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"He Profits Most Who Serves Best"

L. L. SHIELD DEAD.

L. L. Shield, 73, died at his home in this city Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock after a very brief attack of heart failure.

Mr. Shield was among the oldest settlers of Coleman county, having come here about 50 years ago from the state of Mississippi. He was a pioneer cattle raiser, merchant and banker in this county, his original place of business being at Trickham. Forty odd years ago Mr. Shield owned and conducted one of the largest mercantile establishments in west Texas, having his freight hauled here overland from Fort Worth and other eastern points, long before there were any railroads built in this section of the state.

Mr. Shield moved to Santa Anna after the railroad was built here and began to build good business houses in the business district, having built all the business houses on the block covering the south-west portion of the city except three, and still owned them at the time of his death.

Mr. Shield was a member of the 20th Legislature and the flag on the State Capitol was lowered to half mast Thursday in his honor.

Surviving him is his widow and four children. Leon of Coleman, I. O. City, Elgean, student in the State University and Mrs. Karl Wallace of Bangs. His remains will be placed in the City cemetery about the time the News goes to press Thursday afternoon.

The News extends sympathy to the bereaved.

The Editor Is The Only

Man Who Makes Mistakes

We made a mistake in last week's paper, admits an exchange. A good subscriber told us about it. The same day there was a letter in our box that didn't belong to us. We called for 35 over the phone and got 153. We asked for a spool of No. 50 thread and when we got home we found it was No. 60. The train was reported 30 minutes late. We arrived at the depot 20 minutes late after the train had gone. We got our milk bill and there was a mistake of 10 cents in our favor. We felt sick and the doctor said we were eating too much meat. We hadn't tasted meat for two months. The garage man said the jitney was missing because it needed a new timer. We cleaned the spark plug and it's run fine ever since. Yes, we made a mistake in last week's issue of the paper.—Ex.

Some people work like the devil to find excuses for the things they are too lazy to do.

WHAT WE NEEDED HAS ARRIVED

The mantle of snow and sleet that covered this country first of the week was a little disagreeable during the time it lasted, but it was just what this section has been wishing for, for the longest. Old timers, as well as children, must have enjoyed the diversion afforded by the beautiful mantle of snow and sleet.

Monday was a day of much rejoicing and some suffering, especially among the school students of the higher grades and a large number of young people who joined them in the fun making. Improvised sleds tied behind automobiles furnished crude transportation for several bunches, snow-balling and other kinds of sport lasted most all the day, and many repaired to their homes Monday evening with finger tips and toes feeling the effects of the exposure. Several of the colored race ventured out Monday afternoon and met with worse than they thought was in store for them, but thus far, we have not been informed of any casualties.

The change is having good effect on our morale. Certainly it will be good for the health of the community if we keep our heads and dress in accordance with the temperature.

Great benefits will come, of course, from this particularly timely freeze for farm lands. If it should freeze the ground very deep that will be almost as good as a plowing and there is no doubt but that many insects have succumbed to the cold. Fruit trees which have been on the verge of budding out because of the recent summery weather will postpone, temporarily, at least, their spring garb—which means that we may yet be in line for a good fruit crop this year. Certainly the moisture that has been put in the ground by the recent rains and protected by this mantle of snow and sleet will be very beneficial for small grain, and farmers will not be so apprehensive about putting corn into the ground within the next few weeks.

This cold snap is just the thing we have been needing for some time. It is particularly reassuring in that it convinces all of us that winter has not departed from these parts for good.

Attention Ex-Students of State University

You are requested to send your name and address to the undersigned at your earliest convenience as we are expecting to celebrate with a luncheon at one of the Cafes in Santa Anna, on March 2nd, Texas Independence Day.—T. Richard Sealy.

TURNER-MITCHELL

On Monday afternoon at five o'clock Miss Kathleen Turner and Mr. Sterling Ross Mitchell of Itasca and Monahans were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Turner, Rev. T. W. Davidson officiating. The living room was artistically decorated with pink and white La France roses, lighted candles and shaded central lights casting a soft glow over the entire effect. Promptly at five o'clock Miss Ruby Harper at the piano accompanied by Miss Kate Phillips on the violin began Mendelssohn's Wedding March. Miss Nettie Turner, sister of the bride and maid of honor, wearing a bouffant taffeta and carrying pink roses, entered with Mr. Virgil Mitchell, brother of the groom, and best man, and took their places before the altar. They were followed by dainty little Miss Helen Turner, sister of the bride, who scattered rose petals in the bride's pathway. Miss Turner, wearing a lovely blue taffeta and gold lace gown and carrying a gorgeous bouquet of lilies and ruffled white sweet peas, entered on the arm of the groom. At the altar they were met by Rev. T. W. Davidson who said the ever-impressive ring ceremony. Sincerest and heartiest good wishes and congratulations were showered upon the happy young couple. Coffee and cakes were served to the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell left immediately for Fort Worth, Waco, and Itasca for a brief stay before going to their home at Monahans. For a going away gown Mrs. Mitchell wore a blue cloth. Betty wales model trimmed in gray astrakhan with harmonizing accessories.

Mrs. Mitchell is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Turner one of the most prominent pioneer families of this county. She is a charming young lady, a graduate of Santa Anna public schools and a former student in the University of Texas where her's and Mr. Mitchell's romance began. Mr. Mitchell is from an equally as old and respected family of Itasca, a graduate of the University of Texas in the engineering department, being engaged at the present as an engineer on a Federal road out from Pecos.

The guests were: Rev. and Mrs. T. W. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mabley, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Woodward, Mrs. L. L. Shield, Mrs. J. R. Gipson, Mrs. A. U. Weaver, Mrs. Jack Woodward, Mrs. T. R. Sealy, Mrs. G. A. Shockley; Misses Mildred Gipson Ruby Harper, Artie Mae Stewardson, Kate Phillips, Mary Lela Woodward. Out of town guests were Miss Carrys Dodson, Amarillo; Miss Nettie Turner, Waxahachie; Mr. Virgil Mitchell, Itasca; Mr. Burkes, Itasca.

WHEN A NICKLE WAS WORTH FIVE CENTS

Once upon a time a nickle was real money—but those days are gone.

In the days of our youth watermelons could be purchased from the passing farm wagons for the sum of five cets, but now not even the transparent slice can be obtained for this sum.

Enough bananas could be bought for 5 cents to give three boys indigestion, but that was long ago.

There was a time when small boys were wont to do chores around the home for the coveted nickle—but not now.

Who can forget the man who used to walk into the cigar store and say with a loud voice "Give me a good nickle cigar."

There was a time when a nickel bought a loaf of bread, or a dish of ice cream, paid for a shoe shine and even a sizeable tip. Some of the old citizens, in their reminiscent moods, can recall those days—or at least they say they can.—Ex.

When you have reached the top, and don't want to go backward, you might try jumping off.

ARE YOU IN ON THIS?

It is natural for visitors to size up a town by appearances. A dirty, rusty town appeals to nobody, and we must keep Santa Anna from such unsightliness as will cause people to think we are on the down grade. Doesn't it makes something in you ache when you pass a building, residence or business property, that looks like it had weathered the blasts and reflected the suns of fifty or more fleeting seasons? There are splotches and blotches all over it, the shingles or pieces of roofing often curl up at the ends like a crank reformer's hair; neglect seems to have covered it with a mantle; the doors sag and the windows wink at you with bleary indifference. And people live and try to do business in such structures! No one can really live in them; it is not living; it is existing, and very poor existence at that. No one can hope to do business in such a place. Such a building reminds one of a ragged beggar seeking a job. A little work, a little energy, a little paint will transform one of these places into a habitation fit for human dwelling or make the former decrepitude and decay give place to inviting brightness in the case of a business room. A tramp goes by. He is dirty and rusty, and the fact makes him sink. It isn't because he seems to be down and out that you shrink from him. It is because he seems dirty and lazy. He mars our sense of the fitness of things, he jars the harmony of life. It is very difficult for such a man to find a job. But give him a shave, put clean linen on him, shine up his rusty shoes, clothe him in decent garments in place of his rags and he looks like a different man. The same thing is true of property. Paint the house and the barn and the garage. Plant trees and shrubbery and flowers. The season for rejuvenation is not far off. Make your plans now to help in the general improvement of Santa Anna this spring.

NOTICE TO EX-STUDENTS OF STATE UNIVERSITY

A meeting of the University Club will be held at the Court House in Coleman Tuesday night February 13, all Ex-students are urged to attend.—C. R. Wilson, President.

Coleman Chamber of Commerce Endorses New County Officials

The following Resolution offered by Walter C. Woodward was adopted by rising vote of the Coleman Chamber of Commerce at its regular weekly meeting on the 7th day of Feb., A. D. 1923:

WHEREAS, this is the first meeting of the Coleman Chamber of Commerce since the newly elected County Judge and County Commissioners have qualified; and,

WHEREAS, they are entitled to the full and hearty cooperation and support of this organization and are entitled to know that this organization has implicit confidence in their ability and integrity.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Coleman Chamber of Commerce that said organization pledges to the present County Judge and the County Commissioners, its full cooperation and support in the fulfillment of their duties and it pledges to them our every effort and support and we express full confidence in the ability of the present County Judge and Commissioners' Court and express our confidence in their honesty and integrity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be furnished the Court to spread upon the Minutes of the Court and a copy be furnished the Press.

Some people never get through talking of the good deeds they perform through mistake.

The expense of free advice is often greater than its value.

WHY NOT FOR OUR BOYS

We are all interested in the welfare of the boys of this town and community.

Anything that will improve their condition will meet with the approval of the people in general.

What better could we do for them than to organize a Boy Scout company, an organization in which boys naturally take a just pride?

Select a hundred men indiscriminately and start them out on a ten mile hike.

Will there be any order and precision to their progress? Not a bit. They will move forward as a mob—some with a degree of pride in their appearance, and others will slouch and feet scraping the ground.

That is, the natural result of a lack of early training.

Take the same number of men who have had military training and start them out. You will notice a vast difference.

There will be no slouchy shoulders, no feet scraping the ground, no ungainly tread, no indecision or lack of purpose.

You will see their bodies erect, shoulders squared, heads and eyes to the front—a brick and steady tramp, tramp, tramp. And it will be purely instinctive and without premeditation.

That is the result of training.

The Boy Scout organization does not make soldiers of men, but it does make real men out of boys.

The physical training is much along the lines of that provided in the army, with enough variation to satisfy the juvenile heart. And the world admits that military training is the best that has ever been devised by mankind.

A Boy Scout company in this town would be wonderfully beneficial to our boys. It would give them a hobby, while at the same time affording the physical training that would develop them as nothing else could do.

The discipline would teach them obedience to orders and self restraint and control, and the training and moral influence combined would give them that self reliance which is so necessary our modern business life.

We want our boys to be men among men.

Why not A Boy Scout company to help them along?

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible School promptly at 10 a. m.

Morning preaching service 11. Evening preaching service 7:15 p. m.

Leon Williams, pastor.

Report On Percentage Grades Of Grammar School

The following report of the Santa Anna Grammar School is taken from a strict grading system as follows: A from 90 to 100; B from 80 to 90; C from 70 to 80; below 70 is a failure.

In the first grade there were 6 per cent who failed in one or more subjects; in the second grade 6 per cent; in the third grade 12 per cent; in section A of fourth grade 3 per cent; in section B of fourth grade 25 per cent; in fifth grade 40 per cent; in section A of sixth grade 30 per cent; in section B of sixth grade 55 per cent; in the seventh grade 40 per cent.

May I repeat the statement as made last week with reference to the number of failures of the high school being unsatisfactory and make the same application to the grammar school. In justice to everyone concerned, I should say here that we are striving to grade every student in the entire school system as accurately and justly, as we know how, giving just the exact grade that we feel that the student is actually worth. A more strict examination of the reports as they are given out for examination and the signature of each parent at the close of each six weeks and a closer cooperation on the part of all concerned will raise these grades and thereby raise the standard of OUR schools. I trust that we shall enjoy your full support in bringing about the desired results.

Respectfully submitted, B. T. WITHERS, Superintendent Schools.

STATE RELEASES LAND IN NON-COTTON ZONES

Austin, Jan. 28.—Governor Neff issued a proclamation Saturday releasing certain areas in Liberty, Chambers, Harris, Ellis, Collin and Grayson Counties from the non-cotton zones and placed these areas in the regulated zones. This means that cotton may now be planted in these areas under regulations prescribed by the pink boll worm commission.

It was on the recommendation of this commission that the Governor decided to eliminate the areas herein mentioned from the non-cotton to the regulated zones. After investigation the commission found that such a recommendation was justifiable. Effective Jan. 27.

Lost, Strayed, Stolen or Killed—the Peace Dove of Europe. Perhaps said dove became impaled on a certain "14 points," somewhere on the Rhine.—Baird Star.

The rungs of the Ladder of Success are made from banked dollars.

When you keep money out of the bank you take all the chances. When you keep it in our bank you take no chances.

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Santa Anna, Texas



Service in Banking

This bank is a place of service and business. If you bank with us we better understand your affairs, and by being in close touch with our customers we will be better prepared to take care of their needs.

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK

C. W. WOODRUFF, Cashier

EARLY DAYS IN SANTA ANNA

(By L. V. Stockard)

The first time I ever saw the Santa Anna mountains was two or three years before the railroad built out this way. There was one small store as well as I remember it, which stood right in the gap of the mountain. I do not remember of seeing any other house until I reached Coleman. Coon Duman's dwelling stood on the banks of the creek where he still lives and at that time Coleman had a frame building on the square where the present Court house stands that was used for a court house. It was on this trip I saw my first wild prairie dog, and they were plentiful all the way from Brownwood to Coleman.

I remember when I first came here to live, Col. Mahoney was one of the first men I met; he had a ranch running up to and adjoining the section upon which the town of Santa Anna is located, and he called his ranch "The Santana Live Stock and Land Company," and he told me that Santa Anna should of been named after the Indian Chief instead of the Mexican General, and I have often heard that the Indian Chief used to make this mountain his headquarters, and was finally killed in an Indian fight at the west end of the mountain, but this was bound to be a mistake. In the first place the Indian Chief was named Santanta and the following article clipped from the Dallas News explains fully what became of the Indian Chief:

"Huntsville, Tex., May 15, 1913. Mr. M. L. Johnson, Austin, Tex. Dear Sir: Complying with your request of the 13th inst, we inclose herewith prison record No. 2017, Santanta, Kiowa chief, who received a life sentence for murder, near Belknap, in 1870. This man was liberated on parole after serving about two years, by Governor Davis, on recommendation of the President of the U. S. Was returned to prison Nov. 8, 1874 for violating parole; committed suicide Oct. 11, 1878, by

jumping from the second landing of the hospital.

"We also inclose prison record No. 2108, Big Tree, another Kiowa chief, who received the same sentence as Santana. This Indian was released on parole Aug. 19, 1873, and was never returned to the penitentiary. Both were Kiowa Indians from Oklahoma.

Yours very truly,
"OSCAR F. WOLFF,
"Secretary Prison Commission."

The first trip I ever made out in the Santa Anna country was to inspect what was in those days called the Frontier Telegraph Company's wires which extended from Austin, Texas, to Coleman, via Round Rock, Georgetown, Leander, Bertram, Burnet, Lampasas, San Saba, Williams Ranch and Brownwood, and at Coleman we connected with the Government line which extended from San Antonio to the different Forts out west. The Frontier Telegraph Company was owned by the Breckenridges of Austin and San Antonio and shortly after I made this inspection the Breckenridges purchased all Government lines running from Coleman to San Antonio, giving us about 700 miles of wire line in western Texas. I left the railroad at Lampasas and traveled by mail-hacks to Brownwood, which required two days to make the trip and when I reached Brownwood I found there was not any mail line running out to Coleman, so I hired a horse from some Livery Stable in Brownwood and rode horseback to Coleman. I found the lines in rather bad condition, the Cow boys had shot the insulators off of most of the telegraph poles and during wet weather the wires worked very heavy. I had the management of the commercial offices of the Santa Fe Telegraph Company at Belton and Lampasas, and also was manager of the Belton Telegraph Company; in fact, I was the Lessee of the Belton Frontier Telegraph Companies at this time and was responsible for the performance of all operators and was under bond for same. I had never had very much experience in business matters up to this time and did not realize just what a re-

sponsible position I was holding until I was served with a Citation to appear at Lampasas in a Law suit for \$25,000 damages against the company and show cause why I should not pay a damage claim brought by some Nester who lived at Senterfeit where we had an office, and who was sick and wired to Lampasas for a doctor. He sued for mental anguish and pain that he suffered on account of a delay of the telegram.

I called up the operator at Lampasas and asked him what about this particular telegram and he informed me that the doctor had instructed him that should he be out of town to always put his telegrams in his post office box and he would get them when he came and that he had complied with the doctor's request in this instance. I employed Walter Aker, one of the best attorneys in Lampasas to defend me, and had no trouble in beating the case. Not very many months after this happened I received another notice from Hudson Brothers and Watson of Burnet in which they stated they had ordered by wire from St. Louis a car of nails and after waiting for three weeks they had received one keg of nails and were thereby badly damaged. I traced this message down and found the operator I had at Austin made the error and gave it to the Western Union wires. There just as these people said and the message read for one keg instead of for one car of nails.

I went to Burnet on the first stage coach out of Lampasas for Burnet, and went to the office of these gentlemen and introduced myself as the manager of the wires leading out of Burnet, and they certainly treated me fine. They asked me to take a seat and reached over on their desk and got a box of good cigars and asked me to have one. I was rather a young chap then and was not accustomed to smoking very often but I took that cigar and made out like I was at home smoking it. They then told me that they realized I had to work operators who were not the best in the country and if I would make them do better in the future they would drop the matter.

I felt very thankful to them for they had a sure enough damage case against me.

There was a drummer in Texas in those days who traveled over Western Texas, and said to be the biggest liar in the state. I had never met him but one day I picked up a Galveston News and read a story which read like this, and it was sent over our wires from Williams Ranch. It stated "the night before a meteor had fallen near Williams Ranch and that it had buried a Mexican jack all beneath it and was sticking up above the earth 75 feet and was so hot the people could not get within two hundred feet of it." People traveled for hundreds of miles to see this wonderful meteor. I thought I had another damage case against me and called up the operator at Williams Ranch and asked him about it and he claimed a man called in and sent the message and that was all he knew about it. This item was copied by very near every newspaper in the U. S. I was up in Middle Tenn., the next summer and they were asking me about this wonderful happening in Texas and I was able to give them the correct report on the matter. A few months after this message was published this same Mulhatten called in at the Burnett office and sent a special to the Daily Press, and I took the message myself at Austin and never knew for months that it was one of this man's stories and this item read about as follows: "There was a lot of men out in the woods hunting west of Burnett and came upon an old hack which had four skeletons sitting up in the hack and the skeletons of two horses were hitched to the hack with the harness still on and the supposition was that they were a bunch of prospectors who passed through Burnett 3 or 4 years prior to this time and they had never been heard of since."

Of late there has been some discussion as to who really discovered America. For once, however, the discussionists were modest—they didn't claim the honor for themselves.

Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas, Has a Student Welfare Department and Has Made Many Improvements For 1923

The Tyler Commercial College is being complimented by the business men and parents for always looking after the welfare of its students, both young men and women, in the students' boarding homes. In addition to this, the school has employed Mrs. McKenna, a well trained and practical matron of high moral standing, who fully understands her work, to devote her entire time looking after the health and moral and physical needs of the students. One of her duties is to see that the students are placed in homes that are perfectly sanitary and to see that they receive proper food that is properly prepared. Mrs. McKenna's experience and training enables her to do this work in a most satisfactory manner. She comes highly recommended. It is the policy of the school to look out for the welfare of the students without extra cost to the student and this has had much to do with making it the largest commercial school in the country.

The Radio and Civil Service Departments, which have been recently added to the courses taught in the Tyler Commercial College, are growing rapidly. Students are enrolling in these departments every day. One cannot conceive of the great demand at this time for Radio Experts. Radio is the world's newest industry and, in keeping with the high standard of the school, a first class Radio equipment has been installed. Both broadcasting and receiving sets, second to none, are being used in this Department, for teaching and experimental purposes. The operator in charge holds a first class license, making this station one of the few first class stations in the country. The broadcasting call for Tyler Commercial College Radio Broadcasting Station is WOAF. This school is making a speciality of training students for examinations in the Civil Service lines; such as, Bookkeeping, Stenographers, Typists, Railway Mail Clerks, Ru-

ral Carriers, etc.

These courses are all fully explained in the new catalogue, which is just off the press and will be mailed to you upon application. This catalogue also contains information pertaining to the course of Business Administration and Finance, Penmanship, etc., Cotton Cladding, Telegraphy.

Fill in and mail for large free catalogue.

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Tyler Commercial College,
Tyler, Texas.

MAN USED SAFETY RAZOR BLADE TO CUT WAY TO LIBERTY

Walter Smith, aged 27, married and the father of a young baby, whose home is in Ranger, and who, according to County Attorney Ben F. Russell has an all around criminal record, was arrested by Sheriff C. E. Bray, at his home, on a warrant charging him with auto theft, brought here and locked up in the county hoosegow.

Sunday night he and a fellow prisoner were not locked in their cells but allowed the privilege of the run around.

When all was still, Smith, using a safety razor blade as a saw, began to cut through a partially severed window bar, which had been operated upon by Henry Pryor, now in the penitentiary, and another prisoner. When the saw finally cut through the bar he pried it aside, using a piece of iron pipe for the purpose, he invited his fellow prisoner to join him in making a getaway, but the man declined, and slipping through the aperture in the bars he slid down an iron gas pipe fastened to the outside wall and disappeared in the darkness.

Fifteen minutes after his disappearance the escape was discovered and Sheriff Bray and County Attorney Russell started in pursuit. They traced him to Ranger, but he had skipped again before they arrived; they hope to compass his arrest before court convenes.—Baird Star

Spring Merchandise Arriving

This season we are enlarging our stock and expect to offer you a greater assortment of Merchandise in all lines than we have ever shown before. We have already received a nice line of dress Shirts, Gingham, Percales, and all staples, such as Domestic, Sheeting, etc. These were bought earlier and we do not ask the advance price at which they are selling now. Your patronage the past year was very liberal, and we appreciate it. Our aim this year is to make it more to your advantage to trade with us than it has ever been before. As we have said to you before we do not have bad debts or other unnecessary expenses for you to pay. Our purchases are for cash, and we get the lowest prices on what we have to buy, the same as you do when you pay cash to the retail merchant, rather than have it charged. Charge accounts are expensive, avoid them if you can.



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Friday, February 10, 1923
J. J. GREGG, Editor and Publisher

Last week several newspapers gave reports of indignation meetings being held over the State, protesting the extravagance of the present legislature. The writer was never more surprised at a body of men in our life. It appears to us, and we believe that we voice the sentiment of 85 per cent of the citizenship of the state, when we say that economy and rural education has been lost sight of and extravagance predominates throughout. It seems that money cannot be found to provide for longer terms in the common and rural schools, but \$600,000 to survey Texas rivers, creeks and ravines can be provided. \$1,002,500 to begin preparation for another State School of higher learning can be provided. \$1,000,000 a year overhead for the state penitentiary can be provided, but when the people from all parts of the state appeal for aid in order that our schools where we are trying to train our boys and girls to be citizens and provide them with an education is made, the money cannot be found.

I am a telephone. When I am not broke I am in the hands of a receiver. I have a mouthpiece, but, unlike women, I never use it. Fellows use me to make dates with girls, and girls use me to break said dates. Husbands call up their wives over me, and wives call their husbands down over me. I never go anywhere, but sometimes the company comes and takes me out. It all depends whether you pay your bill or not. I am not a bee, but often buzz in your ear. I am the bell of the town, and while I do not wear jewelry, I often get rings. Whether I do things or not, a lot of people nail me to the wall, and I like music, but the only music I hear is chin music. I get all the popular airs, and the most popular one is hot air.—Exchange.

PITY 'TIS, 'TIS TRUE
Having spent some odd hours during the past winter in reading a contemporaneous work of fiction, we feel moved to ask our readers what they think of the present day novel anyway? The old-time novel took a very high moral tone. The hero was a frankhearted and cleared-eyed youth who struggled against fate and circumstances, and who fell in love with a high-minded girl. Finally they married and lived happily forever after. Marriage now is apt to be a rather early incident in the story. The hero has a capacity for picking out the girl he really didn't want. This, of course, was not due to his own lack of brains, but to some fateful decree of physical passion which he couldn't help. Afterward he discovers that his wife is a nobody. Around in the next street is a pure and high ideal of femininity whom he should have selected in the first place. Hence ructions! Sex feeling is a big element in human life, but it is not everything. As life grows more complex with its struggles of business, society, politics, a great many other interests meet and clash and create dramatic situations worthy of fine fictional treatment. It is comparatively rare to see a man reading a novel today. Perhaps one trouble is that modern writers have given the sex motive such a morbid prominence that it surfeits heartily-minded people. As some one has said, the modern novel is too erotic, neurotic and tommyrotic.

When you feel that you have reached the limit of endurance, start all over again. It will be easier next time.
Get busy and provide yourself with a good income for 1923. The income tax collector wants it, and you shouldn't disappoint him.

THE EDITOR HAS BIRTHDAY

On Tuesday of this week, Feb. 6th, the editor passed his 42nd annual, and is now stepping along in his 43rd year. We well remember when we were only a small boy of ten and twelve summers, we thought we never would get big enough to associate with the grown-up folks and know the things they talked about that were not for little boys to hear, and, also, get large enough to have a sweetheart and enjoy the things of life that belonged to people of the latter teens, as most all of them married shortly after they passed out of the teens and got into the twenties. It being only nineteen years from February 6 to the close of the Nineteenth Century, and some people had the audacity to predict that the world was coming to an end with the close of the Nineteenth Century, we thought, we were going to be called upon to give an accounting to our Creator before we ever tasted the sweet pleasure of married life, because the family restrictions in our home were such that none were permitted to act like grown folks until they fully reached the age of 21 years, then they were instructed into the mysteries of grown folks life, told there was no real Santa Claus, and generally went out to some farm home in the community where some little maiden was in waiting for the eventful day, took her unto himself, went out and settled down on a little hillside farm and started out in the pursuits of real happiness. But the end of time was predicted and due to appear several months before that coveted day with us, and we were worried considerably in our early life, fearing that our time would end before we fully matured. However, the Eighteenth Century ended, time rolled on and the end did not come, and there we were, made all preparations to die and none to live, so we had to start all over again, and we are still in the preparation. In olden times, every Fiftieth year was a year of Jubilee, in which all people rested and spent the entire year without work or profit, prepared for the great time for forty-nine years and then celebrated the whole twelve months and called it the Year of Jubilee, and why it was that young people of my day and time were denied such pleasures as that, had to live just only the few long years of our childhood and then be passed into Eternity without even knowing what it was to be a grown man and know what grown people knew was a problem that we could not understand, but now we better understand, and the last 21 years have not been half so long as the first 21 years of our life. We have also been fully initiated into the mysteries of life that do not belong to a child, know all about Santa Claus, know the joys and sorrows of married life, have tasted the sweet essence and smelt the scorching burning sand. Life is great, and the more we learn of its mysteries the more anxious we are to taste of what it has in store for us. Life with us has not been one of sweet music and no disappointments, but it has been interesting from the time we launched into it and is still worth living. It is good to be here and just 42.

A few days ago one of our advertisers made the remark that with a certain advertising campaign he put on that his competitors were responsible for his wonderful success. These competitors began to knock the proposition and talked about his house. The people to whom they talked, knew that there was something very wonderful in the way of prices or else the competitors would not have been taking so much interest in the proposition. To say the least of it, it aroused their curiosity to such an extent that they went around to see. And when they saw they found out that it was just exactly as had been advertised and that the bargains were there. One of the best ways to advertise is to have your competitors knock you. People know there is something in it real for them, or the competitor would not be taking so much pains in the matter of discouraging it.—Paducah Post.

The fellow who takes a delight in kicking his dog is too firm a believer in law and order to kick another man of his own size.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL

Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 11
THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER

LESSON TEXT—Luke 18:1-4.
GOLDEN TEXT—The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.—Psalm 51:17.
REFERENCE MATERIAL—Matt. 6:5-16; Luke 16:20-24; John 4:23, 24.
PRIMARY TOPIC—How Two Men Prayed.
JUNIOR TOPIC—How to Pray.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Prayer that God Answers.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Secret to Prevailing Prayer.

I. Men Ought Always to Pray (v. 1).
Prayer is absolutely necessary to the spiritual life. It is to the spiritual life what breathing is to the physical life. Men ought to pray under every variety of circumstance—in times of sorrow and burdens for strength to endure; in times of joy and success for grace to behave aright. Prayer ought to be persisted in even when the answer is not immediately seen. God does hear and answer prayer even when we do not understand the mysteries of delay.

II. The Urgent Prayer of a Widow (vv. 2-8).
The picture here is of a helpless widow who was being cheated out of her property rights, coming to a godless judge for redress. Her only means of getting help was to prove the justice of her claim by her persistence. Even this did not gain access to his heart, for he feared not God nor regarded men. He complied with her request in order to get rid of her.

The point here is not that God is like this unjust judge and can be teased into compliance, but rather that if such action can be secured on the part of a godless judge by persistence, how much surer will be the help of God to those who cry unto Him day and night.

The helpless widow pictures the church in this age suffering the deprivation of her rights. It is not the church praying for vengeance upon her enemies, but suing for the possession of her rights by virtue of her covenant relation in Christ. The inheritance of the church will be actualized at the coming of Christ. This is why the truth concerning the coming of Christ is so vital to Christianity, and why such disastrous consequences follow the loss of the Blessed Hope.

The apparent delay in the vindication of the church may dishearten some and cause others to mock (II Peter 3:4). Jesus' question should be a solemn warning against allowing the apparent delay of the coming of the Lord to crowd out our praying. Though many may give up we should be assured that genuine faith will abide, and that the divine promise concerning the coming of Christ shall be fulfilled. We can be sure of God.

III. The Prayer of the Proud Pharisee (vv. 9-12).
1. He Took a Striking Attitude (v. 11). The Jewish custom was to stand while praying, but the word "stood" implies the assumption of an ostentatious position. He was self-righteous and trusted in himself.

2. He Prayed With Himself (vv. 11, 12). He used the name of God, but it was really a soliloquy. He pretended to be thanking God when really he was rehearsing his own goodness—complimenting himself. His whole thought centered in himself. He congratulated himself for (1) his morality (vv. 11). He thanked God that he was not as other men are, such as extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as the publican who was standing afar off. (2) His Religious Merits (v. 12). He fasted twice a week and gave tithes of all he possessed. He thus informed God that he did more than was required, implying that God was under obligation to him.

IV. The Prayer of the Humble Publican (v. 13).
In striking contrast with this supposed saint stood the publican whose shame kept him from even looking up to Heaven, beating upon his breast as a sign of anguish of soul, crying out to God to be merciful to him, a sinner. He took his place as a sinner and called upon God for mercy.

V. Christ's Testimony (v. 14).
He declared that the publican went away justified rather than the Pharisee. The one great and urgent need on the part of men is a confession of sin and a willingness to cry unto God for mercy.

The Dull Man.
A dull man is so near a dead man that he is hardly to be ranked in the list of the living; and as he is not to be buried whilst half alive, so he is as little to be employed whilst he is half dead.—Saville.

Losing Aspirations.
Men lose their high aspirations as they lose their intellectual tastes, because they have no time or opportunity for indulging them.—J. S. Mill.

Causes Wonder.
I never wonder to see men wicked, but I often wonder to see them not ashamed.—Swift.

Nibbling at the Bait.
I see the devil's hook, and yet cannot help nibbling at his bait.—M. Adams.

111 Cigarettes
TURKISH VIRGINIA BURLEY
15 for 10
The American Tobacco Co.

Helped the "Flu"
"Used Foley's Honey and Tar for 'flu' and found it wonderful. It never fails to cure my two little girls from coughs and colds," writes Mrs. A. Sanders, Gallatin, Tenn. For quick relief from coughs, colds, croup, throat, chest and bronchial trouble use Foley's Honey and Tar. Contains no opiates—ingredients printed on the wrapper.—C. K. Hunter, druggist.

LOCAL ADVERTISING

BRING your produce to the East End Grocery and receive the highest market prices for same.—Farmers Produce Co., W. S. Conley, Prop.

NO MATTER how good the other fellow's paint, mine is just as good or better. Also have a full line of Wall paper and the prices are right.—F. M. Jaynes.

"SENSATION of the Season!" On February 24th, "Colonial Tea" Watch these columns for further announcements.

AUTO TOPS and Seat Covers at C. E. Welch Harness and Saddle Shop.

HAVE tea with "George Washington" on February 24th. Read the ad in this paper.

FALL in with the crowd and lets go to the Colonial Tea!!!

LET us recover your Automobile and put on a set of Seat Covers.—C. E. Welch Harness and Saddle Shop.

FEBRUARY 14 is Valentine. See our window for Valentines of the pleasing kinds.—Baxter's Variety Store.

DID George Washington really cut down the cherry tree? Ask him at the "Colonial Tea" on February 24th.

Liquid Borozone is an efficient healing remedy for human or animal flesh. It mends a severe wound, sore, cut or scratch in the shortest possible time. Price, 30c, 60c and \$1.00. Sold by all druggists.

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Influenza From Neglected Colds
Stop your coughs and colds before they become serious. If neglected they lead to influenza, jaundice, grippe, asthma and bronchitis. Three generations of users have testified to the quick relief given by Foley's Honey and Tar from coughs, colds, croup, throat, chest and bronchial trouble. Largest selling cough medicine in the world.—C. K. Hunter, druggist.

Internal worms destroy the health of children and weaken their vitality. The worms should be expelled before serious damage is done. White's Cream Vermifuge is a thoroughly successful remedy. Price, 35c. Sold by all druggists.

In an attack of acute rheumatism in which there is much pain Ballard's Snow Liniment is a necessary part of the treatment. It is a powerful pain relief. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

WHAT do you say? Are you coming to the "Colonial Tea" on Feb. 24th. Look for the coming of the "red-hatchet" togers!

DR. J. H. HALES, Optician of Brownwood will fill his regular date at Mrs. Comer Blue's Jewelry Store Tuesday February 13th. Eyes examined and glasses properly fitted.

FOR SALE—First year Kasch Cotton Seed, \$1.75 at barn or \$2.00 per bu. delivered to town.—W. A. Wilks, Santa Anna, Texas, Whon Route. 6-3tp.

RIBBON BARGAINS—Several pieces of wide and varied colored ribbons, priced up to 65c per yard; choice for 25c the yard.—Baxter's Variety Store.

For Quality
Admiration COFFEE
Cannot be surpassed. And in order to get this high grade coffee introduced in town, we are going to give with the purchase of one three pound bucket, a one pound can of the same Coffee FREE.
Admiration 3 lb. Bucket . . . \$1.25
We Get Vegetables
Twice a Week
Hunter Bros.
48—"The Home of Good Eats"—70

Watch For The
"COLONIAL TEA"
Saturday, February 24th, 1923
At
The building formerly occupied by Hunter's Drug Store
Plenty of Eats and Entertainment
Under Management of Your High School
Further Announcements to Follow

FEED your face at the Cozy Cafe and note the difference. We feed them all alike and serve the best to be had.

It is easy to get rid of the misery of heartburn or indigestion. Herbene goes right to the spot. It drives out the badly digested food and makes you feel fine. Price, 60c. Sold by all druggists.

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NEED GLASSES
Dr. Jones, the eye man, will be at Childers & Co., Store, Saturday, February, 24th. Eyes examined, glasses fitted, headache and eye strain relieved.

TIME TO PLANT TREES—A. D. Burdick of Coleman is county agent for the Waxachie Nursery Company, the best company in Texas. Now is the time to put out fruit and shade trees, shrubbery and everything that grows in a first class nursery. Drop me a card or phone 233. I am also agent for the great Roberts Monument Co., of Dallas.—A. D. Burdick, Coleman, Tex. 5-4tp.

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SEND your Clothes to the City Laundry. I have good help, can give you quick and good service, every garment guaranteed, rough dried 30 cents per dozen.—Mrs. M. O. Taylor, Proprietor.

STILL have plenty of stove wood and pole wood for sale at my farm 6 miles east of Santa Anna.—E. W. Polk. 6-3tp.

Tortured Many Years By Kidneys
"Have had kidney trouble for 12 years," writes H. P. Pinkney, West Jackson, Miss. "Pains in back, catches in hips, and getting up too much at night. But Foley Kidney Pills relieved my suffering and I feel like a new man." For kidney and bladder trouble insist on Foley Kidney Pills.—C. K. Hunter, druggist.

If your head is dizzy on stooping or rising suddenly and everything turns black before the eyes, you have a torpid liver. Take Herbene. It is a powerful liver regulator. Price, 60c. Sold by all druggists.

STOP THAT ITCHING
Use Blue Star Remedy for Eczema, Itch, Tetter, or Cracked Hands, Ring Worm, Poison Oak, Sore Feet, Old Sores and Sores on Children. For Sale by C. K. Hunter, 5tf.

I HAVE some White Leghorn Roosters for sale at \$1.00 each; fine stock. Phone 219.—Mrs. S. L. Blanton.

JERSEY COWS for sale, would trade for good farm horse, weight 1000 pounds; would keep horse for feed.—H. H. Brown, 3t

GET our prices on Oval Picture frames, 14x20 size.—Blue Rack-et Store.

SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY, February 10th, 10 cans of No. 2 Tomatoes for \$1.00. Limited one sale to each Customer.—R. Roundtree & Son.

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PUBLIC SALES
We have purchased 122,000 pair U. S. Army Munson last shoes, sizes 5 1-2 to 12 which was the entire surplus stock of one of the largest U. S. Government shoe contractors. This shoe is guaranteed one hundred percent solid leather, color dark tan, bellows tongue, dirt and waterproof. The actual value of this shoe is \$6.00. Owing to this tremendous buy we can offer same to the public at \$2.95.

Send correct size. Pay post-man on delivery or send money order. If shoes are not as represented we will cheerfully refund your money promptly upon request.

National Bay State Shoe Co., 296 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Most men are their own bosses—until they get married.

Be a man of your word, even if you never say anything.

CAUGHT IN THE ROUND-UP

Mr. Vernon Adams and family returned to their home in Brownwood Tuesday after a short visit in the home of J. D. Simpson.

Mr. M. L. McFarland of Brownwood was transacting business in Santa Anna this week.

Several citizens of this part of the county have been attending District Court in Coleman this week.

Mrs. Will Bell went to Temple last week for an examination at the Temple Sanitarium.

Mrs. Miriam Prickett was in Dallas this week purchasing a new stock of spring and summer millinery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Riley returned Tuesday from a three weeks visit with relatives in Ellis county.

Miss Lucy Henegan of Brownwood is nursing in the local hospital this week.

One day last week a fine baby girl made her appearance in the home of pastor Leon Williams and took up permanent board. At this writing the mother and babe are both reported doing nicely.

Our Round-Up is short again this week, due to the fact that a big snow blanketed the earth first of the week, and the sport of snowballing was so great, the editor did not have the nerve to get out. The sport was great but as for our part we enjoyed it much better staying in by the fire.

Mrs. H. E. Everett and children passed through the city last week enroute from Winters to Lometa, where they are moving, and spent the night with Mrs. Everett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Evans.

G. E. Adams left first of the week for St. Louis and other eastern markets to purchase spring and summer goods for the Adams Mercantile company.

Mrs. Harry Hazlett is in Brownwood taking a treatment from Dr. Anderson.

Mr. Lewis Newman of the Cross Road community was brought in through the snow and ice early Monday morning and had an operation for appendicitis, but his appendix had ruptured and his condition is critical.

J. H. Brannan received a message Wednesday morning from Brownwood, stating that his brother was seriously ill at his home there. Mr. Brannan left on the noon train to attend the bedside of his brother.

Better Than Pills For Liver Ills.

RTonight

to tone and strengthen the organs of digestion and assimilation, improve appetite, stop sick headaches, relieve biliousness, correct constipation. They act promptly, pleasantly, mildly, yet thoroughly.

Tomorrow Alright

Get a 25c. Box HUNTER'S PHARMACY

Loans! Loans! LOANS!

We will loan you more per acre than any other Company in West Texas. We will close your loan quicker than any other Company in West Texas. There is no unnecessary delays with us, we do not have to sell our securities before the loan is closed, we have and handle our own money, we are Texas People, Texas Money loaned to Texas People.

Let us figure with you on your loan; let us show you how quick we can close it. Abstractor in Office.

R. E. L. ZIMMERMAN
Colman, Texas.

LIBERTY NEWS

By comparing the temperature now with this time last week one might suppose that we had suddenly emigrated from the Torrid Zone to the Arctic Regions.

Liberty school boys have begun playing base ball. If any team wants a game just come over, we are all small boys but will try to make it interesting for you. We thought it best to start base ball as we did not care to continue basket ball. I think the little girls have organized a basket ball team and are also ready for match games.

I guess I had better direct you to Liberty as we want anybody there that can play ball. It is located between Santa Anna and Brownwood, or more definite between Taylorville and Bangs; it is a white school house on the south side of the main highway.

The "flu" which has been so prevalent seems to be disappearing much to the satisfaction of Mr. Jas. Dodgin.

We are glad to report Mrs. Fowler who has been seriously ill is improving.

Leonard Russell says this weather is ideal for catching his favorite meat, viz. cotton tail rabbits.

Lost, strayed or stolen—Two burros, left home on or about Feb. 1, last seen on Bangs road near Levi Smith's premises. Any information gladly received by Glen Williams, and Weldon Lucas. Reward offered.

Mr. Jno. Taylor, our local merchant, was in Brownwood one day last week on business.

Saturday night, Feb. 10, is our regular singing night. Everybody cordially invited.

FERTILIZA.

BEE BRANCH

Well I will report again this week. Isn't it pretty, and how we have all enjoyed our big snow, I mean a good snow for Coleman county certainly did get a good one.

The Bee Branch suspended school Monday and Tuesday on account of the bad weather.

Mrs. Hester was better the last report and we hope she will soon recover.

We were sorry to hear little Lee Ota Tension was on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Tension and daughter, Eula spent a portion of Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Angie Olinger of this community.

We are sorry to have our news so short this week, but maybe we will have more next week.

TULIP.

BUSY IDLERS CLUB

The Busy Idlers Club was very delightfully entertained on last Friday afternoon, with Mrs. Harry T. Caton as hostess.

There were two very interesting contests which caused much excitement and fun. Miss Ethel Whetstone winning first prize, a bottle of perfume and Miss Blanche Collier second prize, a dainty powder puff.

A refreshment plate of sandwiches, olives, l'apple salad, hot chocolate and wafers were served.

Those present were Misses Ruth Stephenson, Blanche Collier, Ruby Brannan, Ethel Whetstone, Ila Ruth Turney, Grace Ewing, Bill Vinson, Nettie Bowen, Jimmie Vinson, Margaret Barnes, Georgia Gilmore; Messdames H. T. Caton, Willie Gipson and H. Marshall.

Uel D. Crosby, student of S. M. U. came home Sunday account of appendicitis and was taken to the local hospital and operated on Monday. He is resting nicely today.

Ed Harrington of Breckenridge is visiting in the city.

TURKEY HEN GOES OVER THE TOP

M. M. Means was in town Saturday and gives his wife credit for having the best turkey hen in the world. From this one Red Bourbon turkey hen Mrs. Means sold \$78.00 worth of turkeys last November Saturday she brought to town \$13.60 worth and still have the mother hen and eight fine daughters for this year. If there is any one who can beat this for a turkey hen, this column is open to receive the glad news.—San Saba News.

TAX PAYERS' LOOK OUT

Dear Sir: The most important and far-reaching tax bills, that perhaps have ever been introduced in a Texas Legislature, are those known as House Bill No. 74 by Bryant, and Dinkle Bill No. 303, providing for a graduating tax on incomes of individuals, joint stock associations, and corporations, ranging from one half of one per cent on the first \$1,000 of unearned income to ten per cent on net income in excess of \$30,000, and on earned income of one-fourth of one per cent on first \$1,000 to ten per cent on net corporations and joint stock companies.

These Bills are the most radical departures from our long established order in tax matters that have ever been attempted, and it behooves every citizen of Texas who now feels the blight and burden of overtaxation to arouse himself to a keen study of the provisions of these Bills and their present and potential danger.

This proposed legislation would attach a possible heavy loss in the transfer of property. By its unmistakable terms, should real estate be sold without one cent of profit accruing to the seller, he would still be liable for the tax upon the difference between the assessed value as found by the county authorities and the sale price in many instances; this provision alone would prevent the alienation or purchase of property because the interested parties could not afford to pay the tax. By the provisions of these Bills no tax can be levied on tax exempt securities, thereby leaving a gap through which those who are able to bear the burdens of these Bills will drag through millions and billions of property without paying one cent of tax thereon.

Under Section 7 of the Bill the deductions allowed a married man whose family consists of only himself and wife, the sum of \$2,000 while the Federal Law provides an exemption of \$2,500.00.

One of the most serious features of these Bills is that they will add double, treble, and in some instances quadruple taxation to the burden now borne by the people of Texas. It is against the very genius of our government and the spirit of our laws to allow even double taxation on the same value of property. Our State Supreme Court has always condemned it. See the Opinion written by Judge Gaines in the Austin and North-western Railway Case. In many places in Texas today, the property of our citizens, taking the states, county, school, drainage district, etc., etc., is liable for a tax of \$25.00 on the \$100.00 valuation of property. It is unconscionable at this hour to add additional weight to the burden.

It must be remembered that all taxes must be paid out of income, and in addition thereto, Mr. Bryant's Bill proposes after all other taxes have been paid to then levy a tax upon the amount of the income itself. The tentacles of this Bill will reach into every nook and corner of Texas to levy its tribute upon almost every citizen. It does not seem possible that Texas will be able to drain much more in taxes from the pockets of her citizens. For instance, for the year 1920 and 1921, the Federal Government took from the people of Texas in income and profits tax and miscellaneous tax the sum of \$76,545,125.27; the State of Texas collected for the year 1921 in ad valorem taxes the sum of \$21,398,262.98; totaling \$97,943,388.25, and this does not include the ad valorem tax paid the two thousand and fifty two counties of the State which is greatly in excess of said amount, and neither does it include the school municipal, drainage and road district taxes, etc.

In addition to the above serious objections, this additional fact develops—that in the passage of these Bills and their enactment into a law, there will be created an income tax bureau, giving an employment to a large number of people that will be required to handle its operation. The revenues derived under these Bills would largely be absorbed in the maintenance of the bureau and the statement of actual monetary returns to the State are largely exaggerated.

The income tax law is not primarily intended as a revenue producer, and in all well-regulated systems of taxation an income

tax has never been placed where it would work appreciable inequality and injustice to those who must pay it, and it must strike the ordinary citizen with much force that this hour is hardly the time, in addition to every other burden, to so paralyze the tax producer. Taxation is the most dangerous agency of government and should at all times be carefully restricted in its possibilities for harm.

Time for action is very limited, as open hearings on these Bills by the Legislative committees are now in progress, and will doubtless be reported on favorably by sub-committees on revenue and taxation, and it is essential that you write your Representatives and Senator condemning its passage. Your prompt attention in this matter will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,
TAX PAYERS COMMITTEE.

The foregoing letter tells of something that affects YOU. Sign the below Coupon and mail to the Santa Anna News at Santa Anna, Texas. It will be sent to Austin at once—

Messrs J. H. Baugh Senator, and Henry Sacket, Representative, Austin, Texas.
House Bills Nos. 74 and 303 are not in accord with my idea of just nor expedient taxation.

The stupendous appropriations now being made threaten bankruptcy to Texas. I am in favor of reducing State Government costs.

Respectfully,
Name
Address

Presbyterian Sunday School
Religion should neither be concealed or paraded. The Master told His disciples to let their light shine. But none is to paint their religion in gaudy colors so as to attract attention to it.

Once a colored woman entered a street car, dressed in modest attire except for a white turban with the words marked on it in black: "Jesus Loves." There was nothing out of place as to her conduct, but the conclusion was, that she was parading the religion. It did no one any good. One could follow the opposite plan and act so as to hide any religious conviction.

It is better to take the words of Jesus and let the light shine—naturally and constantly. Come to Sunday school. Let your light shine.

A POPULAR DELUSION
"Distance lends enchantment." No proverb is truer to real life than this sententious saying, which packs into three words a whole philosophy of business. To some people the fact that an article of goods was made in London, Paris, or elsewhere, is prima facie evidence that it is better. If they stopped to think about it, they ought to know that our good old country, whatever its political or social faults, is acknowledged as supreme in material achievement. Our compatriots build the best bridges, provide the most convenient railroad travel, and the most comfortable homes. The chances are at least more than even that the output of our own mills is better adapted to meet home needs than those of some distant foreign producer. Similarly there are a great many people who feel an instinctive prejudice against articles bought in their home town. Something secured in some distant store looks better to them—until they actually test its qualities. Yet, if this feeling is analyzed, it is seen to be about as well founded as the fancied superiority of foreign goods. The home store does a smaller business than some distant department emporium. It loses a fraction of costs there. But it more than makes it up by cheaper rents. Then, there is the fact that the larger a business center is, the more it costs to conduct a store there. Almost every item in the expense account is at a higher rate. All this is charged to the consumer. For such reasons a well-advertised home store is about as efficient a machine for serving the public as you can get. The buyer, for stores about the size of ours is close enough to the counter so that he makes very few mistakes.

Good intentions are a credit only in proportion to the success achieved in carrying them out.

AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

Does it occur to you that we are an inconsistent race?

For instance—
When we go to church on Sunday the preacher tells us of the beautiful side of life—and we are uplifted.

As we walk home from the house of God we deplore the destructive influence of the frivolity and scandal contained in the daily press—and we are exalted.

When we have surrounded a good dinner we grab the Sunday paper, flop down in an easy chair, and devour the columns of moral filth that we deplore a few hours ago—and we are human again.

It's a gay world, even on the Lord's day.

Does your memory extend back to the time when candidates went around kissing all of the babies in their districts?

It was a great game. It pleased the fathers, and the fathers had votes.

But now they do it differently. Instead of kissing the babies they jolly the women and fill the men full of bunk. Men and women both have votes.

Some day a new era will dawn—an era when kissing, and jolly and bunking will not win votes.

Candidates will be content to pin their hopes upon the records of their past deeds.

Voters will cast their ballots for the man instead of for the influences and associations behind him.

The ballot will be pure and right will prevail.

Don't give up until you are licked—and forget to acknowledge that you have been licked.

As soon as you give up you have lost the fight. As long as you hang on you have a chance to win.

You will never get anywhere until you have made a start, and it's useless to start unless you keep going.

That's all, but it's a whale of a lot.

You can generally tell a pessimist as soon as you see him.

His countenance is shrouded in gloom so thick the sun never shines through.

If he has a slight toothache he is as solicitous of his jaw as a cat is of her first litter of kittens.

If it is a touch of lumbago he walks with a camel's hump.

If his head throbs a little he holds it tenderly in both hands.

If there isn't anything the matter with him he tells everybody who will listen what a terrible condition he is in.

If nobody will listen he tells it to himself.

And he blames his fancied ills upon the shortcomings of others around him.

Pessimists are alike the world over.

That's the reason you can always tell one when you see him.

Now smile! It will please others even if it hurts you.

It takes a wise person to do simple things correctly.

WEEK PROGRAM At Best Theatre

MONDAY & TUESDAY, 12 & 13

"ASHAMED OF PARENTS"

A powerful story of how love broke through the barrier of youth. "Ashamed of his parents"—an intensely human drama with appealing heart interest
SPECIAL

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

"DECEPTION"

A fascination and thrilling romance of a girl who won the love of a king and paid the penalty.
Also Comedy.

FRIDAY
FIFTH EPISODE OF

"THE TIMBER QUEEN"

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Workers' Meeting Program

Liberty, Monday, Feb. 19, 1923
10 a. m.—Soul Winnig—J. M. McCorkle, A. W. Fechner.
11 a. m.—The Bible—J. M. Reynolds.
12—Dinner.
2 p. m.—Young People's work—T. S. Slaughter, T. D. Strickland.
3 p. m.—The Budget System—J. R. McCorkle, B. H. Pitman.
4 p. m.—The Sunday School—D. J. Barnes, W. N. McCulloch.
I. C. Atchley, Pastor, Liberty Baptist Church.

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METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45 a. m., J. Frank Turner, Supt.
Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.
Epworth League 6:30.
Cordial invitation to all.
R. A. Crosby, pastor.

NO. 980 ESTATE OF C. A. BIVINS, DECEASED.

In the County Court of Coleman County, Texas.
To Those Indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of C. A. Bivins, deceased:
The undersigned having been duly appointed Administrator of the Estate of C. A. Bivins, deceased, late of Coleman County, Texas, by S. J. Pierratt, Judge of the County Court of said County on the 2nd day of January, 1923, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to him at his residence in Santa Anna, Coleman County, Texas, where he receives his mail, this the 13th day of January, A. D. 1923.
L. V. Stockard, Administrator of the Estate of C. A. Bivins, deceased.
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