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SUDAN TOWNSITE CO., GIVES FREE LOTS TO REAL HOME BUILDERS

Since January 1st Sudan has averaged one emigrant car per day, not taking into consideration the many new settlers arriving in wagons and trucks. Over a hundred new sets of improvements have been sold this season by our two lumber yards and the number is being increased daily.

The Sudan gin has been a busy place the past few weeks. An electric light plant has recently been installed and ginning continues far into the night. The season's turn out has just passed the 700 bale mark and it is estimated the crop is about half out. Owing to the unfavorable weather the work of gathering has been delayed far beyond the usual season.

The Sudan State Bank, with J. C. Barron in charge as cashier, has now been in operation four months and the deposits are approaching the \$100,000.00 mark. Our people are pleased with this much-needed business institution and show their appreciation by their unanimous patronage.

H. W. Miller, owner of several large tracts of land on the South Plains, reports many sales to actual settlers out of the holdings west of Sudan. About forty tracts have been sold by him this season and all will be under improvement and cultivation by spring.

Widow to Graduate Again at 48



Mrs. A. R. McDonald, of Franston, Ill., widow, 48, and mother of four grown children, will graduate this spring from Northwestern Univ. at Chicago. Two of her children have finished college and two are students. She graduated at Oberlin, Ohio, in 1897.

The Wilson, Furneaux and Temple lands, surrounding the town of Sudan, are rapidly passing into the hands of actual farmers. Some fifty tracts have been disposed of the passed season by P. E. Boeson, Sales Manager, who expects to sell the remaining of the 36,000 acreage of these lands within the next sixty days.

Wilson, Furneaux and Temple, owners of Sudan townsite, are decking town lots in any part of the town free of charge to any one who will contract to erect a house at a cost of no less than \$1000.00. Some thirteen new houses are already being planned to take advantage of the unusual offer, and one house is well under way. The new move will mean rapid development of the town.

L. S. Munger, of Abilene, owner of a league of land some fifteen miles west of Sudan, has disposed of four tracts during the past week. Jack Jones, who is in charge of the sales, says he has prospects to sell out entirely within the next sixty days.

J. C. Barron and W. W. Carpenter have bought two thousand

Littlefield Lots Are Attracting Buyers

Lot sales in Littlefield continue attractive to many new purchasers. People are not only buying for business purposes, but for residences also. Sales reported by Arthur P. Duggan for last week are as follows:

NAME	LOT	BLOCK
F. L. Sturges	7	17
W. F. Cole	3	40
Gus M. Shaw	11, 12	32
W. L. Luna	5, 6	17
R. B. Gaultney	3	17
W. H. Bell	12	38

LITTLEFIELD SWATS MULESHOE WINNING A PLACE IN DISTRICT

The Littlefield Wild Cats met the Muleshoe cagers at Sudan last Friday in a pair of closely contested games for the championship of Lamb and Bailey counties. As a result of this dual encounter Littlefield remains undefeated and a runner-up for the district honors.

The first game, called at 2:30 p. m. was rather listless. Littlefield was strong on defensive, but weak in throwing goals. Nevertheless, on account of Muleshoe's poor playing the results were never in doubt. The final score of this game stood 22-8 in favor of Littlefield.

In the second game there was a different story to relate. The Mules pulled their shoes out of mud of indecision, and, bowing their necks started fighting in desperate style to avenge their previous defeat. The Cats seemingly cringed beneath the hoofs of these hybrid representatives unable to stop their onslaughts. The score of the first half was 8-0 in favor of Muleshoe.

In the second half E. Mueller was sent to relieve Sid Hopping, and within 30 seconds after the tip-off he registered a field goal that broke the jinx and put new life and pep into the feline aggregation. The game ended in favor of Littlefield, 14-10. It was Captain Earl White who won the honor of placing the two field goals that won the game, when the score stood a tie.

The Sudan-Littlefield girls game was considerably one-sided, the score being 16-5 for Littlefield.

To Have Chix Ranch

L. J. Sullivan last week purchased a house and ten acres of A. L. Schellenburg, the property adjoining the townsite on the west.

Mr. Sullivan expects to move into the property soon and convert it into a modern chicken farm.

and bushels of certified Trutt and Kasch cotton seed to distribute among the farmers of the Sudan country.

Messrs. S. D. Hay and A. J. Mayfield, two of our leading citizens are this week opening a new grain house here. They expect to carry a full line of feeds, including cotton seed cake, flour, etc., probably doing a jobbing business in connection. Both of these gentlemen are estimable men in our business circles and no doubt will enjoy a lucrative trade from the beginning, as a business of this nature had been needed here for some time.

Bok Broadcasts Prize Peace Plan



Edward W. Bok, who offered \$100,000 for a peace plan whereby the United States might co-operate for World Peace, broadcasted the plan from station WEAJ at N. Y. when the winning manuscript was selected. Half the prize was paid—but the name of the author and final award will not be given until the plan has been voted on by the nation.

BEAUTY OF GRATITUDE

By FRANK HERBERT SWEET

THANKSGIVING DAY should be the keynote of the year.

No one is really thankful who is not really happy.

Praise spoken by the lips is very faint and hollow unless the heart re-echoes it.

Thanksgiving is a home day. The young person who accepts the invitation of friends for some form of merrymaking which takes one from the family circle makes a mistake. There are enough days in the year for the ordinary good times. Save Thanksgiving for the home folks.

The girl or boy who looks on thankfulness as a hard duty is not likely to make much of a success of it. The beauty of gratitude is that it should be spontaneous, bubbling up in the heart like a spring, not pumped up to the surface with an effort that leaves one out of breath.

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Has Anyone Laughed At You Because —

You have Your Breakfast in Bed?

Cheer up. You know the thinking you have done before getting up to go to your job—alone—unaccompanied at breakfast. You know, too, the calm it has given to your nerves—to be alone until you go into the street. You know, too, how bodily relaxed you are and how much better the day goes because of your added rest. You know it isn't laziness. You know its conservation of energy. You have done some good reading waiting for your tray. The tray means rest, thought, relaxation, strength, storage and calm.

SO
Your get-away here is: You can't afford to give up such a tray, and advocate it for others.

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CARL C. TREMAIN FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF THIRD PRECINCT

In another column of this news paper will be found the announcement of Carl C. Tremain as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3.

Mr. Tremain is one of the substantial citizens of this part of Lamb County, having been a resident here for the past nine years. He is a man highly respected in the community for the excellence of his moral character and the integrity of his business dealings.

Mr. Tremain has made a success of his own business affairs and, therefore logically believes he can successfully handle the affairs of the county in this respect as they may be entrusted into his hands. He declares he has never before held public office, and is in no sense a politician, but being interested in the welfare and advancement of the county of his residence, at the solicitation of many friends has consented to serve in this capacity.

Meat Market Building

A. E. White, Littlefield's pioneer butcher, is this week putting up a building adjoining the restaurant which, when completed, will be occupied by his meat market, carrying a full line of fresh and cured meats.

Alas, some of our county officers now know the difference between plain coffee and bone-

Seven Land Sales Made by Y. H. Co.

Land sales reported by the Yellow House Land Co., during the past week are as follows:

G. I. Kerr, Young Co., 96 acres Littlefield land; Joe W. Davis, Scurry Co., 192 acres Y. H. land; Davis Cook, Lynn Co., 177 acres Y. H. land; W. O. Gray, Littlefield, 177 acres, Littlefield land; W. A. Locke, and Will Williams, Dawson Co., 177 acres each, Y. H. land.

LITTLEFIELD TO PLAY PLAINVIEW CAGERS HERE ON THURSDAY

Littlefield basketball team will play the Plainview cagers here Thursday afternoon, (today) the game beginning at 3:15 o'clock.

This will be the first of the series of three games for the tri-county championship of Lamb, Bailey and Hale counties.

The second game is scheduled to be played Friday night at Plainview.

Should a third game be necessary to decide the championship, it will be played on some neutral ground, probably Abernathy.

Littlefield people are urged to attend the game today and boost for their home team.

550 Bales Ginned

The Littlefield gin record shows 550 bales of cotton ginned to date, according to J. C. Baker, proprietor.

Mr. Baker estimates there are probably 250 bales more to yet be ginned.

It has been conservatively estimated but for the hail last spring there would have been perhaps 2,500 bales ginned this year.

Lutheran Services

There will be preaching services at the Lutheran church next Sunday morning in the German language, and at night in the English tongue.

Monday evening, beginning at eight o'clock there will be an illustrated lecture.

Christian Church Service

Rev. D. T. Fairley will hold preaching services for the Church of Christ at the school house Sunday, 11 a. m., January 27, the theme being "Types and Antitypes," illustrated in diagrams.

Could Have Sold Five Times More

"I could have sold five times as many birds if I had them." That was the statement made a few days ago by E. C. Cundiff.

Mr. Cundiff put a little two line "For Sale" ad in the classified columns of the Leader telling the public he had 10 pure bred Rhode Island Red Cockerals for sale. As a result he could have sold five times that many to others who answered the little ad.

Advertising in the Leader brings results.

J. C. WHICKER TO BE LOCAL SALESMAN FOR THE Y. H. LAND CO.

Last Friday the Yellow House Land Co., closed a contract for the services of J. C. Whicker as their general local salesman. For some week it has been known that this company had been endeavoring to bring Mr. Whicker into their organization, and they are to be congratulated that they have finally succeeded in doing so.

Mr. Whicker has been a resident of Littlefield for the past ten years. He is well and favorably known here, numbering his friends by the scores. He knows every foot of this country; has owned thousands of acres of this land and still owns considerable. As a land salesman he has few equals, and the very fact that he ties his customers to him in a friendly way through his candid statement of facts and conditions, without undue coloring or misrepresentations whatever, counts largely for his success and popularity with both dealers and buyers.

With Mr. Whicker as local representative of the Yellow House Land Co., the various agents of this company throughout the state may feel assured their prospects will be well taken care of, while the buyer himself may enjoy the assurance of the most cordial treatment and fair representation of all details looking

Asks Movie Pals for \$100,000



Thomas Melghan, Chairman of the Motion Picture Stars' Committee, has undertaken to raise 100,000 of the million dollar fund to acquire and maintain Monticello, Va., Thomas Jefferson's home, as memorial to the champion of religious liberty.

toward the purchasing of a new home in this vicinity.

The people of Littlefield as a whole are interested in having a satisfied citizenry in their midst. They have unbounded faith in this country and its future, and they well know from past experiences that people who obtain homes here under the direction of Mr. Whicker invariably become contented citizens of the highest type.

Attacked By Bronco

R. L. Johnson, of the Bar N ranch, was the victim of an attack from a wild bronco Saturday morning. The animal rearing up, struck him in the face, breaking the bridge of his nose and cutting the upper lip thru to the teeth, necessitating six stitches to close the wound. He was attended by Dr. Weaver.

T. D. Tarkington has accepted a position as bookkeeper for the Littlefield Grain Co. Robert Steen is now the accountant at the Lamb Merc. Co.

HURRY

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Editor and Publisher

Subscribers who change their addresses, or fail to get their paper, should immediately notify this office, giving both new and old addresses.
 Communications of local interest are solicited. They should be briefly written, on but one side of the paper, and must reach this office not later than Thursday noon of each week. The right of revision or rejection is reserved by the publisher.
 Advertising that does not show in its text or typography that it is paid for must be marked as an advertisement. All local advertisements remain in this paper for the time specified or until ordered out. All notices, matters not by whom nor for what purpose, if the object is to raise money by admission fee or otherwise, is an advertisement and when sent in for publication must be paid for at the regular advertising rate per line for each issue printed.
 Obituaries, cards of thanks, and resolutions of respect will also be charged for at the same rate.
 Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Littlefield Leader will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publisher.

Conditions Change

When Moses Austin petitioned the Mexican Government for permission to establish a colony in Texas he was granted 640 acres of land for each man, 320 for each woman, 160 for each child and 85 for each slave, at the nominal price of 12 1-2 cents per acre, which sum was used to defray the expenses of surveying and obtaining titles, and finally, this payment was not required.

The Mexican Government also established a policy of giving free town lots to persons who would erect thereon buildings that would be of value and credit to the community in which they were located.

However, the system has changed considerably during the past 100 years. Now days the cheapest desirable land one may obtain in Texas ranges from \$15 to \$25 per acre, while lots in newly laid out towns often sell as high as \$500 to \$1000 each.

The reason for the change is simple. In the early days there was more land than available people. The early colonizers were anxious to settle and develop the country; the present land-owners are more interested in settling their own fortunes and developing their personal bank accounts.

Of course, that desire is legitimate, and the easy terms of payment much of the land can be bought on are commendable. Conditions have just changed. In the time of Stephen F. Austin it was a case of the land seeking the man, but in the time of Pat M. Neff it is a case of the man seeking the land.

Progress vs. Stagnation

Often the difference between having a chamber of commerce in a town spells the difference between progress and stagnation. Indeed, it would be difficult to name a single town or city in the Southwest without some such organization that can be classed as being progressive. While Littlefield is in no danger of drying up and blowing away so long as the present land operations are continued, yet a commercial organization here could be of much aid in the permanent development of both town and country. Every week something comes up that should have the attention of the citizens in general. A half dozen or more vital questions could now be named that are worthy of serious consideration by the citizens of this community.

Home Town Paper Best

Chas. E. Blackwell, the most successful merchant in the entire state of Washington, has no faith in calendar advertising. He says: "There are many lines of publicity that the country store can use to advantage, but the one he can use to best advantage is his home town paper. I venture to say that if the money spent each year for fancy calendars and other knock-knock give-aways were invested—I say invested, not spent or donated—in the actual newspaper, the actual paper would be a better investment than any other."—The actual paper.

of citizens in any community. The man upon whom the town can really depend is the fellow who is broad-minded and big hearted enough to forget his own personal animosities, lay aside his individual whims, and fostering a spirit of democracy, work for the welfare of the whole in general.

"Every town gets its money's worth through the home newspaper. It's the wagon that carries all your goods to market. It ought to be kept in good repair. It will pay to grease it, paint it and keep its running gear in good shape and shelter it. It is the guardian of every interest, the forerunner of every enterprise, and the pioneer mover of every worthy undertaking and the sturdy advocate of law and order."—The Monitor, Shattuck, Oklahoma.

The crying need of Littlefield just now is more housing accommodations. Seldom a day goes by but some one calls at the Leader office to enquire for houses to rent. In many cases light house keeping rooms would be very acceptable. Some small cottages built here would be a fine investment, yielding handsome returns.

While January is still with us it is not yet too late to make New Year's resolution. Therefore, we suggest that the Littlefield Chamber of Commerce ought to be reorganized.

Now that the State is planning a publicity campaign for the South Plains country all citizens of this section should lend their heartiest co-operation. The information put out by the State will be authoritative and appealing. It will bring results.

This is leap year, but what man wants to marry a girl that sticks her nose in his eye when she kisses him.

A hearse is a bad vehicle in which to start going to church.

People who talk in their sleep should tell the truth while awake.

Never try to impart knowledge to the fellow who knows it all. He hasn't the capacity to absorb it.

It's fortunate some people were not born with silver spoons in their mouths. They might have choked.

Political Announcements

COUNTY JUDGE

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Judge, subject to the decision of the voters at the Democratic primary election, to be held on July 26, 1924.

—W. W. CARPENTER, Sudan.

SHERIFF & TAX COLLECTOR

I hereby announce my candidacy to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Lamb County, subject to the will of the people as expressed in the coming primary of July 26, 1924.

—F. Z. PAYNE, Sudan.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election, July 26, 1924.

—CARL C. TREMAIN.

paper would derive from the additional and much needed revenue. And we know that as a business builder it is without an equal in any town."

For several weeks past Littlefield has not been able to care for her transient guests in a very satisfactory manner. The hotels and lodging houses have all been filled, and on some nights, six or eight homes have been invaded to take care of visiting guests hither bent on business of some nature. Another hotel here would from the very first do a big business.

People who are selfish, narrow minded, egotistical, inclined to nurse supposed or real injuries do not make the best type

Little Leaders

It is one thing to have brains, but quite another thing to know how to use them.

If 1923 was a good year for you, you shouldn't be satisfied until you have made 1924 a better one.

It must be a cruel disappointment for a woman who is a good cook to find herself wedded to a man who is a poor provider.

The man who goes around with a chip on his shoulder is generally staggering under all he can carry.

Start your boy right, and if there is anything in him he will travel the rest of the way on his own merits.

If your wife's ire can not be aroused in any other way, just tell her that her wrinkles are the dimples of second childhood—and then scoot.

Young ladies who desire to read something that is really worth while will find it in both the Bible and the cook book.

Some people in and around Littlefield just naturally cuss the cold weather in order to keep in trim for cussing the hot weather when it comes along.

There is something wrong with the man who prides himself on keeping his place of business neat and clean, yet will sweep the trash and papers out into the streets. Municipal pride ought to be as great as home and business pride.

If strangers visiting this section judge us by our streets they must come to the conclusion we are a rather slovenly bunch.

The farmer who plants a few acres in oats will find it mighty fine feed next year, and coming in at a time when greatly needed.

The Leader for good printing.

The World's Prayer

An International Song Dedicated to President Harding

Since life began World's history's been wrought
 With men's grim battles oft renewed and fought;
 Progress has fought the evil of our way,
 And peace is dawning with a newer day.

The force of might—not right—has often ruled,
 And all the world in armament been schooled;
 Please God, no more vast graveyards where we kneel,
 But join our hearts and hands for common weal.

Men's minds have vied for better ways to make
 Destructive forces for destruction's sake;
 From chaos and confusion there shall rise
 Enduring peace and everlasting ties.

Chorus

We pray for peace on earth, good will toward all;
 May love instead of hate our hearts enthral.
 We pray that every nation sees the right;
 That truth and justice rule in place of might;
 That armament forever cease its reign;
 And wasting war may ne'er return again.
 Long may the world be bright
 With freedom's holy light,
 And sing
 Great God our King!

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KASCH COTTON SEED

All persons interested in securing a car of Kasch Cotton Seed call at the

Littlefield Grain Company
 P. W. WALKER, Prop.

HURRY! HURRY!

You Will Have To Hurry!

To get one of the 25 Choice Labors in League No. 684, just now placed **On The Market**

- Four miles from Littlefield.
- Perfect land.
- 100 per cent agricultural.
- In the school district.
- Just a little cash, balance 15 years time, at six per cent.
- You can find no better.
- Six tracts sold the first day.

YELLOW HOUSE LAND COMPANY
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American Fence first of its kind And still leading

BIG WIRES

GREAT STRENGTH WEIGHT OF STEEL PERFECT GALVANIZING

Also, a complete line of Building Material, Wire, Posts Windmills, and Builder's Hardware.

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Littlefield, Texas

Principal Movie



Clara Purviance, Director and Mabel Normand

POULTRY

Much Grain to Feed

people who are attempting to flock on a scientific basis are as to the amount of grain they should feed to their hens. Some feed by measure, others by weight and most people by the eye. Feeding is probably the most important part of the poultry business. Merely giving a quart of grain to the hens and letting it go at will causes so many poor flocks over the country. The hens will eat all that they will consume by measure, yet measures used as an indication of the amount they are likely to require. Feeding of grain should be done in the morning, but balanced grain and mash rationing will not waste grain by feeding oats alone in the morning. Feed a small quantity of mixture you are using in the morning to get the hens started on the green food eaten.

ments carried on by the poultry farm authorities have shown some interesting figures regarding how much grain and weight is required for fowls. General-purpose fowls, such as Hens and Wyandottes, require about a quart of scratch grain and a half of mash per day for 18 hens, or for each 18 hens of egg breeds. This is at the rate of 7 1/2 pounds each of grain per day for 100 Leghorns and 100 game fowls. Hens having range 75 pounds of feed in a year. Leghorns consume 55 pounds of feed in a year.

Scraps Important Item for Small Flocks

Scraps become an important item for small flocks, but are of little value for large numbers. The small flocks pay at all seasons, because they lessen the cost of the food by utilizing the waste materials that would otherwise go into the trash barrel. For this reason every family should keep a few hens, even if but half a dozen, and especially the families that live in the suburbs of cities and towns, or who have a space that can be utilized for that purpose. The greatest obstacle is the attempt to keep too many. Be satisfied with a few, and the cost will be less and the result more satisfactory.

Turkeys in Confinement Need Careful Guarding

Those who grow turkeys in confinement must, of necessity, guard carefully against overfeeding throughout the summer, though in the absence of infection caused by the presence of adult birds, there seems to be comparatively little danger from blackhead at this time. Hopper-feeding of dry mash to birds in confinement has been found entirely safe at Purdue, where 80 were raised to the age of twelve weeks or more and a dozen raised to maturity, always in confinement. The dry mash, consisting of equal parts of bran and shorts, was kept before the turkeys in hoppers.

Roosts on Same Level Prevent Many Ailments

The old-time step-ladder roost, with one round or five feet from the floor and the others lower until the lowest is but the floor, takes up a large share of space in the poultry house, and unserviceable, as the hens will instinctively go upon the high roosts in preference to the lower ones, some of the fowls being forced down while others are injured by jumping off in the morning. It is to high roosts that bumblefoot and lameness may be attributed, and it is cheaper to have low roosts, all on the same level, than to doctor fowls for lameness.

POULTRY NOTES

Proper feeds and feeding are the best "poultry tonic". When the weather is favorable every chick should have time on the ground each day. Many thousands of fowls are lost every year in the poultry industry on account of various diseases contracted in the yards where they are kept. Do not tolerate sick fowls in the flock. The initial cost is small. The risk in trying to raise them is too great. Cockerels from early when generally mature more rapidly and at less expense than those of summer hatches. Small drinking fountains always becoming empty. Then the water with thirst and when the fountain is filled they trample each other in the fight for water.

World Search for "Master Swindler"



Leo Kortezo, called Chicago's master swindler, who is alleged to have victimized friends, business men and women to the amount of five million dollars, also left his wife (below) and two children penniless when he departed Dec. 4.

To Command "Around the World" Flight



Major F. L. Martin will command the four U. S. planes which hop-off at Seattle April 1 in an attempt to fly around the world.

Punchettes



Rev. M. J. Matthews, D.D., L.L.D., Auto-Castler

NEW YEAR
The habit, of course, of the superficial is to speak of turning over a new leaf. It is not so much a new leaf as it is a new pen, a new purpose, a new policy, a new prophecy the world needs. Let us make resolutions, even if we break them. If we fail let us try, try again until we succeed. We are enjoined not to yield to temptation, for yielding is sin. Each victory will help us some other to win. If that negative truth is valuable, the positive side of it is more valuable. Try, even though you fail. Each effort new strength will bring. Arise and try again, for the mountain peak you shall reach. Be not faint-hearted, the future is yours. Be not short-sighted, the horizon is extended. Be not little, the world is big. Be not human only, God is your friend. Do not look at the failures of last year. Look at the material of next year, out of which you can construct success, fortune and favor. The prophecy of the future is program with prosperity, progress and power. If Jesus Christ does not return before the year ends there will be, from a human standpoint, unlimited progress and power. These things should make us serious because we need more humility and grace in the moments of disaster and peace and progress than we do in the moments of disaster and sorrow. The new year is before you, seize it, use it, go through it, and at its end you shall be a better man, worth more to the world, and the world shall lay at your feet its garlands of gratitude.

Practise makes perfect, but who wants to be a perfect liar.

THE SANDMAN STORY

OLD MR. RAT MOVES

ONCE there lived under a barn an old Mr. Rat. He had gnawed so many hard things that his teeth were quite worn and he was getting very fussy about what he had to eat. A brick wall now would keep him out, and even the hard wood which he used to snap his tail at was no longer an easy thing for him to gnaw his way through. Yes, he was growing old—this he had to acknowledge. Grandfather Rat did not like to be chased as he once did, either. That is, he did not feel like defying his enemies. He did not stand much chasing in his younger days. Grandfather Rat would face even a dog when he was young, and many times he made Mr. Dog sorry he noticed him when he was caught eating the farmer's corn.



"And Such Fun as They Had."

He was a very wise old fellow, was Grandfather Rat. Many a trap and he seen, but never on the inside—always on the outside. He had laughed to himself to think that Mr. Man could think he would be foolish enough to go in after the cheese or whatever was placed in the trap to tempt him. "Here is plenty of grain and corn, and things outside the barn too numerous to mention," Grandfather Rat used to muse as he sat behind a barrel looking at a trap set especially for him; though many rats had entered the trap, it had never been wise Mr. Rat, and that was the reason he was a grandfather. But one day there came to the barn

Amherst News

J. T. Harmon and son C. V. Harmon have purchased seven labors of land near here. They are now putting up five sets of improvements on this land. They have a big 25-40 Rumley tractor running every day turning the sod at the rate of 35 acres per day. This engine pulls 12 plows with smoothing harrow behind. They have about 600 acres broken out now and will plow at least 200 more, all of it to be put into spring crop.

F. L. Myers, assistant general manager of the Santa Fe system, was here Saturday looking over the new town of the South Plains. He was greatly impressed with the line of progress being made.

It is conservatively estimated that there will be about 10,000 acres of cotton planted in this vicinity this year. Arrangements are now being made for a gin.

There are now nearly 60 families in this vicinity, who have established homes on their recently purchased land in the Sod House pasture.

R. L. May, of Vernon, shipped in a car of household goods here Saturday.

Miss Lyles was this week appointed assistant teacher in the school here.

What Everybody Should Have. Everybody in this old world of ours is entitled to a square deal and every body should receive a square deal, save and excepting the fellow who demands something more and beyond it. —Marion (G.) Star.

God is Friend of "Sankins". Nature designed the owl as a hunter of a special kind for the protection of man. If owls became extinct every country in the world would be less in less than a year; mankind could be conquered and starved to death by a vast army of mice!

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hulse were Sunday visitors Saturday. Denny French has his new home almost completed. J. W. Johnson and Rufe Odum have been hauling feed from Mexico this week. The singing at Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Blackshear's home was well enjoyed by a large Sunday night. G. L. Blackshear was a guest visitor in Littlefield Monday until Friday. Everyone from around Littleboro is planning to attend box supper at Circleback Sunday night.

HIGHWAY MEAT MARKET

Fresh Meats From Choice Cuts
Delivered at Your Door Anytime
R. B. GAULTNEY, Prop.
Telephone, No. 43. Located opposite City Garage
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most of all, the ability to see and enjoy the things which were hers. So, while the merry Christmas throng looked at her pityingly as they passed, she went serenely on her way as happy and as much at peace with everything as if all the earth was hers.—Katherine Edelman.
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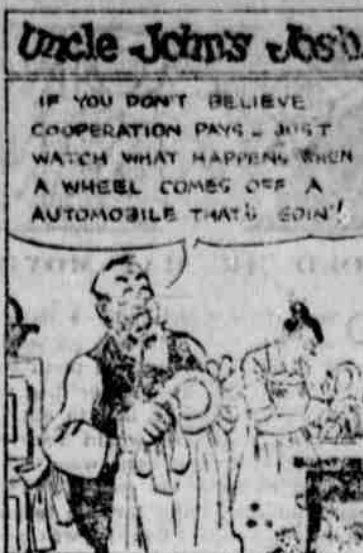
Never Gets Right Answer.
"Scrub stock multiplies as fast as pure bred but it never gets the right answer," says the Washington State Extension Service News.

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A good sire maketh a good herd, but a scrub sire is the undoing of his owner.

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The nation's lumber shipment in 1920 was about 2,070,000 carloads, and the average haul for each carload 463 miles. According to the best estimate of the forest service, United States Department of Agriculture, the freight bill on lumber for that year was \$275,000,000. A fraction of this sum, says the forest service, wisely invested each year in forest protection and rehabilitation would grow timber where it is needed, reduce the nation's freight bill, cheapen lumber and release vast amounts of railroad equipment and labor for unavoidable transport. Coal and iron cannot be grown, but timber can be.



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COURT UPHOLDS PATENT SALE

U. S. Suit Against Chemical Foundation Dismissed by Judge Morris.

CONSPIRACY CHARGE FAILS

Conduct of Chemical Foundation Praised in Use of Former German Patents for Benefit of American People.

Wilmington, Del.—In a sixty-two page decision which swept away every one of the Government's major contentions as being without basis in fact or law, Federal Judge Hugh M. Morris dismissed its suit to set aside the sale of seized chemical and dye patents by the Alien Property Custodian to the Chemical Foundation, Inc.

The decision rebuked the Government for including in the bill of complaint a series of conspiracy charges unsupported by evidence at the trial and refuted by the defense as well as by documents filed by the Government.

In declining to compel the Foundation to restore the disputed patents, amounting some 4,700 and bought for \$271,000, from the Government, Judge Morris held there was no evidence bearing out allegation of a conspiracy by American manufacturers to effect a monopoly through the Foundation. The court ruled that there was no evidence of fraud or deceit practiced on President Wilson, Mr. Poik, Under Secretary of State, Attorney General Palmer and other high officials of that Administration.

Garvan's Course Upheld

The opinion praised Francis P. Garvan, president of the Foundation, and its trustees, as having met the most severe of tests in their conduct of the Foundation—"the test of actual trial." They were declared by the court to afford, through their high integrity and unquestioned patriotism, a thorough assurance of loyalty to their trust. "It was kept the faith," said the court of the Foundation's work.

Judge Morris found without merit the Government's contention that the criminal laws were violated in that Mr. Garvan, as Alien Property Custodian and thereby a public trustee, sold to himself as president of the Foundation the patents in question. He had acted by direction of President Wilson and his acts, supervised by the President under the latter's wide war powers granted by Congress, could not be brought to court. Congress had not delegated legislative powers to President Wilson, as maintained by the plaintiff, and the courts could not pass judgment on the wisdom or lack of wisdom of Presidential war acts.

Judge Morris recited that although Colonel Thomas R. Miller, present Custodian, who had approved two of the sales involved, verified the complaint, in his testimony he admitted that he could not enumerate any of the facts alleged to have been withheld and suppressed from him.

"In view of this testimony and the obvious fact that the power to charge persons with fraud and conspiracy is a weapon with which serious irreparable injury may be done to innocent persons if such charges are lightly made, it is difficult to understand why the specific charges to which the foregoing testimony relates were made," wrote the court. "Yet the remaining like charges were equally lacking in evidential support. In fact, at the argument, the plaintiff seemed no longer to press these charges against the persons alleged to be conspirators, but it sought to have the charges sustained as against the officers of the Government who formulated and carried out in the public interest the plan of sale. While I know of no case where by implication of law the duty of clearing itself from imputed fraud rests upon the defendant, yet the defendant has met even this burden."

Holds Wilson Had Full Power

While the Trading With the Enemy Act at first merely authorized custodianship of German properties in this country, it was later amended, recalled the Court, to give power of sale under such conditions as the President, in the public interest, should determine upon in effect, this made the President, as agent of the nation, possessed of powers as broad as though he were absolute owner of the seized properties. Under the provisions of the act, the President was empowered to make any conditions of sale he considered necessary in the circumstances.

The sales in dispute were not made by the Custodian in his capacity as a common-law trustee but under the extraordinary powers devolving upon him as the President's representative, under the additional sections of the act. "Because a trustee with only the usual power, may not ordinarily sell trust property at private sale for less than its fair monetary value, it by no means follows that the Custodian, acting under supervision and direction of the President may not do so," held the Court. "Obviously, the primary purpose of the act was the protection of the nation, not the benefit of the enemy. The trust was for the benefit of the nation—a public, not a private trust. The statute re-

quires the President to consider the public interest. Public interest is not a synonym for money."

In this relation Judge Morris quoted from President Coolidge's message to Congress on the Muscle Shoals problem that "while the price is an important element, there is another consideration even more compelling. . . . If this main object (low priced nitrate for farmers in peace and the Government in war) is accomplished, the amount of money received for the property is not a primary or major consideration."

Referring to German-owned property, the court said: "Much of this property was not innocently held or held solely for trade and commerce. Information acquired by German-owned companies had been transmitted to Berlin and there indexed and made available to German competitors and the German Government. The files of one company were filed not with business papers, but with pan-German literature. It was a distribution centre for propaganda in this country."

Upholds Confiscation of Patents

Judge Morris pointed out that when America entered the war she adhered to the international convention forbidding poison gas, but it soon became apparent that America would be fighting on disastrously unequal terms unless she should make use of all the dread weapons being used against her by the foe. When Germany persisted in her attempts to destroy her opponents with poison gas in contravention of all international agreements, she made it manifest that America's future safety lay in America's chemical independence. The amendment to the act was passed in the darkest days of the war (following the sale of seized properties). It was thought Paris was about to fall and the Channel ports be taken. "These were the circumstances," said the opinion, "which impelled Congress to grant the President the broad powers of almost absolute ownership. It was the intent of Congress to subordinate mere property rights to the welfare of the nation."

Of the value of the patents sold, Judge Morris held, in accordance with the testimony that while Dr. Carl Haber, a German, asserted the Haber patents were worth \$17,000,000 to the Germans, "the evidence is overwhelming that they were and are without substantial affirmative value to American citizens. Had these patents been sold to Americans at public rather than private sale and only if not proceeds paid to their former enemy owners these owners would have suffered an almost total loss in the value of their property."

Praises Work of Foundation

As to allegations that the sale was not to obtain a fair value but to promote the interests of the chemical and dye industries and that the transaction was in legal effect granting a subsidy to private industry, the Court commented: "This challenge to the motives of the officers making the sale is supported I think neither by the facts nor the law. Mr. Poik determined the public interest would be best served by a wide use of the inventions covered by the patents. If the property was sold under terms and conditions that assured its being devoted to the public use it matters not what benefits or detriments may have flowed as incidents therefrom."

"The property is in the keeping of men who have in its management no selfish interest to serve and whose devotion to the public interest has been established," continued the opinion. "No better plan for devoting the property to public use has been suggested. The plan has stood the most severe of all tests—actual trial. The defendant has kept the faith. This it has done, not only by granting licenses in furtherance of its purposes for which it was chartered, but also at its great expense, by distribution of books and pamphlets showing the national necessity for practical development of chemical agencies in America. It, perchance, has heretofore engaged in the industries have derived an incidental advantage from the plan, that incidental result cannot invalidate a transaction lawfully consummated in the public interest. The same charge would lie against the validity of every tariff act. . . . The sale was in effect to America and its citizens and not to those then engaged in chemical and dye industries."

Judge Morris found that if the executives entrusted by Congress with power of sale and within the scope of that power their acts are not subject to judicial nullification or review, invasion by a court to determine whether the public interest required the property sold otherwise than under the statutory conditions prescribed and set aside the sale should the judgment of the court be different from that of the President would be judicial nullification not only of the President's act but also of the act of Congress conferring on the President the power to determine what public interests required. What public interest requires depends on the conditions existing in the state of the Union and such a question is not equipped to ascertain. . . . The statement of the reasons stating the President does not make any sense as an act of discretion. It is conceded the President must be brought into court to submit his reasons. The statute does not require him to disclose to the purchaser evidence upon which his reasons were based. The act does not permit the Executive to assign any reasons to such as may be supported by legal evidence or facts available to the public."

HALT!



WHAT? A Big Auction Sale!
WHERE? At Brannen & Squires Store, Littlefield, Tex.
WHEN? January 25th and 26th

Beginning Friday afternoon, January 25th, we will sell at public outcry a Big Line of Staple Dry Goods, Ladies and Gents Ready-to-Wear Apparel and other articles to numerous to mention.

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We have a big lot of broken sizes in good servicable Shoes. Many of them will go under the hammer at 50 cents per pair, the highest bidder taking them home.

We have Hats, Caps, Boys Suits, Ladies Cloaks, Corsets, Skirts, Notions and a thousand other things to numerous to mention go in this sale.

We need the room for our spring goods that will soon be arriving, so we take this means of cleaning our shelves and giving to the people of Littlefield and vicinity the greatest bargains ever offered in this section of Texas.

We have more Lace and Embroidery, beautiful patterns, than all the rest of the stores in Lamb County put together. It will be put up at half price and let go to the highest bidder.

We expect to make a clean sweep in these four sales. Think of it! A whole line of Staple Dry Goods going at 50 cents on the \$1.00. But I bought this stock at a price which affords my giving the public the benefit of these unheard of values.

In many of the articles offered in this sale we are over stocked. We want to clean up. This is your big chance to save many \$\$\$.

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Saturday night we will sell 50 packages of merchandise. Every package will contain at least \$3.00 worth of valuable merchandise. In addition it will contain some currency bills placed in each package by a disinterested party. The persons securing the packages will be that much ahead of their bid.

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Remember the date: January 25 and 26. Come early!

BRANNEN, Owner

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High School News

The High School has had a very busy week. There have been eight hours of hard yet profitable work each day.

The Annual is now assuming tangible form and subscriptions are now being taken. Everybody will be able to secure the first Annual of the Littlefield High School.

Four thousand votes have been cast in the Popularity Contest and interest is waxing high. At the present time the following people are in the lead: Jessie Yantis, Prettiest Girl; Earl Hopping, Popular Boy; Todd Williams, Wittiest Boy; Asa Shipman, Cleverest Girl. The contest started January 14 and will close January 28.

The Littlefield Cats can now boast of the by-county championship, as they gloriously defeated Muleshoe, Bailey County Champions. Their next feat will be to defeat the champions of Hale

County. Y! Ki Ki Vi met in regular session Jan. 16th, and an interesting program was enjoyed by all present. Roll call was answered by using the names of famous men. One sophisticated sophomore believing George Elliot to be a great man used her name.

Miss Patton stated that the rain in Mexia is so heavy that on one occasion a turtle was rained. A prize was promptly awarded to her.

Mr. Speight is proving himself to be a gad-about since Mrs. Speight is away. The bright lights of Amherst seem alluring; as he makes daily visits to the rising metropolis.

All of the new students are adapting themselves to the industry and bustle of the high school.

Visitors are always welcomed.

The Littlefield Auto Co., is in receipt of information that the Ford Motor Co., is planning the erection of a \$2,000,000 plant in Dallas. It will cover seven blocks of ground.

The Leader is authorized to add to the honor roll of the public school the names of Fronia Yohner and A. C. Tremain, 3rd grade, and Urlean Foust, 1st grade.

On account of the cold weather the crowd attending the N. T. Dalton sale was not quite up to par. The bidding tho, was quite lively, the cattle especially selling well.

Tirnan Bros., have purchased a new McCormack-Deering 12x20 tractor to pull their separator, which they have been using to thrash sudan seed. Up-to-date

they have thrashed out about 60,000 pounds.

Whether it was the persuasive powers of the salesman or the soothing effects of that new Dodge sedan J. C. Whicker drives will probably never be known, but the first trip out as general salesman for the Y. H. Land Co., Mr. Whicker sold 354 acres.

Brannen & Squires last week received a big carload of International farm implements. Monday they received a carload of flour. J. E. says it is their intention to equip all the new-comers with first class implements and feed them well while they are raising that 5,000 bale cotton crop next year.

Last year 2,460 persons turned their toes to the daises thru drinking poisonous bootleg.

ANNOUNCEMENT

WE take pleasure in announcing to the public the opening of our new retail grain and feed business. We expect to keep on hand a good stock of Maize, Oats, Corn, Bran and Chops. All of our stock will be here within a few days. Have some good maize heads on hand now. Will be in the market for any kind of grain at all times. Bring us your Cane Seed and Sudan. See us for good planting seed.

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GROWTH OF PLAINS TOWNS READS JUST LIKE FAIRY TALES

"The growth of the Plains towns reads like a fairy tale, but it is not. Stories of the actual occurrences in towns of this section have been reproduced in the columns of this paper from time to time, and they bring out proof positive of the great growth of the South Plains towns, and naturally the development of the territory sur-

rounding them, for no town, without it is kept up by a railroad division, an oil boom or a gold mine, or something that produces a tremendous payroll, can grow to the proportions that some of them have, without the development of the country around them. Just to step back fifteen or twenty years ago, and picture the South Plains then, and now, is to see what a contrast there is. Where there was a spot selected for the rounding up of cattle, known to the boys of the range as the "cutting grounds," there stands now towns of several thousand population, surrounded by farms and small stock farms. This is true in a number of instances. In fact, this

growth is noticeable in nearly every county, constituting the South Plains and where the big ranches were, there are happy farmers, and there are school houses and church houses, and there are postoffices, and other evidences of development. It is hard to picture the great growth of the most wonderful part of the state but the stories that we print from the various towns over this section, bears us out in the statement that this section of the country is experiencing great development, and there is still room for a large number of people in this country."—Lubbock Av-lanche.

BOTH ARE BEST.

Two men were once asked what financial investment paid them the best dividends.

One, without hesitation, stated that the most profitable investment he had ever made, was the price he paid for his license to wed.

The other, a single man, with equal promptness, insisted that his best investment was the price he paid for his home paper.

Both are right, and both are best, but with profound homage to womanhood, we yield the palm to the wife whose loyalty and devotion remain with a man to the end of his days.

The man who is happily married, is rich beyond comparison. Wealth pleasures, everything is secondary to the wife of his heart.

If she is a good woman (and most of them are) she will make a better man of him, for it is impossible for any normal man to live amidst the refining influence of womanhood without responding in some degree to its attraction.

He even furnishes her the home paper, which she prizes so much. When she has finished her tasks of the day she finds pleasure in reading its columns. It is there she learns of what other women of the community are doing, of how the children are progressing in the schools, of the good work the churches are doing to keep those children safe from the temptations of the world, and of the thousand other things that are of interest to every feminine heart.

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