

Making Properties Real Beauty Spots in Communities Served

Abilene, March 26.—The beautification of its physical properties through the planting and cultivation of parks surrounding plants, offices and stations has been a constant activity of the West Texas Utilities company since its organization, and the latest construction report from the local offices of the company here indicates a continuation of the same policy that has made its properties beauty spots in every community served.

Shrubs, trees, flowers and other plants will be purchased and the grounds and parks surrounding local offices at Big Lake, Rahkin, Throckmorton and Memphis landscaped. Generating plants at Lake Pauline and Vernon and the ice plant and ice sales station at Memphis will also be landscaped and planted.

The company has been commended both locally and by visitors on its civic beautification program and its work along these lines has often stimulated a greater activity among other property owners throughout the territory served.

Other activities announced in the report include the extension of electric, water and gas service, oil field construction work and the replacement of equipment at several points.

Oil field construction work announced includes the building of lines near Iraan to serve the Corvette Oil company at three locations. Three phase, 440 volt lines will furnish drilling and pumping power to one lease to two wells, and two leases of one well each.

At Matador an important primary line will be replaced, and at Rising Star a portion of the primary and secondary distribution systems will be constructed. Both improvements will be made to improve present service.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank all for their presence, kind words of consolation, the beautiful floral offerings and the help extended us during the illness and death of our dear husband and father. Especially do we thank the Merkel Quartette, Mrs. Dunneagan, the Sweetwater and Dora operators and our dear neighbors, who have stood by us so faithfully.

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United States Has Most Gold Coinage

New York, March 26.—There is more monetary gold in the United States now than at any time in its history.

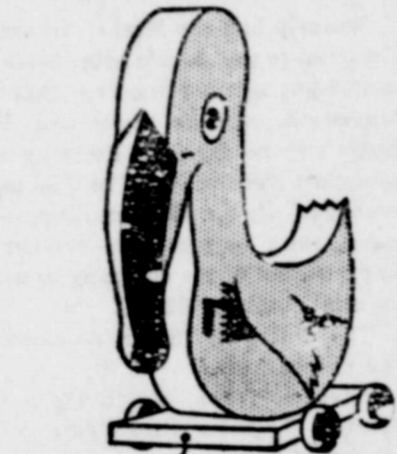
The amount, \$4,685,000,000, revealed in the weekly federal reserve statement for March 18, is 42.5 per cent of all the monetary gold in the world, and is \$1,000,000 greater than the previous high mark of \$4,684,000,000 established May 14, 1927.

The figure is more than twice that of France which has maintained an astonishing rate of gold imports more than a year and is seven times that of England, the weekly statements of the Bank of France and the Bank of England reveal.

The total is the greatest ever achieved by any country in financial history, and is about two and one-half times the amount in this country at the outbreak of the World war. It is considerably more than dollar for dollar backing for all currency in circulation in this country.

About \$280,000,000 was added to this country's monetary gold during the last year in imports from European and South American countries and \$8,000,000 was imported last week alone, principally from South America and Central America and Mexico.

Concentration of gold in the United States and France, which together hold \$7,000,000,000 of the world's total of \$71,000,000,000, has been given considerable attention in banking circles and there are indications of tendencies which will bring a more equitable distribution of the metal. Britain particularly has depleted its resources.



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ces. The situation is regarded as largely a postwar condition.

Lecture With Slides on Wonders of Carlsbad

On Thursday, April 2, just after the morning recess, Phil D. Smith of the National Park Service will give a lecture in the Grammar School auditorium on the wonders of Carlsbad Cavern. This lecture will be illustrated with 75 colored slides. Mr. Smith is a ranger of the National Park Service, of Carlsbad Cavern, and should prove interesting both to those who have visited the cavern and those who have not. The lecture and the showing of the slides will occupy one hour—from 10:45 to 11:45 Thursday morning.

An admission of 10 cents for school children and 20 cents for others will be charged. The lecture will be open to students and all other interested people. The attendance by students will be absolutely optional. The school will retain 50 per cent of the door receipts for the school benefit fund.

The potato figured on the bill of fare of the American Indian centuries before the rest of the world saw it.

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(Continued from Page One) might work, because of their unbelief."

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The condition of the average cotton farmer has grown more and more precarious for the past several years. Something must be done about it . . . and the man who can do the most to improve conditions is the farmer himself! The staple of our cotton must be improved.

We are heartily in accord with and unconditionally approve the plan originally worked out by the TEXAS CERTIFIED COTTONSEED BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION and furthered in our own county by the county agent and his co-workers.

Three to six bushels of TEXAS STATE CERTIFIED COTTONSEED will plant your pedigreed seed block. The seed from your 1931 seed block will perhaps plant your entire crop in better-stapled cotton next year.

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Barbara Stanwyck Brilliant As Love-Rebel In "Illicit"

"Illicit," a Warner Bros. and Vitaphone comedy-drama of modern love and marriage, comes to the Palace theatre, Sweetwater, next Tuesday and Wednesday.

The cast that presents this daring picture is headed by Barbara Stanwyck, as a modern young woman, the daughter of divorced parents, who honestly believes that marriage is inimical to happiness, and for that reason refuses to marry her common law husband whom she deeply loves.

The tongue of Mrs. Grundy, the kindly urging of her lover's millionaire father, and that of the lover himself finally make her consent to the marriage. What happens to prove or disprove her theories—make up the enthralling picture. Those who appear with Miss Stanwyck are James Rennie, Natalie Moorehead, Joan Blondell, Chas. Butterworth, Ricardo Cortez and Claude Gillingwater. Harvey Thew did the adaptation from the play of Edith Fitzgerald and Robert Riskin. Archie Mayo directed.

"Illicit" deals with a delicate subject in such a way as to create a really moving bit of life, intensely human, amusing on occasion, and always understandable.

The performance of Barbara Stanwyck is one of the most brilliant since the coming of the talking picture. She is so wholesomely feminine, so frankly bewildered by her "theories" and so appealing in appearance and manner that she unwittingly dominates every scene whether present or absent.

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Personal Mention

Miss Katherine Mashburn is ill this week with tonsillitis.

Joe Largent visited several days last week in Eldorado.

Willie Joe Largent is in Lubbock this week to attend the Hereford sale there.

Miss Iva Bragg has returned from a visit of several weeks with relatives in Chillicothe.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Reaves of Blackwell were guests Sunday in the J. L. Banner home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey were over from San Angelo to spend Sunday with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg of Chillicothe were week-end guests in the T. G. Bragg home.

Mrs. Ecker Curtis of Ranger spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus.

Mr. and Mrs. Arvin Robinson of Shiloh were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge.

Messrs. T. H. Christopher and Len Sublett made a business trip to Pecos the first part of the week.

Mrs. George West, Jr., and little daughter are visiting her mother, Mrs. E. L. Kinsey, at Sylvester.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann spent the week-end in San Angelo with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carson Miles.

Miss Selma Lee Russell is visiting her sisters, Mrs. Sam J. Nunnally and Mrs. Sam T. Redwine, in Abilene.

Misses Ethel and Eleanor May Hamilton from John Tarleton spent the week-end with their mother, Mrs. Seth Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Haynes returned Tuesday to their home in Waco after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

Mrs. Henry Cooper and baby son of Sudan are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Mashburn, in the Shiloh community.

Guests of Mrs. H. H. Jenkins are

her mother, Mrs. A. E. Steadman of Abilene, and her sister, Mrs. A. B. Lewis of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McFarland and Frank, Jr., have returned from Medina, Tenn. Mr. McFarland states that his mother is some better.

Postmaster and Mrs. O. J. Adcock have had as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Graves of Lubbock, who returned Wednesday to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Redwine from Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Shive from Big Spring spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell.

After spending several days with his parents at Colorado, Schuyler Farris has returned home. He is getting along much better, but still not able to return to his duties with the City Drug Store.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Japan has three times as many automobiles as in 1925.

First Hatch of Season Over Thousand Chicks

More than 1,000 baby chicks were included in the first hatch of the season Thursday morning from the Merkel Hatchery, now owned by Frank Irvine and being operated by Earl Hill. The tray of White Wyandottes belonging to F. Y. Gaither proved a perfect hatch, in the language of the incubator.

In company with Mr. Irvine and Joe H. Merritt of the Purina company, V. R. Glazener, poultry specialist for the Purina people, has been culling the flocks visited in this section this week and Mr. Glazener reports a most gratifying interest in the chicken-raising line hereabouts.

It is probable that at a later date he will come here to conduct a week's poultry school.

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Sanitarium Notes.

Operations in four major cases were performed at the Merkel sanitarium during the past week, including Mrs. Henry Young of Comper and Mrs. P. F. Smith, who resides south of town, last Thursday, Grandma S. L. Lent of Mulberry Canyon on Monday, and Mrs. W. L. Johnson on Tuesday. All of the patients were reported Thursday morning as resting well. Gerald, the little two and one-half

year old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Renfro, underwent an appendix operation Wednesday and is reported doing nicely.

Continues to Improve. Friends will be glad to learn that J. M. Ashby, whose right leg was amputated at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium last Thursday, is resting well, but it will be several days yet before he is recovered sufficiently to be brought home.

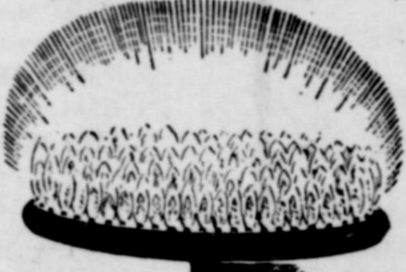
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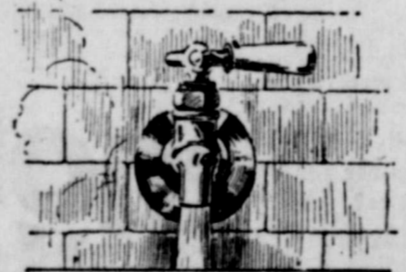
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