patrick of Denver, Colorado, and others are to drill on a 20 acres in the southwest corner of the Andrews. The contract was made through the office of Mr. Fosdick, who has an interest in the acreage.

Rigging Up For Test to Be Drilled on Capps Farm

Work began this morning on digging the slush pit and other preparations for the well on the Capps farm, east of town, which will be started in an early date. A lease of 600 acres on the Capps farm was secured some time ago by Peck and Hendricks, who have negotiated with C. T. Andrews and associates for drilling, as previously stated in these columns. The contract depth is 1,500 feet or to the Capps gas sand.

The reason why there is more drilling in this section than anywhere was discovered by Leslie N. Shaw, consulting geologist, on a recent visit to Brown county, according to the San Antonio Express. The Express interviewed Mr. Shaw on his return to San Antonio after his inspection of North and Central Texas, and under the caption "Brown County Is Big Opportunity for Small Man," reported his observations as follows:

"Leslie N. Shaw, consulting geologist, is back from a trip through the North Central Texas district and down through Brown and Coleman and other countries on the south end of that district where he went to make a survey of the field for operators. Information he obtained throws light on the reason why there is more drilling activity in that territory at this time and was all last year than anywhere else in the State.

"Surface structures are not pronounced and relatively insignificant when compared with structures in Oklahoma and Kansas, and oil is being found in relatively small pools and on northwest plunges or noses. In some of the West Texas districts, and elsewhere in the state, structures are such that one major company is able to lease the entire structure and thus control the situation all by itself.

"Especially in the Brown-Coleman territory the structures are small and are so numerous that it is quite out of the question for any company or group of companies to lease the entire individual operator thus has a chance with the aid of a geologist to go into the territory and get in on the 'play.' The ownership of the land which is mainly in small tracts aids the small operator also. In other parts of the state a majority company by leasing a ranch of 20,000 to 200,000 acres from one owner has all the structure under his control.

"Thus in Brown County there is the old Brownwood pool some of which extends into the town of Brownwood, and which was opened in 1917, wells producing from two to 25 barrels from depth of 100 to 425 feet. The Blake pool producing as high as 1,400 barrels of 41 to 43 gravity oil at 1,200 feet. Cross Plains, which eventually will probably merge with the Blake pool and producing from the same sand. Cross Plains opened in 1925 and producing 41 to 42 gravity oil at about 1,400 feet. Fry pool making 41 to 42 gravity oil at 1,150 to 1,500 feet. There are smaller pools all over Brown and Coleman Counties of from one to a few wells, including the Thrifty pool, Bangs, White, Burkett, Echo Camp, Colorado, Webb, Zephyr Blaket, Holder, May, Bryd's Store. In some cases the production is at much greater depth and the production too small to be very profitable if there is any profit at all and these fields are not being developed.

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TEXAS COMPANY DRILLING 9 WELLS ON LOWE LEASE

The Texas Company has a row of nine wells drilling on the R. M. Lowe lease in the Fry field which it recently purchased from Geo. A. Henshaw, Jr. & Company. These are south offsets to the rows of wells completed by Henshaw about the time of the sale.

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SISTER'S PLEA FOR CLEMENCY AGAIN DENIED

AUSTIN, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Governor Dan Moody again refused to commute the death sentence imposed on George J. Hassell of Parkwell, confessed slayer of fourteen persons.

Mrs. P. A. Watson of Crockett, Hassell's sister, pleaded with the governor to reconsider his recent action in denying clemency.

Moody told Mrs. Watson, however that in the event the court had not had time to complete an insanity hearing which she will seek for Hassell, he will grant a stay of sentence until the decision is reached.

Mrs. Watson left immediately for Groveton where she will file petition for insanity trial. Hassell's execution is set for February 25.

Brown County Girl Announced Winner of State Scholarship

Miss Elma Middleton of the Indian Creek community was announced winner of the state scholarship contest in which club girls from over the state participated. Miss Maysie Malone announced to-day. This scholarship, which amounts to about \$200, entitles Miss Middleton to enter any state school or college. Miss Middleton has won many honors for her club work, and has finished her four years of club work this year attending Daniel Baker College.

Incompetency is Cause of Failure Most Texas Banks

HOUSTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Ninety-five per cent of the bank failures in Texas during the last six or seven years have been due to incompetency. Commissioner of Banking Charles O. Austin told the convention of the first district Texas Bankers Association here Thursday.

Speaking on "better banking practices," he declared that less than five per cent of the failures could be attributed wholly to economic causes.

Real Estate Transfers

WARRANTY DEEDS
L. Knight to N. M. Inglet 6 acres Bangs, February 2, 1900.
S. P. Martin addition town of D. H. Wood et ux to Phillip Grady one lot out of the Robert Malone survey, January 31, 1900.
W. W. Grubb et ux to W. X. Grubb part of lot 2 block 28 town of Bangs, February 10, 1950.

OIL

TEN PISTOLS STOLEN FROM SUPPLY ROOM OF GUARD COMPANY

The supply room of Company A 142nd Infantry, was robbed Saturday night by an unknown thief or thieves. Ten Colt automatic pistols were taken by the burglar but evidently they were frightened away for several guns were left in fact one was dropped by them and found lying in the middle of the floor.

The burglar or burglars entered the building, the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building, through a window that had been left unlocked. They then broke a window in the office room of Company A and took the keys, but were foiled in that the key to the supply room was not there, although the key that opened the outside door, that gave entrance to the hall leading to the supply room, was among the keys found in the office room. The burglars used a brace and bit to drill a hole in the door to the supply room large enough to put one's hand in, which they did, and crooked to open the night lock from the inside.

No clues have been found as to the guilty parties but the officers are working on the case. No rifles were taken, in fact nothing has been missed except the ten pistols.

PARDON POWER TEST CASE INSTITUTED IN SAN ANTONIO COURT

SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The pardon power of Miriam A. Ferguson, while governor, will be attacked in a test case by District Attorney C. M. Chambers of Bexar county starting March 4 in 37th district court here before Judge W. S. Anderson.

The point in the test case is: "Has the governor of Texas the power to pardon a man while his case is still pending before the appellate court?"

Personal invitations to attend the hearing have been mailed by Chambers to the district attorneys of Galveston, Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, and other Texas cities. He requested that the newspapers extend invitations to all other district and county attorneys of the state to attend the hearing.

Herman J. Schultz, principal in the test case, was convicted on a charge of theft by baillee, to which he pleaded not guilty. When his case was on appeal, and one day before Governor Ferguson went out of office she granted him a pardon. Two days after the governor went out of office the appellate court affirmed the conviction and issued a mandate on which Schultz has

been rearrested. He has been released on his own recognizance until date of the hearing.

Development of Hot Wells Will Be Undertaken

An option on the Brownwood Hot Wells property has been sold to parties who anticipate spending from \$100,000 to \$150,000 in developing and improving it, according to Judge C. H. Jenkins, receiver for the stockholders.

Among the improvements contemplated, according to the preliminary plans, are the erection of a modern bath house, and the construction of golf links and tennis courts as recreation facilities. The medicinal value of the Hot Wells water will be fully exploited, and every possible effort will be made to develop this resource, Judge Jenkins said.

Improvements on the property will be made prior to the opening of the bathing season, even though the sale of the property may not be consummated, the receiver said this morning.

No matter how beautiful their clothes, some girls simply do not wear well.

36-inch Domestic for quilt lining, 8c.—BURT NORWOOD.

Citizens of Greer county, Kentucky, have organized to prevent demolition of the Greensburg courthouse, oldest in the state, in favor of a modern structure.

36-inch Prints, 50c grade, for 25c —BURT NORWOOD.

Is Your Appetite Poor? Sleep Broken?

Port Arthur, Texas.—"I was all rickety, my appetite was poor, my sleep broken, and I was at a loss what to do to regain my health when someone advised me to try Dr. Pease's Golden Medical Discovery. I did so, and it was really a surprise to me how quickly I began to feel better and pick up. A few bottles put me in good health and since then I go for a bottle of the 'Discovery' just as soon as I begin to go down in health. It is a wonderful tonic."—G. W. Wagoner, 930-7th St. All dealers. Large bottles, Liquid \$1.35; Tablets \$1.35 and 65c.



FAMOUS HUMORIST TO VISIT BROWNWOOD ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Will Rogers, who is considered the greatest humorist since Mark Twain, will speak in Brownwood on Friday night, February 25.

Like all great humorists Mr. Rogers has his serious side. Last year he was back amongst the home folks in Oklahoma, where he spent the earliest years of his life before he became a national figure and wealth poured into his lap. He was back there among the people for the solemn purpose of attending the funeral of a loved sister, who had tenderly throughout the years ministered to the community.

His sad visit to his old home had brought Will Rogers face to face with the real things of life. The following is one of the tributes he paid to his sister. "After all," Mr. Rogers wrote, "there is nothing in the world like home. You can roam all over the world but after all, it's what the people at home think of you that counts. I have just today witnessed a funeral that for real sorrow and real affection I don't think will ever be surpassed anywhere. They came in every mode of conveyance, on foot, in buggies, horseback, wagons, cars and trains, and there wasn't a soul came that she hadn't helped or favored at one time or another."

Death knows no denomination. Death draws no color line. Some uninformed newspaper printed "Mrs. C. L. Lane, sister of the famous comedian, Will Rogers. It's the other way around. I am the brother of Mrs. C. L. Lane, 'The Friend of Humanity.' And I want to tell you that as I saw all those people who were there to pay tribute to her memory it was the proudest moment of my life that I was her brother. And all the honors that I could ever in my wildest dreams hope to reach, would never equal the honor paid on a little western hilltop among her people to Maud Lane. If they love me like that at the finish, my life will not have been in vain."

The real things of life. Once in a while some one like Will Rogers with a power of imagination and a gift of expression comes along and puts it into words.

SICKLY, PEEVISH CHILDREN

Children suffering from intestinal worms are cross, restless and unhealthy. There are other symptoms, however. If the child is pale, has dark rings under the eyes, bad breath and takes no interest in play, it is almost a certainty that worms are eating away its vitality. The surest remedy for worms is White's Cream Vermifuge. It is positive destruction of the worms but harmless to the child. Price 35c.—Sold by Campbell Drug Co.

PROSPERITY IS REFLECTED BY STATE'S BANKS

DALLAS, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The good banks of Texas are stronger, good merchants have more credit and are discounting their bills, good farmers are working harder and have more food and feed than ever before, George Miller, chairman of the fifth district meeting of the Texas Bankers' Association said today at the district meeting.

Mr. Miller urged the bankers to pay more attention to candidates for political office.

"You should remember that your local school trustees and county commissioners have the power to vote bonds and increase taxes as well as the authorities at Washington and Austin," he said.

E. A. McKinley, vice president of the American Exchange National Bank of Dallas, said the banker is anxious and doing all possible to enable the farmer to become a first class business man, but the farmer himself is the one who can do this.

FRISCO READY TO LEND HELPING HAND TO PUSH ROAD TO OIL FIELDS

Vice President J. E. Hutchinson of the Frisco Railway and county commissioners in St. Louis, O. C. McCarty of Fort Worth, vice president and general manager in Texas, and other officials were in Brownwood on a brief visit Friday, and talked freely with several business men concerning future development and expansion of the railroad.

The Frisco officials are very much interested in the immense development of the oil industry in Brown county and are of the opinion that this development is in fact in its infancy. The company is very much interested in the matter of good roads to the oil fields, because the more oil is produced the more it will be worth to the country generally and to the railroad because every piece of machinery that is hauled from the industrial centers to Brownwood to be taken to the oil fields is hauled by the railroads.

So the official said yesterday that the Frisco is ready to co-operate with the county commissioners and the city of Brownwood in the matter of making good roads to the oil fields and that good bridges span the streams that are on the roads to the oil fields. The commissioners court will be in session in Brownwood next Monday and the Frisco railroad will send an engineer here to discuss good roads with the commissioners and to offer such suggestions as may be worth while, even to the extent of making a trip over the road from Brownwood to the Fry and White oil fields, and studying the road building situation at close range.

SUIT ATTACKS CHARTER GIVEN FOOD COMPANY

AUSTIN, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Fortitude of the charter of the Texas Food Packers Company of San Antonio, a \$10,000,000 corporation, was sought in a suit filed by the attorney general's department today in 33rd district court here.

Appointment of a receiver for the food company and termination of its affairs also is asked.

The petition recites that persons forming such a corporation for canning and pickling must be engaged in agricultural production and charged that neither of the incorporators is so engaged, and that the incorporation was in violation of the law.

Charges that the company has violated the state blue sky laws by selling stock without a permit were made.

PAYMENT IS MADE BY TEXAS COMPANY FOR HENSHAW LEASE

The statement comes from the offices of G. A. Henshaw, Jr., & Company in San Angelo that the final check-up of the production on the Lowe lease in the Fry field was made Saturday evening and check received from the Texas Company in payment for the lease.

The San Angelo Standard in announcing the conclusion of this transaction Sunday said: "The final check-up on the sale of George A. Henshaw, Jr., & Company's 320 acre lease in the Fry field, Brown county, was made in San Angelo Saturday by Texas Company officials, and the \$2,000,000 was paid in Fort Worth the same day to George A. Henshaw on their final 6 c.

The sale included the lease and 14 producing wells, with one well on the lease ready to be drilled in. The purchase contract stipulated that production was to range 6,000 daily for six days, with Texas Company gaugers on the job. The oil from the wells is 44 gravity crude, and brings \$2.35 a barrel at the well.

Henshaw owned a half interest in the property outright, and the other half was owned by William McGinley and S. J. Sackett of Chicago. McGinley paid \$90,000 for his interest in the deal Sept. 30, 1926.

3 lb. Roll Quilt Cotton, 45c.—BURT NORWOOD.

Bees sometimes become intoxicated in autumn from feeding on over-ripe plums.

WINDOWS ARE SHATTERED BY HEAVY BLAST

BORGER, Texas, Feb. 15.—(AP)—One man was killed and two persons injured last night when 13 tons of nitro powder in a magazine house a mile and a half from here let go, rocking the entire country for miles and shattering close to \$1,500 worth of plate glass windows and causing other property damage.

Melvin Norris, oil driller, was instantly killed as he ran from the derrier out into the open and a falling missile tore him in two. The oil rig is located at the far side of city opposite the direction of explosion.

Mrs. Hal Yates, who married a taxi driver but three hours before, was blown from the car while parked on the main street here. The car door mysteriously closed after her. The blast wrecked the car almost beyond repair and did not injure her husband. She was taken to a hospital seriously injured.

House Catches Fire. Mrs. Fox, a nurse, was knocked down in her home by the blast and sustained a fractured arm. The building then caught fire from broken gas connections.

A man known as Brown, living in a tent 300 yards from where the magazine house stood, emerged from his tent uninjured a few moments after the blast and saw a man walking slowly from the direction of the magazine. No one else lives within half a mile of Brown's place. Parts of a car were found near his tent.

The cause of the explosion is yet unknown by Thompson Brothers, owners of the magazine.

General Chang has ordered 4,500 Bibles and 60,000 New Testaments for the officers and men of his army.

Ladies' new Spring Hats, \$2.95—Burt Norwood.

PREVENTS INFECTION

The greatest discovery in flesh healing is the marvelous power of a preparation that comes in liquid and powder form. It is a combination treatment that not only purifies the wound of germs that cause infection but it heals the flesh with extraordinary speed. Bad wounds or cuts which take weeks to heal with the ordinary liniments mend quickly under the powerful influence of this wonderful remedy. Price (liquid) 25c, 50c and \$1.25. Powder 30c and 60c. Sold by Campbell-Bell Drug Co.

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Population of Coleman 4,536 Census Shows

(From Coleman Democrat-Voice) Census enumerators have completed the job for which they were employed last week by the city commission. The population of the town to date is 4,536. The three enumerators were Mrs. Zoe D. Hayworth, Walter Weaver and Charlie Wilkinson.

Mr. Wilkinson worked the territory north of Live Oak street and counted 1,302 people. Mr. Weaver worked south of Live Oak and east of Commercial—including cemetery—and counted 1,559 people. Mrs. Hayworth worked west of Commercial Avenue and south of Live Oak street and counted 1,575. The three figures total 4,536, and it is all that Coleman has.

More than a week was spent by the enumerators and a thorough counting of noses resulted. They went forth with explicit instructions to count every citizen and they did. If an error was made it was in favor of more instead of less. The city commission was very anxious to increase the population above 5,000 so that a new charter could be secured. Under the present charter \$150 is the tax limit and finances are not available for needed improvements.

Individual estimators have figured that there is in the neighborhood of 800 people living in Coleman as a result of oil activity and kindred operations and that the actual permanent population is not in excess of 3,700.

BANKER IDENTIFIES SUSPECT HELD UNDER SWINDLING CHARGES

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 12.—(AP)—C. E. Weston of California, being held here on blanket charges as a fugitive from justice, today was identified by W. H. Burch of the Fort Worth First National Bank as the man alleged to have victimized it of a large sum of money some time ago.

Burch said his bank and the Texas National Bank of Fort Worth were swindled of large sums by a man who deposited bogus checks and drew on them. He declined to tell what an it was lost.

Stop-Look-Listen!

American railroads are the safest in the world to ride on. They are safer than any other kind of transportation. But you can make them even safer by being more careful. The welfare of yourself and family may be involved.

- The railroads are making a vigorous effort to reduce accidents.
- Won't you help?
- You can help in many ways and especially by observing these ten don'ts.
- DON'T** cross railroad tracks, either wing or driving, until you stop and look in both directions, whether view is obstructed or not.
- Stop—look—listen!
- DON'T** try to cross tracks in front of an approaching train. It pays to wait.
- DON'T** cross a track after a train has passed, until you have made sure no train is coming from the opposite direction.
- DON'T** walk or stand on railroad tracks. If compelled to walk in railroad yards, avoid walking between the rails of open tracks. There is usually room between the tracks.
- DON'T** let your children play on railroad tracks or trains. Teach them to play elsewhere.
- DON'T** get on or off a non-passenger freight train, or crawl under it.
- DON'T** attempt to get on or off a moving passenger train. Wait until it stops.
- DON'T** be careless when stepping on or off a standing passenger train. Watch your step.
- DON'T** stand on platforms of passenger cars. It is safer inside.
- DON'T** place hand or arm in an open window. The window may close unexpectedly.
- Two-thirds of all railroad accidents** are incurred by persons going on railroad tracks without stopping, looking and listening.
- You share in the responsibility for these accidents.
- Your co-operation means greater safety.

W. B. STOREY, President
The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway System

Broken Threads

WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE
To the home of Prof and Mollie Elwell in Brownwood, Texas, one night in October, 1898, comes Martha Dalton, a nurse, bearing a woman who had fainted on the train on which Martha had been traveling.



Rhewell is an artist. He has a fine, thin, aristocratic nose. He is a night twin, and late that night he and his sister, Mollie, who dies without revealing her identity. Her attire indicated she was a person of wealth and refinement. The Elwells adopt the girl.

The girl then moves forward eighteen years. The twins, now grown to beautiful womanhood, have been named Margaret and Elizabeth and nicknamed Rusty and Betty.

America enters the World War and Jim Elwell enlists with the first. Two nights before he leaves, he discovers that one of the twins loves him, and that he loves her. His mother, coming out of the house, discovers him sitting under the trees.

NOW BEGIN THE STORY

CHAPTER VIII
"Jim, what are you doing. What are you musing about out here? Both girls and Prof and I have been wondering where you were."

She came close to him and looked into his face, showing distinctly in the moonlight. And whether it was a mother's intuition or instinct, or whatever it was that told her, Mollie Elwell knew from what she saw there that something big and wonderful had come into her son's life that night.

And her woman's heart—the heart of the wife and the mother, too—also told her what that something was. But it didn't tell her which.

"Won't you tell me, Jim?" she asked, putting her hands up on his shoulders. "Won't you tell Mollie?"

Both girls, she told him, had left the parlor a few minutes after Jim. "Our tent upstairs, I know, for I heard the stair door creak. The other I heard go out through the kitchen, but which one it is I don't know."

Jim was silent, staring at the moonlight heaven.

"Which girl was it, Jim, that came out here?" his mother continued almost pleadingly. "For I know, of course, that whichever it was she is the girl—the girl you will wear in your heart when you go away. Which was it, Jim? Was it Betty or Rusty?"

Jim Elwell put his arms around his mother and hugged her. But he made no answer just then to her question. After a moment she asked it again and then he told her—all but the name of the girl, and he told her why he couldn't tell that.

"He might, he said, never come back. That was an all-too-likely possibility which, of course, they both had to accept."

"And you, Mollie, have been the only mother the girls ever had known and you have always loved them both and love them now, I am sure, equally as well."

"Would it not be natural, he continued, if his mother knew which of his two little girls he now loved as a sweetheart that she would love her as his sweetheart also and just a little bit more, perhaps, than the other?"

"It was hard for him to make his choice clear, hard to voice his feelings about it."

"If I never come back," he went on quickly, forestalling his mother's reply, "then our secret will never be known. She promised me tonight that she would never tell until I gave her the word."

"And now, Mollie dear," he concluded, "won't you also give me your promise, the promise to make no further effort to find out until I come back which is my pal and my sweetheart, too? Won't you, dearest and bestest of mothers?"

And thus it came about that the dearest and bestest of mothers gave to her son her promise. Gave it half laughingly at what she termed a silly and of his. And half tearfully, for she understood something of the thoughtfulness and unselfishness behind his request.

"Tell the girls to come out," Jim called after her as she started back toward the house, "both of you. With such a moon two girls aren't any too many."

Clever Jim! Mollie Elwell laughed softly to herself as she recrossed the lawn. At the kitchen door she turned and looked up at the moon shining down in majestic splendor. A sweetheart moon, it had been Prof's and her moon—was their moon still. Now it was Jim's moon, too, and she, a sweetheart mother, was now love's messenger. But to which girl was she carrying the message? Was it Betty? . . . Or was it Rusty?

She found the twins in the kitchen; both of them looked and acted as if they had been caught stealing the cat's cream. How, Mollie Elwell asked herself in exasperation, could you person tell which was the one she was

looking for when the eyes of both were telling the same story?

"Jim wants you two—wants both of you," she told them with a little break in her voice. "He wants you to come out and help him look at the moon."

"Oh! gasped Betty. Oh! breathed Rusty, and Oh! of the moon!"

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BIG INDUSTRY LOCATES HERE PERMANENTLY

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Work on the plant is to start by March 1, and will be hurried to as early completion as possible. The plant will run twelve months in every year and will give constant employment to at least 50 men, preferably men with families, and good wages will be paid. The labor will in large measure be of an expert nature. Men who form connection with this big enterprise which has a counter part at Fredonia, Kansas, rarely leave it to hunt other work, because it is a work in which most men, once they get started, take pride in seeing just how well they can do their part, and because the management knows just how to handle men to cause them to take a personal interest in their work.

Plans were made by W. W. LaDow of Fredonia, Kansas, to a representative of the Southern Hotel last Saturday afternoon. After all the details of the deal had been completed and nothing remained but to the project. "Where will the plant be located?" asked the newspaper man. "On the west side; and everybody knows where that is," promptly came the answer. "I have caught fish out of that lake," continued Mr. LaDow, "and they were good ones, too."

"How about the clay—is there plenty and is it good?" was the next question. "The clay is here in inexhaustible abundance," was the answer, "and I can tell you that last year a carload was taken from here to Fredonia, Kansas, and given a most rigid test for face brick making purposes and it met every test in just the right way—couldn't have been better. And it is here—enough to last hundreds of years."

"What about the fuel—going to burn wood?" asked the scribe. "Wood, your foot," was the answer, and Mr. LaDow laughed long and loud. "Why, man, there is enough gas here to set the whole world on fire—in fact, gas here to burn," he continued, "and gas is the ideal fuel for brick making purposes. Brownwood people perhaps do not realize how fortunate they are in regard to their fuel and heating resources. There is no limit to the supply of the best gas on earth all around Brownwood, and this is one of the main factors that is going to boost Brownwood into a city of well 50,000 inhabitants, by and by. Manufacturing interests everywhere are hunting cheap fuel. In all manufacturing enterprises the fuel cost is the greatest overhead charge, and naturally the cheaper the fuel is, the less will be the overhead charge and the more satisfactory will be the operation of the enterprise."

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The Chancellor (Big Six Victoria)	\$1735	\$1645	\$ 90
The Commander (Big Six Brougham)	\$1785	\$1585	\$200
The Sheriff (Big Six Phaeton)	\$1610	\$1445	\$165
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CODE ETHICS FOR FIGHTERS IS SUGGESTED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The recent fistie lasses of some members of Congress have produced a paradoxical aftermath.

Instead of tightening the tension that always plagues the closing days of a session, fights and rumors of fights have mellowed the pre-adjournment interlude with levity.

House members in particular are getting an unusual kick out of the process of laughing off the sobriquet of "the fighting sixty-nine."

Chairman Snell of the rules committee, which has before it two resolutions to prescribe a code of ethics for members who use their fists, said today he had set no date for a hearing because he was reluctant to expose his committee to the "dangers" that might be entailed.

"You can say for me," he said, "that when the army provides adequate protection for the committee, we will take up the resolutions."

Representative Tilson of Connecticut, the republican leader, appeared concerned that the newspapers gave front page space to yesterday's debate on the resolutions.

A pair of boxing gloves from the town where Tunney won from Dempsey was presented today to Speaker Longworth. They were the gift of Representative Welsh of Pennsylvania, whose career included a prize ring chapter.

He in turn had received the gloves from the twenty-four war republican club of Philadelphia with this note:

"Kindly make good use of these for according to reports they are necessary in the halls of Congress."

THREE DIE IN SNOWSTORMS IN MOUNTAINS

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Three persons were dead, several injured and heavy damage to highways and railroads was reported today following heavy snow and rainstorms in the Rocky mountain states.

The three dead were victims of separate snow slides which swept mining communities near Price, Utah, yesterday. The slides occurred on both sides of Indian summit, blocking all traffic into the Utah basin.

Gus Goodart, 65, and Mironi Mower, 30, Latada, Utah, Dan Grundvig, 46, Watis, Utah, were killed in the slides while five others were injured, two probably fatally.

Rainstorms of cloudburst proportions washed out roads in Southern Utah, where more precipitation was forecast for today.

Unsettled conditions also prevailed on the eastern side of the continental divide, ranging from damaging rains in Mexico and Arizona to sub-zero weather in Montana.

COLLEGE ACADEMY IS VICTORIOUS IN GAME WITH LIONS QUINTET

Howard Payne Academy versus Brownwood High School. That was the entire basket ball program for Brownwood Wednesday night, and the Academy quintet was returned winner of the lone contest.

The final score of that game being 26 to 24 in favor of the baby Yellow Jackets. The high school was minus the services of Fanning, who was ruled ineligible, and Taylor, who has withdrawn from the high school and entered Howard Payne academy.

The Lions did not present so formidable a quintet without the services of these two men, one of whom, Taylor, was their captain and scoring ace. In fact, Taylor had scored almost as many points during the present season as all others combined.

The lot of high point man in last night's game fell to Harlow, the brilliant floor guard of the high school team, his evening's performance netting him 15 points.

Hicks, a Minnesota forward, accounted for 12 points and the other two were made by Cole and Cameron.

Jack Taylor, erstwhile captain of the Lions and now forward with the academy, led his team in the scoring department with 12 to his credit. Adams, forward, accounted for 5, McCarty, center, made three and Dickson, substitute center, accounted for two points.

TONIGHT OPEN DATE WITH NO GAMES CARD

Thanks to Coaches Amis, Blair and Crabtree, no basket ball games are scheduled for tonight in Brownwood, but just one night's rest is all that is assured for the remainder of this week and the first part of next week.

Friday and Saturday nights will see the Daniel Baker Hill Billies in action, their guests being the strong McMurry Indians.

Coach Medley and his tribe have none too much love for the Daniel Baker five in view of the two drubbings handed them already this season by Chambers and company.

It would be very sweet revenge to the Indians if they could manage to whip the Billies in their own pasture and the self same Billies can rest assured that the visitors will put all they have into the two games in an effort to take at least one of the two games.

These two tilts are T. I. A. A. games and should the Daniel Baker five drop out of the contest it would just be too bad as far as the home guard is concerned.

Next Week, Too. Monday and Tuesday nights will see the Billies in action again, their opponents for these two nights being the St. Mary's Rattlers of San Antonio.

The Jacks are resting up preparatory to their hard week's grind ahead of them next week at the Texas Conference tournament that is to be held in Abilene.

The local high school quintet will also see action next week as they are to go to Cisco for the A. A. U. tournament that will be held there Feb. 25 and 26.

They may have a practice game or two before that time.

Fox Film Feature, "Going Crooked," Pleases Audience

The love of a young district attorney for a young adventuress who is a member of a gang of lowly thieves, leads to some very interesting as well as amusing situations in "Going Crooked," which had a first showing at the Queen Theatre yesterday.

Basette Love plays the part of the stellar feminine role of the beautiful lure of the gangsters, and Gustav Von Seyffertitz is the master mind of the criminals. Oscar Shaw is the young attorney who goes "crooked" for very laudable reasons, and Edwin Kennedy is "Never Wrong" Doyle, who keeps yesterday's audience laughing with his clumsy efforts at detection.

WHITELEY SAID TO HAVE GOOD CHANCE TO MAKE A WELL

The Windsor well on the J. F. Whiteley tract, a mile and a quarter south of Bangs, has been the object of a good deal of interest during the last two or three days.

The well was shot Tuesday night, Wednesday evening it was cleaning and setting six inch casing and preparing to swab, at 1,238 feet. Some of the oil men who visited the well Wednesday afternoon said Wednesday night that it was "looking pretty fair."

As reported earlier in the week, the well encountered 30 feet of oily sand just above the Caddo lime.

Gas Showing at Top of Lime in Well Near Zephyr

A little gas at the top of the lime is reported in a well that is being drilled four or five miles from Zephyr. The depth is about 1,700 feet.

The well on the Moody Glass tract, three miles south of Zephyr, is moving on a bigger rig to drill deeper. The depth is now 1,600 feet.

BIG LOUISIANA GASSER

NATCHEZ, Miss., Feb. 17.—(AP)—The well of the Lochagner Oil and Gas Company at Wallace's ridge in Catahoula parish, Louisiana, 30 miles from Natchez blew in as a gasser last night with so strong a pressure that the derrick would have been demolished had the well not sanded up. Great excitement prevails throughout this section and it is believed that the "discovery" will mean the opening up of an important new gas field.

THOUSANDS UNABLE TO SECURE SEATS IN RICKARD'S BIG ARENA

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Stripped by promise of the most thrilling heavyweight encounter of the season, New York's sport world today talked nothing but "fight" as Jimmy Maloney and Jack Delaney prepared to pull up training stakes and head for the scene of their ten round battle Friday night.

At Madison Square Garden, Tex Rickard wrestled with the problem of finding room in an arena that seats 18,000 for the 100,000 fans besieging him for tickets.

Despite the refusal of the boxing commission to investigate the ticket sale at Rickard's request, speculators were reported on the streets with pasteboards available at fancy quotations. Prices for \$22 ringside seats were said to be bringing an average of \$110 apiece in groups and as high as \$150 for a single ticket.

The odds on Delaney stood at 3 to 2 for victory and 1 to 3 that the light heavyweight champion would score a knockout. A flood of backing to the Maloney cause reported from "wise" sources, made the ordinary fan wary, however.

The smiling Bostonian, a sizzling machine of 200 pounds rind-side has caught the interest of the metropolitan enthusiasts with a bruising style of milking that has overwhelmed his last three opponents. The picturesque Delaney, perfect ringman with a cool defense and tricky resourcefulness, has captured big fancy in a parade through the light heavyweight ranks.

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In public places people like to watch their fellow men and women. The newest motion picture pastime of New York has balconies around the foyers and openwork staircases so that waiting patrons can look at each other without hindrance.

Metropolitan landlords resort to strange devices to get the most out of every inch of space in apartment buildings.

One and two room apartments in Greenwich Village often have kitchen and bathroom combined. One young woman recently asked a negro building superintendent for a view of the kitchen of an uptown apartment. He showed it to her, hidden in a bedroom wall, and said, "Lady, I declare I'm ashamed to show it. Mostlly I pretend I don't know where it is."

Physicians stated it would be several days before all are out of danger.

Old Master's

THE day is cold and dark, and dreary; It rains, and the wind is never weary; The vine still clings to the mouldering wall, But every gust that dead leaves fall.

My life is cold, and dark, and dreary; It rains, and the wind is never weary; My thoughts still cling to the mouldering past, But hopes of youth fall thick in the blast.

And the days are dark and dreary, Be still, sad heart; and cease repining; Behind the clouds is the sun still shining; Thy fate is the common fate of all, Lento each life some rain must fall, Some days are dark and dreary.

Will Rogers Real Cowboy Reared on Southwest Ranch

Will Rogers, the famous cowboy humorist, who will speak on contemporary affairs in Brownwood on Friday, February 25, was born on a ranch in Oklahoma forty three years ago. He takes pride in the fact that he is a genuine American.

Brought up as he was on a ranch, with many cattle, young Rogers soon became an expert cowpuncher, a good horseman skilled with the lariat. When he reached the age of young manhood he became possessed of a desire to see the world.

Among his wishes, W. C. Jackson, acting secretary of the new First Avenue association, said, is a bus line. The new organization is copying as much as possible after the Fifth avenue association, Jackson announced.

First avenue extends from Allen street, in downtown Manhattan, to 125th street, a distance of six miles or more. It is largely a thoroughfare of small retail trade. Along it, too, are the establishments of meat packers, plants of the Amsterdam Gas Company and the New York Edison Company and coal yards.

Fortune continued to smile upon Rogers' efforts. His early vande-ville act was made up of mostly fancy roping, with a little bit of talk thrown in. Gradually he made more of his monologue, treating it with a witty flare of comment upon current politics and other topics of the moment.

becoming a "desirable residential district." Its neighbor, the East river, has been partly responsible for retarded development of First avenue, Jackson said, but he thinks the tone of the latter can be improved, even if it is the eastern boundary for vehicular traffic on the island.

Seen in Central Park at 3:45 a. m. amid a gusty wind and chill temperature, a thin-legged, bespectacled cross-country runner, dressed in his running suit and doing a good clip along the pavement. Cure for insomnia?

Flowers seldom are passed over the footlights of Broadway theaters these days, but they still go backstage. Francine Larrimore is one of the recipients. An admirer of the actress said it with a corsage just before a matinee recently.

EXTENSION OF COUNTY OFFICE TERMS URGED

AUSTIN, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Proposals for a referendum on the question of making the terms of a number of state offices four instead of two years were finally approved in the Senate today and sent to the House.

The resolution, by Senator Hall, would submit to the people constitutional amendments increasing the term of office for county judges, county commissioners, justices of the peace, sheriffs, county clerks and county and district attorneys for four years.

As originally drawn the measure would have applied to the supreme court and the appellate courts, but this section was stricken out in favor of a referendum on the question of revising the higher courts.

CHILDREN USE POISON FLOUR TWO VERY ILL

BALLINGER, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Five children of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Waddle, farmer, residing 20 miles northwest of here, were recovering in a hospital today from the effects of eating poisoned biscuits, but two were still in a serious condition.

The children had biscuits with flour that had been poisoned to kill insects. They obtained the flour from a neighbor's house when no one was home.

Carl, 10, and Lois, 7, are the most seriously ill. The others are Johnnie Lee, 16, Opal, 16, and Robert, 12.

Physicians stated it would be several days before all are out of danger.

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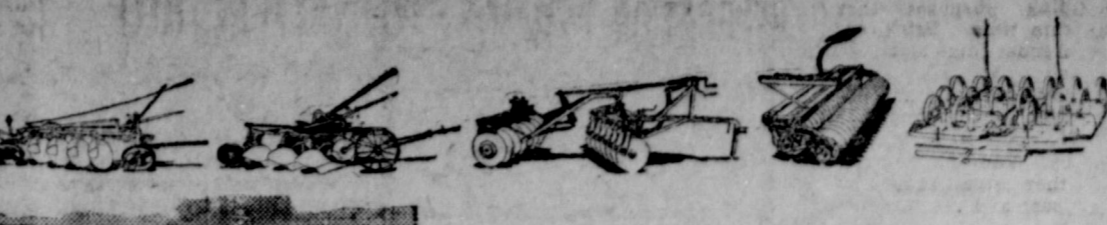
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CHICAGO—The boll weevil, modern farm machinery and the trek of the colored cotton field hand and his family north since the war have helped change the map of the nation's cotton belt, according to the Bureau of Economics of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Texas and Oklahoma are taking over the Cotton Belt by using modern production methods of farming that increase by machinery each farmer's total output and cuts costs below the old mule-and-one-man's system of the southeast, says the Research

Department of the National Association of Farm Equipment Manufacturers. Texas and Oklahoma farm incomes this year will be nearly up to the 1925 level, according to estimates. The Panhandle and a strip on up into southeastern Kansas has been pictured the most prosperous this season on account of the tremendous wheat crop produced and marketed in 1926. In the Corn Belt, the shift has also been from south and east to north and west. The two-row cultivator and the latest type planters,

tractors and discs and other harrows are being adopted generally by the southwestern cotton grower. Texas and Oklahoma are also doing much to increase production per acre and quality in the product by up-to-date plow and tillage machinery, planter, and home water system. She typifies the new Cotton Belt farmer who is prospering.

Glimpse of the Oil World

The Transcontinental Oil Company is said to have begun the construction of an eight inch pipe line from McCamey on the Orient to the Yates field in Pecos county. A production of 1,600 barrels and fourteen wells drilling was the report of last week-end from the Woodson field in southern Throckmorton county.

The oil editor of The Fort Worth Star-Telegram declares that the success of wildcat wells in West Texas during the last ten days has caused grave concern among the operators as to the market prospects.

Magnolia's well in Zapata county, three miles northeast of the nearest of the old Jennings gas wells, at 1,364 feet, made about 3,000,000 feet of gas. This revives the memory of the old Jennings field, which is still putting gas into the Border Gas Company's line at Laredo. One well in the old Jennings field is said to have paid to the Border Gas Company \$300,000 in gas.

The well of R. L. Britt and others near Byrd's Store was spudded in Saturday and was drilling Wednesday at between 100 and 200 feet.

Parties from Coleman today state that the Santa Fe railroad has a larger number of men laying track just west of Bangs in the vicinity of the Mukewago school house. The tracks are double in that part of the country.

IN THE REALM OF SPORT

WALTER JOHNSON BIDS FOR PITCHING RECORD. Walter Johnson, starting his 21st season as a pitcher in the American league, may yet equal or surpass the record of Denton T. (Cy) Young, who served 22 years as a major league pitcher. Young, however, played in both the American and National leagues while Johnson has been in the same league and on the same club throughout. Johnson joined Washington in 1907 and has been there ever since.

SMALL KANSAS TOWN LIKES BASKETBALL. Basketball is very much the popular pastime in McPherson, Kans. A town of 5,000 population, McPherson supports 20 teams. Four of the five teams entering into competition with outside aggregations are leading their respective leagues, the Kansas Independent league, the Central Kansas High School league and the Meridian Junior High School league and the McPherson county league. The town has the McPherson College team, a member of the Kansas Conference, an eight team Sunday school league and a six team grade school circuit.

FRENCH WOMAN GOLFER PRACTICES FOR HOURS. The youthful Mlle. Simone Thion de la Chaume is one of the hardest working golf champions of Europe. Throughout the winter at the Basque coast resort of St. Jean-de-Luz she spends hours each day in polishing up her game for the summer competitions. Mlle. Thion de la Chaume believes in a minimum of match play and a maximum of practice with particular shots. Often she will spend an hour playing and replaying one approach shot.

MCLAUGHLIN SUPPORTS SPORTS OF HIS SIRE. Frederick McLaughlin, millionaire and husband of the former Irene Castle, is helping to make popular in Chicago the sport of his medieval Irish ancestors. McLaughlin is a supporter of professional hockey this season because he found that game interesting, unaware that it is the modern version of hurling, an ancient national game of Ireland.

The McLaughlins were kings of Meath when hurling was Erin's national game, and the athletic capital of Meath was Tallitten, where the Irish games were held each year. The chiefs of the McLaughlins had no prouder function than to preside at the hurling contests.

As his sires sat at the edge of the arena to govern the hurling games, McLaughlin sits in a box at the Coliseum almost every night his Blackhawk play, watching them introduce to modern audiences the sport of his forefathers.

Ghent Sandford, former Secretary for Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, is in Brownwood on a prospecting trip and the chances are that he will locate here for the practice of his profession, that of the law. As a matter of fact it has been stated that Mr. Sandford has already formed a law partnership with one of the leading lawyers in central west Texas and will open a law office here soon. Mrs. Sandford and little daughter are with Mr. Sandford today during his trip to Brownwood.

Carrie Davis, a negro, charged with selling whiskey, was arrested Wednesday, but she was allowed to make bond in the amount of \$1,000 to appear for an examining trial Saturday of this week. This is the second time that she has been charged with this offense, the first time being several months ago. She has never been fined or imprisoned.

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Toilet Articles \$1.00 Hind's Cream 35c 50c Coty's Face Powder 50c 75c L'Orme Face Powder 50c \$1.90 Marimello Powder 75c 50c Marimello Powder 39c 25c Ipana Toile Powder 19c 25c Nairisse Taleum 19c 25c Woodbury's Soap 21c 15c Palmolive Soap 7c 35c Ponds Cream 29c 60c Ponds Cream 50c 50c Mennens Shaving Cream 38c 35c Palmolive Shaving Cream 29c 50c Kienzo Shav. Cream 29c 50c Ipana Tooth Paste 38c 50c Pepsodent Teeth Paste 35c 50c Mar. Tooth Paste 39c 25c Mar. Tooth Paste 19c

Hair Tonics and Shampoos \$1.00 Maldeen 79c \$1.00 93 Hair Tonic 79c 50c Petroleum Hair Rub 39c \$1.00 L'Orme Tiger Hair Tonic 79c 50c Palmolive Shampoo 38c 50c Multifid Coconut Oil Shampoo 38c

Razor Blades and Tobaccos \$1.00 Razor Blades 75c 50c Razor Blades 38c 35c Razor Blades 29c 15c Cigarettes, 2 for 25c 10c Cigars, 3 for 25c 15c Smoking Tobacco, 3 for 25c 15c Cigars, 2 for 25c

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URGES CHANGE IN SYSTEM OF MANAGEMENT

AUSTIN, Feb. 16.—(P)—Payment of \$1,136,729.91 outstanding indebtedness against the state prison system by special appropriation was recommended today by Governor Dan Moody in a message read to the House and in part to the Senate of the 46th legislature. That portion of the message not read to the Senate was ordered printed in the journal.

Prison Budget System.—The prison commission then should present a budget to the legislature of the money needed for the operation of the system and that money should be made available to them, but the receipts of the system should be deposited to the credit of the general fund.

Moody said on February 1, the \$750,000 Brown-Crummer penitentiary note was paid but at the present time the state is paying seven percent on more than \$700,000 and that "it occurs to my mind that six per cent is a high rate of interest for the state of Texas to have to pay on its obligations."

Moody should be charged with the management of the system and "its affairs should not be entirely removed from the governor's control," he said. "Therefore, I suggest the proposed board, with the consent of the governor, be given power to select a manager."

Governor Moody's attitude on the debt "inheritance" of the present administration is shown in excerpts from the message.

Debt Carried Over.—The accounts of the prison system and its history over the past few years clearly demonstrate that fundamental evils exist in the organization. The cause of these losses cannot be attributed to a single thing, but there are likely a number of causes which have contributed to the present financial condition of the system. To state the amount of money which has been lost in the management of the system is sufficient to convince the ordinary mind that there are fundamental evils which must be reached and corrected before the state can expect its prison system to be placed upon a self-supporting basis.

"The people of Texas are acquainted with the losses that the prison system has suffered and the amount of their tax money that has been taken to meet its obligations, and having knowledge of this condition, voted to amend the constitution that remedial legislation might be passed, and placed upon the legislature the duty of carrying their expected will into effect. There is, but one conclusion which can be drawn from the adoption of the amendment and that is that the people desire a comprehensive re-organization of the properties and management of our penal institution."

TEXAS AND TEXANS

By WILL H. MAYES

More Railroad Building INDICATIONS now are that the Interstate Commerce Commission begins to see that more railroads are needed in Texas and that it will pursue a liberal policy as to railroad extensions. Both the Southern Pacific and Missouri Pacific will likely be practically unbridled as to extensions in the Rio Grande Valley, and the Panhandle will get a number of needed lines during the year. The roads are as anxious to extend as the people are to get them, and it is likely that more mileage constructed than has been built in the past ten years.

Improving Present Trackage. Railroads are not only extending into new territory, but are improving their trackage in order to handle the increased business. The Santa Fe is replacing its 90 pound steel rails north of Temple with 110 pound rails. Practically all of its line from Brownwood to Sweetwater is now double tracked to enable it to handle the immense oil business from West Texas, and \$1,000,000 is being spent in increasing its yard and shop facilities at Brownwood. The railroads are trying to keep up with the growth of Texas.

Law Enforcement in Texas. In an address to the Texas Press Association at Austin, Senator Senter said that the courts have broken down in the enforcement of the law. He said that personal influence, political influence, trickery on the part of lawyers, perjury and bribery are five factors, and three of which will give a litigant sixteen chances to one that he will win a triumphant court victory. This, he thinks, applies to both civil and criminal law. Texas is becoming thoroughly aroused as to the injustice of our technical court procedure and is asking in no uncertain terms that something be done to correct existing evils and to reduce the expense of litigation. The common people have largely lost respect for the courts and it is up to the courts and the legislature to do something to win back that respect, without which there can be no good government.

Let Court Verdicts Stand. The technicalities of criminal court procedure are doing much to allow crime to go unpunished in Texas, but the fact that a convict with personal or political friends, or with money to employ "attorneys," has been able to count upon securing a pardon almost as a certainty, has been giving added encouragement to crime. Since courts and juries have begun to feel that their verdicts will likely stick, if not reversed by the higher court for technical errors, convictions commensurate with the offenses are being rendered. The only way to stop crime is to make certain its punishment.

Texas State Parks. The Llano News thinks the State has hardly played fair with its citizens in the matter of maintaining parks donated to Texas during the Neff administration. It will be remembered that when Neff was governor the State solicited the donation of numerous park sites. Some individuals deeded valuable locations, while in other places citizens went into their pockets and paid for lands that were to be used for park purposes, thinking that the State would maintain them. No effort has been made to improve or keep up these park sites, and they are mere waste lands in the various communities, more unsightly than if they belonged to somebody who would take some sort of care of them. Texas should redeem its promises or deed the lands back and recoup the people for their donations and any losses sustained.

East Texas Iron. The East Texas Chamber of Commerce has undertaken to arouse interest in starting again the iron industry in at least three counties where there are nearly 400 square miles of high content iron ore lying near the surface awaiting development—Cherokee, Cass and Harrison counties. The Society for the Scientific Development of Texas' Natural Resources is making a close study of the fields and is hoping to invest large capital in the undertaking if it appears to be the feasible project that some regard it.

Rockdale Oil Field. One who reads the Rockdale Reporter is certain to get the impression that Rockdale has an oil field that is well worth watching. If present expectations are only partly realized, Rockdale is sure to become one of the big oil centers of the State. Rockdale's little mines in themselves are enough to make the place one of the richest in the State and with abundant oil the place will be "rolling in wealth." Which reminds one that oil wells are becoming nearly as common as water wells in many parts of Texas.

Corpus Christi Improvement. Enterprising property owners of Corpus Christi are asking the city to permit them to spend some \$440,000 in building a wall along the bay shores to reclaim 140 lots which are now under water, but to make worth \$1,000 each with the improvements. The undertaking includes a beautification plan, which, it is claimed, would add much to the appearance of that part of the city. It seems any project that would increase the beauty of a place and add half a million dollars to the taxable values should have the approval of everybody.

Praise That Counts. New Braunfels is a thrifty little city on the main road between Austin and San Antonio. Hundreds of persons pass through there every day on the bus lines and in private automobiles. Here is a statement from the "Think" column in the San Antonio Express which is so cleverly phrased that I am going to lift it bodily: "Dozens of times a day travelers passing through New Braunfels remark: 'What a clean little city this is.' That advertisement has spread not only over the state, but to other states. It was posted by town pride and hard work; but once earned, it is no more difficult to maintain than a slovenly or dirty town would be. New Braunfels' example is worth copying by many towns of similar size."

Parrish Cotton Bill Dead. The Parrish cotton bill, which would have made it a crime to plant cotton two years in succession on the same land in Texas, died in the legislative committee room. It did not comport with the idea that a man's farming methods should not be controlled by law or that farms should be free from the espionage of officers of the law. The cotton acreage should be reduced, but not under the pretext that the farmer is being made to protect his soil.

Three Caught After Robbery of Postoffice. VERNON, TEXAS, Feb. 14.—(P)—Three men are being held in jail here in connection with the robbery early Monday morning of the post office at Thalia, 29 miles southwest of here in Foard county. A small safe containing about \$300 in money was taken from the Thalia post office about 3 a. m. after the door of the vault had been blown open, according to H. L. Fisher, postmaster. The noise of the explosion awakened citizens who saw three men speed away in a motor car. Officers were notified here, and were stationed on the highway. Shortly after four o'clock this morning a car was stopped at short distance from the group of Vernon officers, and two men escaped in the darkness. A third was captured in the car, which also contained the safe. Later two men were arrested in Vernon as fitting the description obtained by officers.

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Death Verdict Robbery Case Is Remanded. AUSTIN, Feb. 16.—(P)—The death sentence imposed in Bexar county on Matthew Briscoe, negro, convicted of criminal assault on Mrs. T. Porter White, October 4th, 1925, today was affirmed by the court of criminal appeals. The death sentence of Jesse L. Daitley, Dallas county, on conviction of a charge of robbery by firearms was reversed and remanded. Daitley was convicted of robbing E. A. Pennington of a watch and \$25, about August 1925. Reports that George J. Hassell of Farwell, confessed slayer of 13 persons, has filed an appeal from the death sentence imposed on him, today remained unverified here.

Care Is Required. It was shown how the exercise of the utmost care at all times will help to solve in a satisfactory way the traffic problem, and unless the exercise of such care is impractical it will accomplish little if any real good.

Many things were mentioned in the matter of handling cars—children, irresponsible people, near-sighted people, or people whose eye-sight is deficient, or who cannot hear, all of which adds to the menace of travel. Until the traffic problem is solved, the toll that is taken every year by traffic accidents is borne home to the minds of the people, the daily routine of tragedy will probably continue. The only way to prevent these accidents is by giving attention to the study of safety first methods, and by the exercise of constant care, coupled with the spirit of proper co-operation on the part of public and the people who are operating the various methods of transportation.

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NEGRO SLAYER RETURNED TO LUBBOCK JAIL

LUBBOCK, Feb. 15.—(P)—With Martin Koonsman, former ranger and now a cattle inspector, and W. E. Lewis, Dickson county farmer, were taken to Lubbock today and returned to Robert Lee Benton, confessed Louisiana negro slayer, from the Tarrant county jail to the scene of his crime, citizens of Spur, 50 miles east of here, prepared to bury B. E. "Boby" Morgan, whose beaten and bullet-riddled corpse was found yesterday dumped in a canyon on a Crosby county ranch. Funeral services for the pioneer farmer will be held this afternoon. While feeling against Benton is running high in Dickens and Crosby counties, the negro will be probably be lodged in the Lubbock county jail, preparatory to an early trial. Several negroes are being held in the Crosby county jail, to wait the return of Benton and possible identification with the slaying.

SAFETY FIRST MEETING FRISCO DEPT BROUGHT OUT BIG ATTENDANCE

The Safety First conference as it is termed held at the Frisco Depot Tuesday was attended by a large number of representative citizens of Brownwood. There is only one regret, and that is it was not held at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and every person in Brown county out to hear it. The entire program was just a plain common sense talk on the handling of railroad traffic; and the reference to the problem had to every phase of life and progress in this country. It was shown by facts and figures to what tremendous extent the traffic problem had developed in this country during the past few years, and to what fearful extent the volume automobile accidents had increased in practically every part of the country. Many phases of the traffic problem were presented and discussed, the principal speakers for the railroad company being Mr. C. M. Mills and Mr. J. W. Moore. Known as the Accident Prevention Agents of the Frisco system. These men have made the study of the traffic and accident problem, one of great seriousness, and have gone to the trouble of analyzing every equation that goes to make up and account for accidents.

The sum and substance of the whole business is that there must be a complete and harmonious spirit of co-operation on the part of the people and the railroads in order to prevent accidents, and to reduce such things to the lowest minimum possible. Unless the railroads co-operate with the people or the general public the effort to put all safety first plans to successful operation will fail, and likewise unless the general public shows a willingness to co-operate with the railroads all the efforts on the part of the railroads to protect life and property will be in vain.

Speaking of laws it was suggested that a law should be passed either requiring all trains to stop at every road crossing on their line or on the other hand require all traffic on the dirt roads to come to a dead stop at all railroad crossings, in order that the driver of the vehicle whatever kind it may be, may get out walk to the track and look up and down it to see if a train is approaching. Of course this takes a few moments of time, but what if that time the same tragedy and loss of life and property.

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Real Estate Transfers

ASSIGNMENTS OF OIL AND GAS LEASES

- J. K. B. Shaffer to Barbara Oil Company all rights 80 acres T. J. Swindle survey, February 14th, \$1.
- N. R. Dodd to Gilman and McMurray all rights 50 acres C. Carrier survey No. 60, February 5, \$10.
- J. M. Mildren to O. M. Root all rights 40 acres Section 30 H. T. & B. Railway Company survey, February 11th, \$1.
- W. T. Daniel to Fuhrman Petroleum Corporation 1/4 interest 15 acres Samuel Bangs survey No. 108, February 11, \$1.
- C. T. Andrews to H. W. Newton all rights 36 1/4 acres Wm. Hays survey No. 602, February 14th, \$1.
- H. L. Berry to Senior Petroleum Company all rights 160 acres Section 4, H. T. & B. Railway Company survey, February 11, \$1.
- D. H. Byrd to J. E. Beall all rights 80 acres J. J. Fowler pre-emption survey, February 12th, \$1.
- James B. Douglas, Jr. to Mrs. Marie Douglas all rights 120 acres S. R. Windham survey No. 9, Feb. 10, \$1.
- Charles B. Palmer to J. W. Strong all rights 20 acres Section 29, H. T. & B. Railway Company survey, February 7, \$1.
- C. D. Nelson to J. K. D. Shaffer all rights 80 acres Section 41, H. T. & B. Railway Company survey, May 11, \$1.
- J. D. Stover to J. E. Beall 1-16 interest 80 acres Mahala Duncan survey No. 55, February 12th, \$1.
- K. D. Shaffer to Barbara Oil Company all rights 29 acres Mahala Duncan survey No. 55, February 14, \$1.
- Tom C. Patton to George A. Rhone 1-64 interest 120 3/4 acres Martin Flood survey, December 15, \$1.
- C. D. Nelson to J. K. D. Shaffer all rights 100 acres Myram Mudgett survey, Section 63, April 22nd, \$1.
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- F. P. Hynes et al to O. H. Shoup, Jr., all rights 100 acres block 19, Brooke Smiths lands near Trichham, February 3, \$1.
- Inland Oil Company to Central Texas Pipe Line Company 1/4 interest 4 acres Section 3, S. A. & M. O. Railway Company survey, Feb. 1, \$1.
- A. D. Lloyd to Ben Thorp Co., 1/4 interest 290 acres Brooks and Burleson survey No. 3, January 25th, \$1.
- F. M. Musalle to G. F. Rheultham all rights 20 acres Section 31, H. T. & B. Railway Company survey, September 1, \$1.
- O. H. Shoup, Jr. to F. P. Hynes all rights 40 acres T. & N. O. Railway Company survey No. 43, Feb. 5, \$200.
- F. P. Hynes to Hurley Oil Company all rights 40 acres T. & N. O. Railway Company survey No. 43, February 5, \$10.

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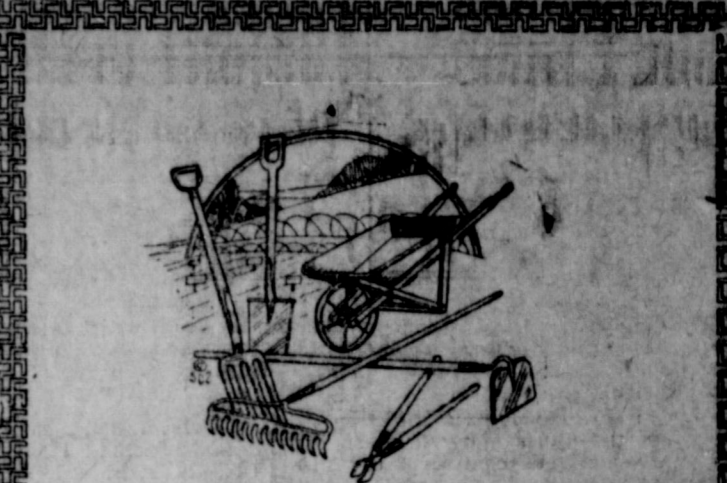
- O. H. Shoup Jr. to The Texas Co., all rights 56 acres Section 43 T. & N. O. Railway Company survey, January 13, \$2800.
- O. H. Shoup Jr. to The Texas Co., all rights 44 acres Section 43 T. & N. O. Railway Company survey, January 13, \$2200.

TOOK FOURTEEN CENTS AND GOT FIFTEEN YEARS

DALLAS, Feb. 15.—(P)—A 15 year sentence for stealing 14 cents, following a five year sentence yesterday for stealing 50 cents, one time indicated the temper of Dallas juries which have given eight 90 year sentences since January 1.

MORE LICENSE PLATES FOR COUNTY'S AUTOS READY FOR DELIVERY

An additional shipment of 1927 number plates for automobiles has been received by the county collector and are now ready for the public. About 1,200 new plates were received in the last shipment so the collector now has enough to care for all the automobiles in Brown county, so Mr. Butler says. There have been 5,925 1927 number plates issued to date, which is about 1,000 more than were given out during 1926. In addition to the 5,925 that have paid taxes on passenger cars there have been 380 trucks registered for 1927. Mr. Butler states that he has recorded more than 1,000 transfers for the current year as compared to about 1,200 for the entire year of 1926. Both city and county officers are tagging all trucks and automobiles that are seen on the streets or in the county without 1927 number plates on both front and rear. The officers did not take the cars for several days, but since there are now ample number plates, for all new car owners must pay their taxes and secure their new numbers.



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CALL TO ARMS AGAIN SOUNDED BY FERGUSON

AUSTIN, Feb. 16.—(P)—Apparently re-entering politics, former Governor James E. Ferguson today charged that an "unholy alliance of oil, ku klux and prohibition" is backing the pending anti-amnesty bill affecting him to smooth the way for a McAdoo presidential boom in Texas.

"I accept the sage of battle," Ferguson declared, "and call to arms every liberty loving voter to give battle to this crowd run by the special interests, ku klux and prohibition fanatics."

The Love Senate bill to repeal the law restoring Ferguson, impeached former governor, to political citizenship, was engrossed yesterday with predictions of final passage.

"This 'alliance,' Ferguson said, "has said that it is none of the people's business and that the voters of Texas shall not be allowed to vote for me in case I should run for office. I am not striving and like the fellow that was kicked by the jackass, I consider the source and go ahead."

"Every ku klux in the Senate either voted for the Love bill or were present and not voting. Nobody will be deceived by the silent influence that is at work to assassinate every man who has stood in the way of that crowd."

"Tom Love thinks that if he can put an end to me and my friends politically it will be easy for him to get the next delegation to the democratic convention for McAdoo and this move in the Senate against me is but a prelude to that contest which is brewing in Texas."

"I accept the sage of battle and now call to arms every liberty loving voter of Texas to give battle to this Love-McAdoo crowd run by the ku klux, special interest, and prohibition fanatics. I here and now denounce national prohibition as the highest farce and fizzle of all time and I boldly declare that it has produced more fanaticism and more crime and more little men in office than any law that ever was put on the statute books."

MOODY OFFERS PROPOSAL FOR COURT REFORM

AUSTIN, Feb. 16.—(P)—Reform of important phases of the state judicial districts today was recommended by Governor Dan Moody in a message notifying the legislature that he has signed the bill creating a court of civil appeals at Wichita Falls, although vetoing appropriations for its establishment. The governor submitted five bills he has written and requested their passage in order that improvement may be made in the court system.

He vetoed the appropriation for the Wichita Falls court for the reason, he said, that it should be included in the emergency and general appropriation bills; because the subject was not included in the caption of the bill; because there is no necessity for the appropriation in the bill as it can be provided in regular appropriation measures.

Proposed appropriations eliminated were \$22,500 for 1928 and \$23,700 for 1929.

Bills Moody drafted for revision of the court system:

Changing terms of courts of civil appeals to provide they shall sit ten months in each year instead of nine.

Providing that when cases are transferred from one appeal court to another the arguments shall be heard in the court where the cases were filed.

Restricting the state to equalize the work of each appellate court. Districts having heavy dockets would be trimmed and "idle" districts made to include more courts.

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RAIL MERGERS ARE PRESENTED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Final arguments on the proposals of the Kansas City Southern railroad to take control of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas in turn takes control of the St. Louis Southwestern railroad, were heard today before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

L. F. Loree, the railroad operator, hastened today with his lawyers laid down the reason which they consider justify the commission in approving the merger. Attorneys for other railroads and for communities and states interested were present to argue for and against the project.

The Loree View. "We believe that a system made up of these three railroads will provide a transportation instrumentality such as Congress contemplated in legislating for railroad consolidation," said S. W. Moore, chief counsel for the Loree interests.

"We believe that the proposed system will be one which the southwest requires, and that its creation is timely in the public interest. The terms and conditions of stock acquisition are fair and reasonable. Practically every traffic representative of a southwestern community has favored the project, and 150 commercial organizations have the approval of their members."

"One group of St. Louis Southwestern stockholders, headed by W. E. Meyer, are opposing the consolidation, yet even Mr. Meyer went into the stock market and loaded up during 1925 with additional St. Louis Southwestern stock. Such an action is only to be explained on the theory that Mr. Meyer even, considered this combination a good thing for St. Louis Southwestern stockholders. If these three railroads are allowed to link together, there will be no major railroad in the southwest which has not been taken in to a general railroad consolidation."

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TURNS ATTENTION TO RELIEF OF SUFFERERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Despite the confusion and roar of high water, flood-stricken southern California today turned an eye toward the growing totals of deaths and destruction. As a result of the worst storm in its history, while thousands of its besieged citizens sought refuge from a menace still unabated.

With the known death toll standing at 21, property losses from rain, snow and wind which has beset the many southern California cities, estimated for four days probably will total several million dollars. Up to an early hour today approximately 5,000 persons had been driven from their homes.

A survey, based on reports received over limited lines of communication, showed at least twenty cities had been partly or wholly deluged, seven of them badly. Damage to bridges alone in Los Angeles was estimated at \$1,000,000.

San Diego stood in eminent danger of a catastrophic flood for several hours last night and early today but the waters finally receded to below the danger point.

No estimate of the San Diego losses could be made early today. A survey of damage at Taft, which is out of the southern flood area, where water lapped over nearly 100 oil derricks, indicated the loss there would run to \$250,000 or more. San Francisco shippers claimed a loss of \$100,000 due to the storm.

Union Pacific railroad officials said shipments destined for a wreck of the road's Los Angeles California flyer at Whittier Tuesday night would represent a \$150,000 loss.

Untold damage was caused to crops, orchards, highways and homes in the San Fernando valley, where several towns were inundated.

Slide Toll 13 The death toll in the snowslide in the mountains near Fresno reached 13 last night when coroner's reports had been checked. Two avalanches struck the camp of the Southern California Edison company there, causing the greatest tragedy of the storm. Twenty-four persons caught in the slide are still in hospitals, many of them seriously injured.

Besides San Diego and Los Angeles, the badly flooded cities include Long Beach, where some 2,000 persons were driven from their homes by high water. 64 city blocks being flooded. Venies, which 10 or more were forced to flee; Anaheim, with 20 blocks inundated; Fullerton, where forty blocks were under water.

At Anaheim, an oil tank under water by flood waters, toppled over and added its 80,000 barrels of petroleum to the flood, covering the face of the water with a greasy film. At Escondido, a two-inch diameter pipe of rain fell Tuesday night and early Wednesday.

THE DEATH LIST

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Feb. 17.—(AP)—The death list in the storm that swept California this week stood today at 21. The list follows:

Charles Ireland, engineer of the Union Pacific flyer, wrecked Tuesday night at Whittier. Monte Webster, 45, drowned in a raging stream in the San Jacinto mountains near Riverside. A seven year old boy who fell off a bridge into a river at San Diego.

Knute Erickson, 13, thrown from a skidding automobile beneath its wheels in Los Angeles. J. A. Hamilton, died of a fractured skull suffered when he slipped on a wet pavement in Los Angeles. Barney Morton, 60, died in an automobile accident at Taft, caused by the storm.

Raleigh King, 35, killed when his automobile skidded into a trolley car in Los Angeles. One unidentified man is reported missing as the result of landslides which buried two homes in Laurel canyon, Hollywood.

In the destruction of camp 72 of the Southern California Edison Company, 72 miles east of Fresno by a snowslide 13 were killed and 23 injured. The dead and injured were employees of the company.

Grain and Provisions

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Despite a hesitating start, wheat soon showed an upward trend today. Offerings were of only moderate volume, and were readily absorbed, the market deriving strength from reports that nearly 2,500,000 bushels of Canadian wheat had been bought for Portugal. Opening 3-8c decline to a shade advance, wheat later scored light gains all around.

Corn, oats and provisions were firm corn starting unchanged to 1-8c and subsequently going higher.

Table with columns: GRAIN FUTURES, High, Low, Close. Rows include Wheat, Corn, Oats, Soybeans, etc.

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Table with columns: POULTRY, High, Low, Close. Rows include Turkeys, etc.

Table with columns: Cotton, High, Low, Close. Rows include Cotton, etc.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Spasmodic liquidation checked the slump of cotton prices today. The early morning rise induced by favorable cables, large spot sales and unfavorable weather prospects was halted after several points had been gained. A second rally which carried the market to new highs, 7 to 11 points above the previous close, again was checked by a noon reaction which brought a decline of 3 to 8 points. The market steadied again before the close.

Exports 35,450 bales. Futures closed steady at a net advance of 7 to 8 points.

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New York Stocks

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Operations for the rise were resumed in many issues at the opening of today's stock market. Baldwin opened 1-3-4 higher and initial gains of a point or so were recorded by Dupont, Katy common and National Lead. Baltimore and Ohio touched a new high record. One block of 3,500 shares of Consolidated Clear changed hands at 83-3/4. Pressed Steel Car showed an initial loss of 1-2 points.

The whole market swung upward soon after the opening, with additional new high records being established by Baldwin, Frisco common, Great Northern preferred, Northern Pacific, Missouri Pacific common and preferred, R. H. Macy International Harvester and Warren Brothers. The increase in car loadings in the week ended February 5th, and a new crop of merger rumors, stimulated buying of the rails. Atlantic Coast line and Canadian Pacific quickly climbed over 2 points, while Chesapeake & Ohio, Union Pacific and other high grade dividend payers moved up a point or two. Oils moved forward under leadership of producers and refiners with buying stimulated by reports that mid-continent producers were taking steps to curtail production. Early activity in the industrials centered in Consolidated Cigar, which quickly extended its going to 2 1/2 points, and International Combustion, Ward Baking B. Mack, Cigs and General Railway Anaconda Cop. 46-1/4. Atchison 170 3-8. Atl. Coast Line 193 1-2. Baldwin loco. 184 1-2. East. & Ohio 114 3/4. Bessell 23 3/4. Bethlehem Steel 46. California Pet. 39 7-8. Canadian Pac. 189. Cerro de Pasco 61.

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Venire Exhausted in Effort to Get Bell County Jury

BELTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The original venire in the trial of Mrs. E. M. Ray, charged with killing a young child today, and district court began examination of a new list of fifty names.

GUARDS WITHDRAWN WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The remaining 2,500 marines serving as postoffice mail guards have been withdrawn for possible service in Nicaragua.

SPOT COTTON NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Spot cotton closed steady, middling 14.82; good middling 14.82; receipts 5,888; stock 631,117.

PAN-AMERICAN ROAD CANADA TO BORDER FAVORED BY SENATE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—A great Pan-American highway, extending from the Canadian border to Southern South America, is regarded by the Senate as a practicable possibility.

The committee reported today a bill by Senator Cameron, republican, Arizona, for creation of a commission to look into the question. The road would run from Detroit to Argentina.

"Such a highway will have a profound influence on international relations," said committee report. "Increasingly active and promoting friendly relations, and will assist in the transportation of the first year of operation."

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Bodies of Couple Found in Street Chicago West Side

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The bodies of Miss Minnie Glick and her brother-in-law, D. L. Rosenthal, were found in the street of a sparsely settled section of the far west side today under circumstances which led police to believe the man had shot the woman and killed himself.

"Oh, yes, I know all about that affair," remarked the widow, Mrs. Ida Rosenthal, to a police questioner today, when she was asked if she had not then been informed that her sister and husband were dead. She became hysterical and refused to talk further.

SMITH IN ILL WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Any hope that Frank L. Smith of Illinois will be seated in the Senate at this session of Congress disappeared today when the elections committee was advised by his counsel that illness would prevent the senator designate from coming before the committee.

POST OFFICE ROBBED AMARILLO, Tex., Feb. 17.—(AP)—The post office at Bovina, 30 miles southwest of here, near Amarillo, was robbed last night of \$1,000 in cash and stamps. The robbery was carried out by a party of three men. An estimated amount of cash and stamps was reported missing.

MEETING FOR ALL BUSINESS MEN TONIGHT

One of the most important and most enthusiastic gatherings of Brownwood citizens have ever enjoyed is in prospect for tonight when four or five hundred representatives of the business and industrial interests of Brownwood meet at the First Methodist church for dinner, beginning promptly at 7 o'clock.

The purpose of the gathering, as outlined in the official call issued by President W. P. Murphy of the Chamber of Commerce and President Will H. Talbot of the Young Men's Business League, is to receive a report from the water committee, which will be delivered by Chief Engineer Ross, and to answer inquiries that may be made as to the progress of the work.

President Murphy of the Chamber of Commerce, who will preside at the meeting, will be prepared to present concrete suggestions for community activity during the year, following recent conference by the directors with the past-presidents of the Chamber, and opportunity will be given for informal discussion of the various phases of the program of work.

Announcements as to the plans of the business interests of the city will be made, and the year's activities will be launched in a way that is expected to enable Brownwood to "cash in" on unprecedented opportunities for development that have come with the opening of new oil fields near the city.

The meeting is for all the business people of the city, combining the memberships of both the Chamber of Commerce and Young Men's Business League.

LIIONS SOLICIT FUNDS FOR IMPROVING ROAD TO NEARBY OIL FIELD

The committee appointed by the Lions Club to raise funds for the improvement of the road from Brownwood to the Fry oil field was to have begun their work this afternoon. It is the purpose of the committee to raise about \$3000.00 for this work, it being estimated that the cost of the road is \$300,000.00. It is pointed out that it is a well-known fact in Brownwood that a great amount of the trade from the Fry field is going to Santa Anna and Coleman as the roads from the field to those two cities is much better than the road to these two cities—xxxx.

Many are of the opinion that the city of Brownwood will be well repaid for any money expended on this road. The trade that now comes to Brownwood from the Fry field will continue to come here and much of the trade that is now going to the smaller cities will come to this city because of the more ample supplies of everything that can be bought in the city. It is pointed out that Santa Anna raised \$1,500.00 recently to improve the road from that city to the Fry field, and it is pointed out by members of the Lions club that if the worth that much to Santa Anna to have a good road to the Fry field it would be worthy many times the same amount to have a good hard surfaced road from here to the oil field.

The Lions Club is of the opinion that immediate action is necessary on the part of the citizenship of Brownwood, if the merchants of this city expect to keep and increase their trade among the oil men employed in the Fry field.

The Lions say that if immediate action is taken to build the road to the Fry field but the one main object they have in mind is getting the road put in to first class condition.

Held for Inquiry in Woman's Death in North Arkansas

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Hugh McDaniel, proprietor of a saloon, was held for investigation, was being held today in jail at Green Forest, Ark. for investigation in connection with the death of Mrs. Minnie Turner, 61 year old widow, who was found Tuesday with her skull crushed and her body lying in a pool of blood in a room at the Green Forest hotel. McDaniel, who has resided in Green Forest one month, was first arrested when he told contradictory stories as a witness at the coroner's inquest. He has refused to make any statement to officers.

Midnight Tonight Is Time Set For Mexican Walkout

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 17.—(AP)—A general railway strike appears imminent in Mexico. Midnight tonight is the time set for a walkout, proposed by the National Railway Union and the department of industry to find a solution of the differences between the men and the company, failed to materialize, when the railroad workers demanded a discussion of the roundhouse workers' strike, which marked the origin of the present conflict. This strike has been declared illegal by the department of industry which decided that the question could not be discussed.

Prosecution Rests in Trial of Bates San Antonio Court

SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The state rested Thursday morning in the murder trial of Bob Bates of San Angelo, charged with the killing of Customs Officer James Walker at Del Rio, after Captain Luke Dow, deputy customs collector at Del Rio had identified a bullet as the one taken from the body of Walker.

In a previous trial at Del Rio Bates was found guilty and given a 10-year sentence, but on appeal the case was reversed and remanded, the second trial being held in Bexar county on a charge of murder.

SAPIRO OFFERS NO DEFENSE IN MILLER TRIAL

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—(AP)—There will be no defense for Taos, N. M., Miller, former alien property custodian, it was announced one minute after the Daugherty-Miller trial re-opened this afternoon.

When court reconvened at 2:10 o'clock, Aaron Sapiro, counsel for Miller, waived his opening address. Harold Garbin of counsel for Harry M. Daugherty also waived his opening address.

"Your honor, the government having failed to prove a conspiracy against the defendant Miller, his defense rests."

HEFLIN IS TOLD HE TALKS TOO MUCH AND OUGHT TO BE QUIET

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Senator Hefflin of Alabama again was told by one of his democratic colleagues today that he had heard enough of the religious issue.

When the Alabama accused Senator Bruce of Maryland of seeking to consolidate the French spoliation bill with the bonus loan bill, Bruce had heard enough of the religious issue.

"The senator from Alabama has replied: 'I'm going to have something to say to the senator about that issue later.'" returned Hefflin.

"No doubt the senator will," returned Bruce. "He never knows when he has spoken enough."

The Alabama senator fulfilled his promise soon afterward, renewing his attack on the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic clergy and the newspapers.

KIWANIANS ARE TOLD OF WATER PROJECT BY CONSULTING ENGINEER

An unusually large number attended the regular Kiwanis luncheon today noon in the Graham Hotel.

D. W. Ross, consulting engineer of the Brownwood water project, with several maps of the proposed water districts, presented to an eager group of men much data concerning the feasibility of the proposed project.

P. A. Welty, engineer of the Brownwood water project, spoke of the attitude of the Brownwood citizens towards their work and the project now under way. Mr. Welty assured the Kiwanians that the proposed lake would even be better than Lake Worth. Mr. Welty answered several questions asked him by members of the club.

Judge Starley spoke on the legal side of the project and stated that it did not come as a state grant but that the proposed water project was decidedly a business proposition.

The musical part of the program today noon was unusually good there being several interesting numbers. Joe Trussell, a fellow Kiwanian rendered a very delightful solo, also an encore, and was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Trussell.

The Kiwanian, "Rusty Hinge" Quartet sang two very pleasing numbers and then closed the meeting with a very happy and appropriate welcome song to the visitors. Mrs. S. W. Pouns accompanied the quartet at the piano. Other visitors besides the ones mentioned were: W. H. Foster pastor of the First Presbyterian church; F. E. Looney, of Childrens and Jesse S. Jones, of San Antonio.

Hunger Strike Ends and Appeal Will be Taken

PORTLAND, Maine, Feb. 17.—(AP)—A cup of warm milk simultaneously ended the five-day hunger strike of Benjamin H. Turner of Mystic, Iowa, and his irredemption about an appeal from the life sentence imposed on him last Friday for the slaying of James D. Hallen.

HOUSE REFUSES TO SUBSTITUTE OTHER PLANS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Rushing towards a final vote on the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill, the House today rejected in rapid order the Aswell and Curtis Crisp measures which were offered as substitutes.

The vote against the Aswell bill was 160 to 144, while that against the Crisp measure was 177 to 155. Nathan Wiley, a roll call vote and both bills can be offered later as substitutes, although friends of the McNary-Haugen bill professed to see in today's test tokens of the victory which they claim.

The House then rejected 110 to 83 a move to substitute the debtors farm relief bill framed by Representative Jones, democrat, Texas.

On a viva voce vote, the House also turned down a motion by Representative Hill, republican Maryland, to substitute the Curtis Aswell national commodity marketing bill rejected last year.

MOODY GRANTS PAROLE AFTER BOARD ACTION

AUSTIN, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Governor Dan Moody today issued two clemency proclamations on recommendation of the board of pardons.

John Walker, sentenced to life in 1919 for murder and given sentence of from five to fifteen years, was granted parole "without limitation of service to a person or person."

Walker has served five years of his sentence and an opinion from the attorney general's department has held it is mandatory on the board of pardons to recommend clemency in cases identical to his, Moody said.

Had Thomas, convicted in Bowie county in 1925 of violation of the liquor laws and sentenced from one to two years, was granted a 30 day furlough in order that he may visit his sick child.

NAVAL FORCES IN WAR ZONE ARE INCREASED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Concern for the safety of American lives and property because of the recently increased outbreaks in the Nicaragua civil war evidently has prompted augmentation of United States naval forces in Central American waters.

The additional forces included a company of 200 marines and a division of six airplanes, marking the dispatch of aircraft to the Nicaragua zone for the first time. Both units were ordered from San Diego to Corinto on the west coast of Nicaragua and will be taken on the destroyer tender Melville as soon as the airplanes are made ready for shipment.

While the Washington government is hopeful that the recent conference between Rear Admiral Latimer in charge of the special service squadron in Nicaraguan waters and Dr. Juan B. Sacasa, liberal faction leader, may inaugurate a peaceful solution of the civil warfare, it feels further precaution of American interests are necessary. Considerable anxiety is manifested by the Washington officials over the continued fighting in important towns in Nicaragua where American and other foreigner are residing.

In addition to the San Diego units, the naval transport Henderson, which is preparing to sail from Philadelphia to Newport R. I., to take aboard 800 bluejackets for duty with the fleet in Cuban waters, also is being held in readiness by the navy department to transport marines from the Quantico, Va., base to southern waters if need for them arises. Three cruisers, the Richmond, Cincinnati and Marchand, which arrived yesterday at Honolulu, from Nicaragua en route to the Asiatic fleet, are being detained at the Hawaiian port to await further orders.

Little Dog Freed After Being Held in Cave Passage

WOODRUFF, S. C., Feb. 17.—(AP)—"Ring," a little dog held fast by rocks in a narrow underground passage for 110 hours, walked from his prison just before dawn today and bounded into the arms of his master with tail wagging furiously.

Twenty men who through the night had worked with pick and shovel searched expectantly while Willie Nelson, 19, crawled into the passage way at 3:45 o'clock.

A moment later, the dog bounded past Willie and out into the open. Twenty bays went up and shouts split the countryside as F. V. Kelly, a bachelor farmer, gathered "Ring" in his arms and strapped his overcoat about him. He carried his pet home for some hot milk, the first meal for the dog since last Thursday when he chased a fox into the passage way and became imprisoned. The fox was removed yesterday, dead. "Ring" had killed it.

MILLER VOTES AGAINST BILL TO BREAK TIE

AUSTIN, Feb. 17.—(AP)—A resolution calling for a referendum on the question of repealing the Texas free textbook law was in the Senate today when Lieutenant Governor Harry Miller voted against it, breaking a tie.

The vote was the close of the session. Senator Fairchild of Lufkin, who spoke for the resolution, changed his vote from aye to no when it became apparent that there would be a tie. This move was made to give him a chance to move for reconsideration.

After a moment's reflection, however, he switched his vote again, thus producing a tie and leaving the decision to the speaker. Miller voted no, defeating the resolution 16 to 15. The vote was an announcement.

Who Voted Yes? "The question of whether 'he' or 'she' did the voting during the administration of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson came up on the Senate floor today during discussion of the free textbook law.

Senator Fairchild of Lufkin, who has voted against the opponents of the Ferguson on several roll calls, declared: "I told Ferguson that he should veto the special school appropriation made by the last legislature."

Senator Love of Dallas, author of a bill that would repeal the emergency granted James E. Ferguson was asked: "Did I understand the Senator to say he told James E. Ferguson he should veto the appropriation?" Love inquired.

"I am sorry the speaker from Dallas is not here today," said Love. "I thought everyone knew that in law he is she and she is he."

MORE STUDENTS TAKE THEIR OWN LIVES IN EPIDEMIC OF SUICIDE

ELMHRA, N. Y., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Another name was added today to the list of youthful students who have died by their own hands.

The latest victim is Edith M. Stewart, 23 year old Elmira College senior whose home was in Tuleville, Park, N. Y. Feeling a reprimand because of a minor infraction of college rules, she swallowed poison and died within an hour.

SUICIDES IN CHURCH ELIZABETH, N. J., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Clark McLean Kessler, 17 years old, with suicide pills, died today in the Episcopal Church. Police later reported that he found gas jets in the church turned on and a quantity of poison near the body. Frank Kessler, the boy's father, is a chemist.

The youth was a student at Botkin High school here. No motive for suicide is known.

Navy Buys Cotton Supplies on Big Scale at Low Price

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The navy is about to lay in a store of cotton fabric which, if it should be needed, it would exceed in yardage the distance from New York to Chicago.

Taking advantage of the low prices of cotton the bureau of supplies and accounts is advertising for bids on 750,000 yards of muscadine, 500,000 of 42 inch sheeting, 415,000 of cotton tape, 160,000 of bleached shrink drill, 120,000 of cotton burl, 30,00

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- SMALL TURKISH TOWELS, Regular 15c, 12 yards for \$1.00
- 25c CRETONNES, Patterns, fast colors, 6 yards for \$1.00
- LADIES GINGHAM HOUSE DRESSES, Regular \$1.00 value, all sizes 2 for \$1.00
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- Regular 75c and \$1.00 per yard SUITINGS, yard wide, 3 yards for \$1.00
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- MEN'S GENUINE BROADCLOTH Shirts, all colors, each \$1.00
- MEN'S MERCERIZED LISLE HOSE, Regular 25c value, 6 pair for \$1.00
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County Notes

Blanket

The Baptist Churches are putting a conquest campaign all over the county and they are very interesting and instructive. There will be a rally in the Baptist Church here Thursday, February 24. Following is the program:

10:00 a. m. Song and prayer service, Joe Trussell.
10:20 a. m. The Work of our Hospitals, J. M. Cooper.
11:15 a. m. How Many Baptist Schools Have We and What Do They Propose to Do? Dr. W. R. Hornburg.
12:30 p. m. Lunch served at the church.
1:30 p. m. Song and Prayer Service, Joe Trussell.
2:30 p. m. Why Were These Investments Made and Who is Responsible for the Making? H. I. Whitley.
2:45 p. m. What is the Plan to Conserve Our Investments, C. V. Carroll.
3:30 p. m. Organization of the Women, Mrs. C. G. Sivells.
7:45 p. m. Devotional.
7:50 p. m. Sermon, Prof. Thos. H. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Richardson returned to their home in Ft. Worth a few days ago after spending some time here visiting Mrs. Richardson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Blanton.

Grandmother Haddon has been on the sick list for several days. We hope she will soon be well again.

The bad weather and so much sickness last Sunday caused our Sunday school reports to fall down considerably. The Baptist report 67; the Methodist 44; U. S. A. Presbyterians 18 and the Cumberland Presbyterian seven.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Levisay has been real sick but we are glad to report the little fellow improving and hope he will soon be entirely well.

The Missionary Society of the M. E. Church met at the home of their president, Mrs. Clifford Smith last Monday afternoon and had an interesting meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Rogers of Snyder and Tom Faught of Roscoe came in Sunday night in response to a message announcing the illness of their aunt, Mrs. G. M. Norris.

On account of bad weather there was not a large crowd out to hear Dr. Smith, the returned missionary from Africa, but all who heard him say it was the best they ever heard. He lectured in the High school auditorium Tuesday afternoon and in the Methodist church to hear Rev. Harrell.

George Russell of Mission is here attending the bedside of his mother, Mrs. Norris.

Mrs. Henry of Mullin is here this week visiting her niece, Mrs. Brown.

Helen Adler has been confined to her bed several days with flu. We hope she will soon recover.

Paul Henderson, who has been suffering several days with pneumonia is improving and we hope he will soon be entirely well again.

F. B. Russell of Ira came in last Friday morning to visit his mother, Mrs. G. M. Norris, who is real sick.

G. C. Levisay is reported doing nicely after a real severe spell with pneumonia.

Rev. Harrell filled his appointment at Turkey Peak last Sunday morning and here Sunday night. His subject Sunday night was "The Highway of Holiness," and was fine. Rev. Harrell is a splendid speaker and a fine Bible student.

League program:
Subject: The Christian Citizen.
Leader, B. F. Porter.
Scripture references: Isaiah 62:6-9; Acts 21:37-40.
Song.
Prayer.
A Christian Citizen Defined, Mrs. W. E. Harrell.
Views Respecting Christian Citizenship, Lois Fuller.
Where to Demonstrate that One is a Christian Citizen, Rev. W. E. Harrell.
The Christian Citizen is to Follow Christ's Example, Earl Ashley.
Song.
Duet: Hazel McLaughlin and Helen Ashley.
Announcements.
Benediction.

McDaniel

We are all very glad to see some more pretty weather.

Mrs. E. O. Boler was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Preddy, Monday.

Miss Dovie Spivey gave a party last Saturday night in honor of her sixteenth birthday. All had an enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Garma of the Clear Creek community visited in the home of C. J. Tervooren and family Sunday night.

Mrs. Lon Calhoun is on the sick list this week. Her many friends hope for her a speedy recovery.

Misses Nina Belle Arnold, Lora Cazel and Loretta Boler spent Saturday night with their friend, Miss Dovie Spivey.

C. L. Tervooren and family visited in the home of J. E. Tervooren and family Sunday.

Frank Haynes and wife of Brownwood were visiting homefolk Sunday.

Glen Blair was the guest of his cousin, R. A. Thomason, Jr., on Monday.

The Sunday school at Rocky church is progressing nicely.

C. J. Tervooren and E. Haynes were Banga visitors Saturday.

News was received here Saturday of the death of Fred Schultz of Fort Worth. He was laid to rest in the Rock Creek cemetery Monday afternoon in the presence of a host of relatives and friends.

Little Hall Tervooren had his tonsils removed Monday. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

There will be an all day rally at Rocky Church Thursday, February 24th. Everyone is invited to come and be with us.

Bangs

Clarence Schulz and family of Temple were here this week to attend the funeral of Mr. Fred Schultz.

Jennie Stephens is reported sick with flu.

Robert Adair of Cross Plains visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Jack Starkey is reported on the sick list this week.

Elijah Stephens came in Tuesday from Amarillo to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. B. C. Stephens.

Mrs. Dewey Adair of Gorman visited her parents here this week Mr. and Mrs. Wes Phillips, and attended the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. E. S. Stephens.

The many friends of Mrs. B. C. Stephens were made sad Tuesday when they learned of her death at her home here Monday night. Funeral arrangements will not be complete until the arrival of her son, Jodie, on Thursday from Long Beach, California.

Mrs. G. W. Harris, who has been real sick for several weeks is reported resting well at this writing.

Miss Fannie Butler, who has been sick two weeks, was able to go home with her daughter, Mrs. Emmett Guthrie Monday.

Zephyr

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Petty spent Monday in Brownwood.

Perry Matson spent the week-end with homefolk.

Roy Belvin returned from San Antonio last week.

Miss Mary Howton and Bernice Scott spent the week-end visiting in Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Matson spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Matson.

L. T. Cobb of Brownwood spent the week-end with home folk.

Sam Jenkins made a business trip to Dallas this week.

Mrs. Ollie Doney and daughter, Violet, of Galveston, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. R. Reasoner.

Herschel Cobb is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Cobb.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Reasoner of Brownwood spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. Reasoner.

Montie Hicks was in Zephyr Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Driskill and Mrs. Howard Driskill were shopping in Brownwood Tuesday.

Monday night Misses Lela and Helen Cunningham entertained the Senior Class of the Baptist Sunday

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school with a Valentine party. The room was decorated for the occasion. The game of Hearts was played. High score was won by Fred Wright and Lucile Dabney. The low score by Lucy Galloway. Refreshments of chicken salad, potato chips, olives, mints, tea and sandwiches was served to the following: Misses Nona Cobb, Marzell Boland, Ida Petty, Opal Cobb, Mary Joe Shelton, Lucy and Margaret Galloway, Lila Cobb, Mattie and Virgie McKinney, Ina Piller, Lucile Dabney, Mary Howton, Virginia (Senon), Beatrice Butwell, Velma Ann O'Quinn, Virginia Cunningham, Myrtle Pinnney, Zena Chesser, Esther Underwood, Opal Reasoner, Mae Yanzand, Izora Dixon, Mrs. W. H. Dixon; Messrs. Burl Gist, Fred and Burt Wright, Leslie Kimbrell, Harvey Kessler, Everett Lea, Austin Morris, Clarence Petty, Franz Coffey, Charles Cabler, Morris Reasoner, Ola Hart and W. H. Dixon.

Ted Gist of Brownwood visited in Zephyr Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Piller and Miss Helen Cunningham were shopping in Brownwood Monday.

The Missionary Society met on Sunday evening for their regular meeting.

The Methodist Sunday school class will give a picnic Friday afternoon.

Miss Virginia Stenson was the guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Dabney Sunday.

Mr. Stanley, near Zephyr, who has been an invalid for some years, died last Thursday in his home. The funeral services were held by Rev. Newton of Brownwood. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the ones in grief.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Dabney and daughter, Stella, were in Brownwood Tuesday.

W. K. Cabler made a business trip to Brownwood Monday.

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