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CHAS. BIRSCHWALE
REAL ESTATE
ABSTRACTOR AND NOTARY
 IN BUSINESS SINCE 1885
MASON : : : TEXAS

25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Oct. 26, 1894:

Mrs. Benham and Miss Ballou, of Brady visited Miss Myrtle Wood this week.

The Llano lumber yards are sending big lots of lumber into this county at present.

The Mason Cornet Band complimented Theo. Schmidt with a pleasant serenade Friday evening, the occasion of his birthday.

A. W. Kooek & Co. have opened up in the Lange house, next to D. H. Bickenbach.

Mrs. R. J. Baze has been quite sick the past week.

H. C. Boyd has been visiting in Austin this week.

Will Harris left last Thursday for Commerce, where he has a position in a store.

Mrs. August Jones of Loyal Valley, was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Franklin this week.

Harry Bierschwale left a few days ago for the Dallas Fair and other points in north Texas.

Jess Burnam and Gratton Crosby left Monday for Burnett county to gather cattle lost from their herd.

Mrs. Christianus and Mrs. Will Hofmann spent a few days last week visiting Mrs. Smith at Castell.

M. A. Hamilton, J. A. Hoerster, W. N. Morrow and son Frank took in the Dallas Fair the past week.

Dr. Baze had a runaway Sunday in which he had a buggy pole and top smashed.

Permit to wed was issued Wednesday to Bud McMahon and Miss Josie Gleghorn.

Rev. Ben Taylor was married a week since to Miss D. A. Nabors, of Gillespie county.

D. Kothmann shipped a fine bunch of cattle from Llano to St. Louis last Saturday.

15 YEARS AGO

From Mason News Oct. 21, 1904:

Austin W. Baxter and Miss Nora Arvin, of the Katemey country, were married Wednesday by Judge Jones in his office.

Mrs. H. Zork left Monday for San Antonio to spend a few weeks visiting relatives at that place.

A. J. Lindsay and Oscar Seaquist rode the Odd Fellows goat Wednesday night.

Earny Skelton was in from his Honey Creek farm Wednesday marketing cotton. He says that his crop will average about a half bale.

Mr. Geo. Keyser and Miss Lillie C

Grote were married Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents near Castell. Rev. Moerner officiating.

Prof. Oscar Hurley will begin his school at Behrens next Monday. Sim Reynolds arrived in Mason Tuesday night from Cherokee in response to a message that his brother, Chas. Irving nee Streeter, was seriously wounded in a cutting affray.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Thode are called to mourn the loss of their little boy Russel, aged 5, who died Monday night at 10 o'clock.

Esther Martin entertained a crowd of young folks Saturday night.

Justice Wilkinson sent to Austin for a trained nurse to attend Chas. Beck who is ill with typhoid fever.

Monday evening late a cutting occurred at Kooekville in which Chas. Reynolds received about a half dozen stabs in the breast and Will Worlie received an ugly gash on the left side about the lower hip.

Snowden Allen was charged with the cutting and gave bond in the sum of \$500 to await the action of the Grand Jury.

The three lower rooms of the local school have been closed for a couple of weeks on account of the prevalence of diphtheria.

Miss Ruth Hamilton arrived home last week from Shawnee Ok., where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Askew.

W. F. Jordan of Katemey reports having ginned 900 bales of cotton at his Katemey gin.

Miss Gertrude Price is sick with fever.

Miss Lelia Johnson and Mr. John Starks were married Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Julius Splittgerber. Judge Jones officiated.

A. J. Lindsay returned last week from a trip to Schleicher and Tom Green counties.

Miss Katie Doole has gone to Bertram to visit Miss Wilson.

Ben Hey and wife left Thursday for Junction to visit Mrs. Hey's parents who are quite sick.

Mrs. Louis Schmidt, Miss Olga and Sterling left Wednesday for Dallas. Otto took them as far as Brady.

Miss Carrie Schuessler entertained the members of the Woodmen Circle in a very pleasant manner on last Thursday evening.

CITY MEAT MARKET

Choicest and best meats possible to obtain. No delivery. Fine light bread also for sale. Pay highest cash price for dry or green hides. W. A. Zesch, Prop.

HOPPE--REECE

Last Sunday afternoon Mr. Robert Hoppe and Miss Ethel L. Reece were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. C. E. Reece. Rev. C. H. Garrett officiated.

REV RADER TO MASON GALVESTON WANTS VOTER'S AID

The West Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South was held in Austin last week Monday's Express gave the various appointments of the pastors and the News is copying that portion of the list, which we feel will interest our readers:

J. T. Tracy, Columbia; H. B. Owens, West Point; Thomas Gregory, presiding elder Lampasas District; Fred P. Bishop, Fredonia; G. G. Smith, Goldthwaite; J. P. Watson, Lometa; Roy G. Rader, Mason; I. E. Wood, supernumerary; J. W. Cowan, Brady; S. X. Swimme, Junction; A. T. Cooke, Menard.

The News is in a pretty close place. We have another week's supply of newsprint paper and have a lot in Brady but if the roads don't get to where we can get this paper over before we are out there will likely be no News issued week after next. Let us all hope that the weather will at least clear off within the next couple of weeks.

FOR SALE—One two ton, Model 12 Republic truck, practically new. For particulars see Clark Smith, Llano Tex.

The cotton market has been hovering around thirty-five cents all this week on the local market. In the early part of the week most of the cotton was sold for 34½ cents.

STATIONERY
 The best along the stationery line at Mason Drug Co.

Chas. Bogusch came in last Tuesday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bogusch. He had been visiting relatives at Brady and came over from there with Chas. Grote and returned to Brenham from here.

Wear Diamond tires on your auto. They last longer and are moderately priced. Star Garage.

Get your cement from Harry Bierschwale. 9-25 Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

A LUCKY DRIVE

Mr. Howard Freeman of Llano holds the record in this or any other county for being lucky. Mr. Freeman was in Mason the first of the week in company with Judge Sator and the latter having left his car in front of the City Cafe asked Mr. Freeman to drive it up to the Mason Drug Co. while he went up into Runge & Runge's office. Mr. Freeman did not know how to drive the Buick and so told Judge Sator but the Judge insisted that he learn how. Emanuel Schuessler assisted Mr. Freeman in getting the car started and he drove it very nicely until he reached the stopping point but he could not stop it. He turned the car into the cement side-walk in front of the Drug store thinking that the curb would stop it but the car just kept going and went right up on the side walk and did not stop until it was wedged in between the big plate glass show windows. The car in getting on the side-walk killed the engine and broke a spring on the car thus throwing a fender and the weight of the car down on the wheel which acted as a brake and prevented the car from dashing on into the show windows. It was a lucky drive for nothing was hurt with the exception of the broken spring on the car and an onlooker would have expected every plate glass window in the house to have been broken.

Mr. Freeman performed a miracle regardless of whether the word means "Something that can never be done again or something that never was done before."

Governor Hobey has issued a proclamation proclaiming November 11th Armistice Day. The entire State has been urged to unite in observing this memorial day with patriotic fervor.

Mrs. Sadie Jones and Mrs. Ellen Sands will leave the latter part of this week for El Paso. Mrs. Jones goes there with the expectation of making that her home. Mrs. Sands will visit her son, Will and other relatives for a while.

Galveston County and the City are anxious that the Constitutional Amendment authorizing Galveston to issue bonds, carry in the election on November 4th, and many letters have been sent out by Galveston to all parts of the State soliciting votes for this amendment. Below the News reproduces a letter that was sent out by the District Clerk of Galveston County to all the District Clerks throughout the State and the letter itself is explanatory:

Hon. S. C. Brockman, District Clerk, Mason Texas, Dear Sir: We respectfully request your active support of the CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT authorizing Galveston to issue bonds, of which a copy appears on the reverse hereof.

This will cost Texas not a cent, but will enable Galveston AT HER OWN EXPENSE, to afford better facilities for the handling of the commerce of our State.

Sincerely, J. C. Gengler. **BAPTIST SERVICES**
 The News is requested to announce that Rev. S. P. Burleson, of Mercury, will be in Mason to hold services at the Baptist church on Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Leave your car with us while in town. No expense. McCollum Auto Co

Before you go to bed next Saturday night run your clock back an hour and upon arising the following morning you will be on time. All clocks of the Nation are to be set back an hour at midnight on Saturday, October 25.



CIGARETTES

Cigarettes made to meet your taste!

Camels are offered you as a cigarette entirely out of the ordinary—a flavor and smoothness never before attained. To best realize their quality compare Camels with any cigarette in the world at any price!

Camels flavor is so refreshing, so enticing, it will win you at once—it is so new and unusual. That's what Camels expert blend of choice Turkish and choice Domestic tobacco gives you! You'll prefer this blend to either kind of tobacco smoked as a rule!

As you smoke Camels, you'll note absence of any unpleasant cigaretty aftertaste or any unpleasant cigaretty odor. And, you'll be delighted to discover that you can smoke Camels liberally without tiring your taste!

Take Camels at any angle—they surely supply cigarette contentment beyond anything you ever experienced. *They're a cigarette revelation!* You do not miss coupons, premiums or gifts. *You'll prefer Camels quality!*

18 cents a package

Camels are sold everywhere in scientifically sealed packages of 20 cigarettes or ten packages (200 cigarettes) in a glassine-paper-covered carton. We strongly recommend this carton for the home or office supply or when you travel.

R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO., Winston-Salem, N. C.

MONEY TO LEND
 On Farms and Ranches
 2 TO 35 YEARS 6 TO 8 PER CENT
 INTEREST PAYABLE AT ANY TIME OF YEAR
 No Delays
Runge & Runge

CLEANING AND PRESSING
 CLOTHES CALLED FOR AND DELIVERED, SPECIAL PAINS TAKEN TO PLEASE
LAUNDRY
 LEAVES EVERY TUESDAY. HATS CLEANED AND BLOCKED. YOUR SUIT ORDERS SOLICITED. FITS GUARANTEED.
ROY E. DOELL
 WITH J. S. KING, THE JEWELER

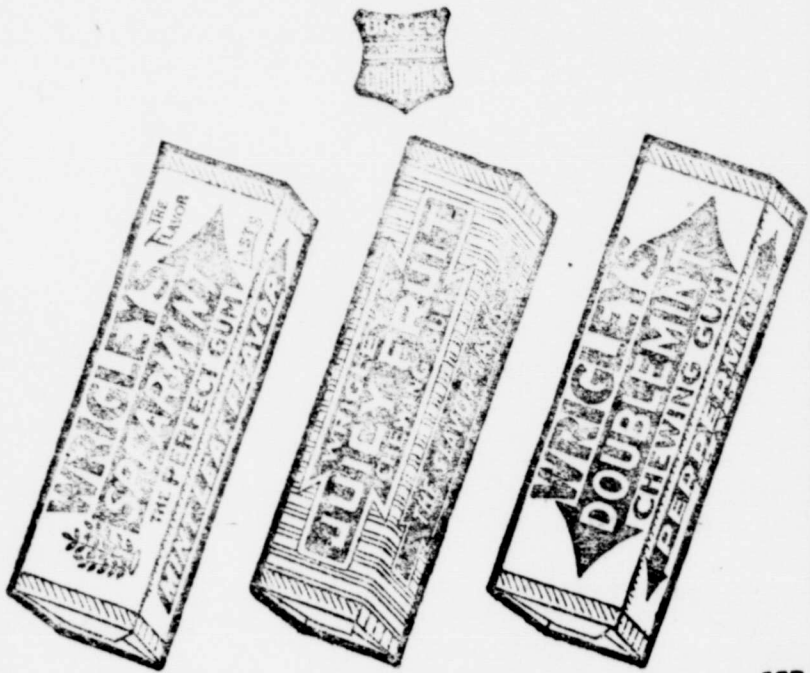
WRIGLEYS

5c a package before the war

5c a package during the war

5c a package NOW

THE FLAVOR LASTS SO DOES THE PRICE!



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MRS. C. Y. VANDEVEER, FIRST WOMAN TO PAY POLL TAX IN MASON COUNTY

According to Tax Collector, G. H. Willis, Mrs. C. Y. Vandever, of the Ranch Branch section holds the honor of being the first woman poll tax payer in Mason county. Mrs. Vandever paid her poll tax a couple weeks ago and not only holds the honor of being the first lady to pay her poll tax, but came very near to receiving the first poll tax receipt issued this year as her receipt was the third one issued.

Fresh keg pickles just arrived at the City Grocery Co.

J. Haines was in town last Monday from his farm across the Mountain marketing cotton. He said that he had gotten out six bales up to that time.

NOW—The soap that cleans. No acid, no grit. Buy it, try it. Sold in convenient size cans. City Grocery Co.

Wm. Hofmann informs the News that many of the pecans that have been gathered are sprouting, due to so much rain, and that many are molding where special care of spreading them out and drying them is not taken.

Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

J. W. White and son Tom, returned home last Saturday from a trip to San Antonio. Tom left his car down there to be repainted and will return in about two weeks for it. Mr. White says that the roads for San Antonio are the worst he has ever known them to be on account of the rains. He tells us that San Antonio and that section have had a great deal more rain than we have.

PRESCRIPTIONS accurately compounded day and night at Mason Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Simon have moved to town from the Simonville section and are residing in the Weber residence.

Mr. John Rothe of San Antonio was in Mason a few days the past week buying cattle. We are informed that he bought 181 head of past yearling steers from Moss & Dees at \$60 and also a number of steers from Henry and Dan Hoerster, but we did not learn any of the particulars regarding the latter bunch.

We have just received a lot of fresh keg pickles. City Grocery Co.

Dave Starks was in Monday and had Dr. Thompson dress his hand upon which he had two fingers knocked out of joint on the evening before by a horse kicking him on the hand. Dave says that the injury is quite painful and was advised by Dr. Thompson that it was worse than a break.

Use MARTIN'S SCREW WORM KILLER. It kills worms, keeps off flies, heals wounds. 6 oz. bottle 35 cents. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask Mason Drug Company.

Messrs. Henry Hofmann, Oscar Reichenau, Max Reichenau, Billie Wartenbach, Louis Wartenbach and Wallace Boston went up to London the first of the week where they are at work on the new residence of Mr. Eli Kothmann. Mr. Hofmann expects to be able to finish Mr. Kothmann's house in a very short time with favorable weather conditions.

We have just received a new lot Diamond casings. All sizes. 9-4 Star Garage.

If you want feed phone 41

Will Stacks left his annual subscription fees with the News while in Monday marketing cotton. He had gotten out 5 bales up to that date and said that he would make about fifteen more from his own farm. He has a couple of crops bought from other parties and will make quite a few bales from them.

Take in the picture show at the Star Opera House each Saturday night. You'll enjoy it. The show starts promptly at 8:30 o'clock.

It is said that there are 12 cases of typhoid fever in the London community.

There were 29 bales of cotton ginned at the two Mason gins last Saturday in spite of the fact that the rain of a few days previous prevented picking.

Tell the News the news



The Story of a Turret Captain Promotion in the Navy comes quickly to those who qualify for higher ratings. In March 1899 A. P. Nilsen enlisted in the Navy as an apprentice Seaman, 3rd class. In April 1907 he was rated Chief Turret Captain. His pay today is \$165.76 per month.

A man's life — among men!

Reel them off—"Rio", Gibraltar, Ceylon, Yokohama—all the great ports of the world—are they only places on the map to you—or are they ports where you've gone sailing in from the high seas with every eye along the shore turned admiringly on your big ship—your ship! Every ocean has a United States ship sailing for some port worth seeing.

If you've any call in you for a full life—join, and color all your years ahead with memories of things worth seeing—with knowledge worth having—with an inexhaustible fund of sea tales and adventures picked up ashore and

float that will make you a well-companion in any company.

Work?—sure, and a man's work it is, among men.

Play?—well, rather, with a bunch of men who know how to play. These comrades of yours carry in their ears the sounds of great world cities, of booming guns, of swashing seas—sounds you will share with them and that will never die away.

And when you come home, you'll face life ashore with level eyes—for Uncle Sam trains in self-reliance as well as self-respect. The Navy builds straight men—no mollycoddles.

Enlist for two years. Excellent opportunities for advancement. Four weeks holidays with pay each year. Shore leave to see inland sights at ports visited. Men always learning. Good food and first uniform outfit free. Pay begins the day you enlist. Get full information from your nearest recruiting station. If you do not know where the nearest recruiting station is, ask your Postmaster. He knows.

Shove off! -Join the U.S. Navy

ELECTION NOTICE

Chas. Donop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Donop, is at the local hospital and is doing nicely since a recent operation for appendicitis which was performed by the local doctors.

W. A. Zesch, Jim Brown and Max Martin went out duck hunting last Friday, but they spent most of their time hung up in a mud-hole a few miles from town. They all claimed to have killed one duck but had no convincing proof.

READY TO GRIND CORN

We are prepared to grind your corn meal for you. Have a good mill and we assure you satisfaction. Planter Gin Co. G. C. Hubbard, Mgr.

Howard Smith "got it in the neck" one day last week while working with a big hog. He explained to us how it happened and emphasized the fact that the hog he was wrestling with belonged to himself.

The News is informed that Mr. H. J. Behrens, Sr., who is one of the county's oldest residents, undertook to break a young horse to a wagon recently and the animal ran away with the wagon, running through a fence and giving the driver considerable fright, but fortunately Mr. Behrens was none the worse off from his experience.

Elijah Garner set his subscription to the News ahead last Saturday while in marketing a bale of cotton. He says that he expects to make about eight or ten bales this year.

Anton Willmann purchased a fine span of mares from T. E. Matheny last week and Mr. Matheny is now on the lookout for a team to replace the one he let go.

SOME NICE APPLES

T. E. Matheny was in from his farm a few miles north of town Saturday and left with the News three large apples which he grew in his orchard, the largest one of which weighs just a fraction less than a pound. These are apples of a very fine variety and are as pretty as pictures, they are exceptionally large but have not that mealy taste as do most large apples. He tells us that he raised a great many but sold all he cared to sell with but very little trouble and will keep enough to run his family until next spring. Mr. Matheny says that the apples keep well and are mighty fine eating about the first of the year.

Fine Bond Papers—News Office.

Pursuant to the election proclamation issued by the Governor of Texas, notice is hereby given that an Election will be held on TUESDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF NOVEMBER 1919

in all election precincts in the County of Mason, State of Texas, for the purpose of voting for or against the Amendment to Section 49, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for an issue of bonds by the State for the purpose of construction of Highways; for or against the Amendment to Section 51, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas relating to Confederate pensions and increasing tax rate for payment of same; for or against the Amendment to Article 16, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, permitting prisoners to share in the net proceeds from the State penitentiary system; for or against the Amendment to Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, permitting Galveston County and City to issue bonds for grade raising purposes; for or against the Amendment to Article 8, Section 9, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to special Taxes by cities, towns and counties for public improvements, public roads, etc; for or against the Amendment to Sections 10 11 12 13 14 and 15 of Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for the separation of the State University and the Agricultural and Mechanical College, and for bond issues by each, and for or against a Constitutional Convention.

C. H. Garrett, County Judge Mason County, Texas

J. H. Gibson, foreman of the Eckert James River ranch, was a business visitor in Mason last Saturday.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Middle Aged Women

Are Here Told the Best Remedy for Their Troubles.

Freemont, O.—"I was passing through the critical period of life, being forty-six years of age and had all the symptoms incident to that change—heat flashes, nervousness, and was in a general run down condition, so it was hard for me to do my work. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was recommended to me as the best remedy for my troubles, which it surely proved to be. I feel better and stronger in every way since taking it, and the annoying symptoms have disappeared."—Mrs. M. GODDEN, 935 Napoleon St., Fremont, Ohio.

North Haven, Conn.—"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound restored my health after everything else had failed when passing through change of life. There is nothing like it to overcome the trying symptoms."—Mrs. FLORENCE ISELLA, Box 197, North Haven, Conn.



In Such Cases

LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND

has the greatest record for the greatest good

LYDIA E. PINKHAM MEDICINE CO. LYNN, MASS.

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Notice of church entertainments where a charge of admission is made, obituaries, cards of thanks, resolutions of respect, and all matters not news, will be charged at the regular advertising rates.

ADVERTISING RATES

Local readers and classified ads 5 cents per line per issue
Display rates made known on application.

Subscription (always in advance) one year.....\$1.50

THE HIGHER EDUCATION

Some of the colleges are now giving the "B. A." degree without Greek or Latin. It is well. In ninety-nine cases out of every one hundred the young man starting out to make a living in the world for himself has need of Greek and Latin the same as a pig has for two tails. To the hundredth man it all may be very nice, but even then a lot of this "B. A." stuff might well be labeled "B. S."

Tell the News the news.

We are not going to find fault with the ladies about their clothes, for we love every one of them, no matter what kind of clothes they have on, from the full opera undress to a Ute blanket, from bloomers to a fig leaf, but it does seem as though the big department stores are flimflamming our beautiful women unmercifully, in that they do not give them half enough dry goods for the money—Swiped.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder for kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.25. One small bottle is two months' treatment and often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

WHO'S NEXT

We, whose names appear below, believe that Mason County should erect a monument and dedicate it to the memory of the Mason county boys who served in the recent world's war, and will donate the amount set opposite our respective names towards its erection:

- McCulloch Lodge No. 273\$100.00
 - August Kothmann\$25.00
 - Mason Clean Town Club\$10.00
 - Mason County News\$10.00
 - Calvin Thaxton\$10.00
 - Woman's Missionary Society.....\$10.00
 - W. G. Keyser\$5.00
 - German Ladies Aid Society\$5.00
 - Henry W. Keller\$10.00
 - Frank Brandenberger\$5.00
 - Baptist Ladies Aid\$5.00
 - Alfred R. Grosse (Bartlett).....\$5.00
- If you are willing to subscribe phone the News the amount you will give and your name will appear in this list the following issue.

Geo. T. May, who for many years has been in the general merchandising business at London, recently sold his business to Martin Baze who has already taken charge. Mrs. Baze is employed as a teacher in the London school this term.

W. H. Larimore informs us that his son, Willard, is making splendid progress at the Tyler Commercial College and will complete his course in short-hand, typewriting and bookkeeping by the latter part of November.

Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

"THEY SAY"

As much harm is caused by the two apparently simple words "they say" as by any two words in the English language. Unfortunately there are still a few old tabbies who like to repeat unwholesome tales about their neighbors and in lieu of authority to quote these tales as coming from any particular person, they always begin "They say" such and such a thing is true. The next time you hear anyone begin a sentence with "they say," just stop him and ask him "who says?" Ten to one he can't tell you. Of course this particular person may be innocent of any wrongdoing, for probably the person who told him introduced his remarks with "they say". It is best not to repeat unpleasant tales at all, but never repeat such stories unless you have absolute foundation for their truth, and "they say" is anything but such.

FURNITURE—

Our car of furniture has arrived and our prices will interest you
Larimore & Grote.

Work hard but don't be afraid to take a minute to laugh or joke. It helps you, it helps your fellow worker, and it helps the work you are doing.

Nothing can be accomplished by constant nagging, for those who are nagged soon become accustomed to it and give no heed. It is useless and unnecessary and often destroys the peace and happiness of the home.

More people ride on Goodyear tires than on any other kind. Sold by McCollum Auto Co.

DIGNIFY YOUR JOB

A great many of us are very much afraid of having our dignity lowered; yet most of us make the mistake of believing that dignity comes from outward circumstances whereas it is in reality, an attitude of mind. Many of us seek high sounding titles believing that they increase our dignity. They do have a long distance effect, but as soon as people come in personal contact with us, our dignity gets a fearful bump unless we have true dignity within us. Any work that is honorable is dignified, and it depends on the worker whether or not it appears so. A delivery boy can put just as much dignity into his job as a bank president. Don't think any kind of labor is beneath you if it is honorable work. Because just as sure as you feel this way, you will work down to your job instead of up and the job will certainly "pan out" accordingly.

Ford

THE UNIVERSAL CAR

The Ford Model T One Ton Truck was the first low price truck to carry the worm-drive—that tremendous power delivering mechanism had previously been an exclusive feature with high priced motor trucks. In the Ford Truck, however, you get the worm-drive of manganese bronze material, absolute in strength and positive in the delivery of power, at a very low price. Come in and let us point out the many superior merits of the Ford One Ton Truck, because you need one in your work. We give prompt and efficient repair service.

L. F. ECKERT
Authorized Ford Sales
and Service



BUY A FARM OR RANCH

The M. D. Slator Ranch in Mason, Me-
nard and Kimble Counties is for sale,
subject to division.
About 1-3 is tillable; several hundred acres
are in cultivation. Price \$15.00 per acre
and up \$7.50 per acre cash; balance 5
years at 7%. Owner reserves 1-2 the mineral
rights. Apply to

RUNGE & RUNGE

We loan money on land at 6%

186 PHONES 187

MASON - LLANO MAIL LINE
WALKER & WALKER Props.

We solicit your passenger traffic and
express hauling to and from Llano.

We have GOOD CARS and make GOOD TIME.

The True Phonograph

You desire the best in everything because you know that the cheapest is always the most expensive in the end.

In choosing a phonograph you want the one which will give you all that the artists themselves can give.

Two thousand unbiased music critics back up our claim that



The
NEW EDISON
"The Phonograph with a Soul"

RE-CREATES so faithfully the human voice and the music of human-played instruments that you cannot tell phonograph from living artist.

Hear your favorite songs or instrumental selections at our store today RE-CREATED by the New Edison. You will be astonished at their realism.

MASON DRUG CO.

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Dealer in

Galvanized Cisterns,
Flues, Tin Roofing, Gut-
tering, Gasolene Engines
Windmills, Pumps, Pip-
ing, Pump Cylinders
Pipe Fitting, Bath Tubs
Milk Coolers, Steel Ceiling,
ing, Etc.

Repairing of all kinds done on short notice.

Miss Ruth Martin left last Saturday for New York City, where she will remain until next spring, a student of one of the leading music conservatories of that city.

H. G. Keyser, a prominent rancher of the Loyal Valley section, and his son were pleasant callers at the News office last Saturday while in town.

Try our HOWE (red rubber) inner tubes. You'll never want any other kind.
9-4 Star Garage.

Sterling Schmidt and Clarence Williamson were in town last Saturday from J. W. White's ranch, where they are threshing pecans. They say they are about half through and so far have threshed about 1,500 pounds.

Ajax Road King, white rubber tires.
Walker & Walker.

ITCH!

Hunt's salve, formerly called Hunt's Cure is especially compounded for the treatment of Itch, Rashes, Ring worm, and Tetter, and is sold by the druggist on the strict guarantee that the purchase price, 75c, will be promptly refunded to any dissatisfied customer. Try Hunt's Salve at our risk. For sale locally by

VEDDER DRUG CO.

A man's
best pal
is his smoke



"Meet you after the movies"
—Ches. Field

NOTHING like following up a good show with a good smoke—Chesterfield.

No ordinary cigarette, this. Mellow as an old friend, but rich with flavor—the kind that goes right to the spot.

Our own buyers in the Orient select for us the choicest Turkish leaf. We blend with this several varieties of specially selected Domestic tobacco. This blending—by a secret method—brings out new qualities of flavor that other and less expert methods fail to find.

That's what we mean by "satisfy"—an entirely new kind of smoking enjoyment that you get in Chesterfields only—nowhere else; for the blend is a closely guarded secret. *It can't be copied.*

Ligarette Makers Tobacco Co.



SOME GOOD AMENDMENTS

On Tuesday, November 4th, the voters of the State of Texas will be given an opportunity to vote on 6 proposed Constitutional Amendments. Some of these amendments are good ones (and possibly all of them are in the minds of some) but we all have the right to differ in opinion.

It is the intention of the editor to vote as follows on the 6 proposed Constitutional Amendments: For Amendment to Section 49, Article 3, providing for an issue of bonds by the State for the purpose of constructing Highways; Against Amendment to Section 51 Article 3, relating to Confederate pensions; Against the Amendment to Article 16, permitting prisoners to share in the net proceeds from the State penitentiary system; For the Amendment of Article 16, permitting Galveston county and city to issue bonds for grade raising purposes; For the Amendment to Article 5, Section 9, relating to special taxes by cities, towns and counties for public improvements, public roads, etc.; For the Amendment providing for the separation of the State University and the A. & M. College; Against the Constitutional Convention.

STOCKMEN—ATTENTION

Now is the time to immune your calves against Blackleg. We have serums that give immunity for life. **Mason Drug Co.**

NEW DISTRICT ATTORNEY

News reached here the latter part of last week that Captain T. E. Hammond had resigned as District Attorney of this district and that his nephew, young George Christian of Burnet, had been appointed by the Governor to fill out the unexpired term. It would seem the old custom that has been in vogue in this district for "low these many years" is continuing to be carried out. In this case, as in similar cases, not even the bar of the district, so far as we can learn, was consulted in the appointment of a successor or knew anything about the resignation until the new officer had been appointed and in each case, they were either a relative or a close personal friend and neighbor to the retiring officer.

If this writer held an office and for any reason decided to give it up before his term expired, he at least would notify his constituents in advance and give them an opportunity to recommend the appointment of his successor until such time as they may elect one, but then we are not an officer of the 33rd Judicial District.—Llano Searchlight.

Gates Half-Sole Tires, guaranteed puncture proof and cost 1/4 as much. Walker & Walker.

We are pleased to report Mrs. R. P. Kidd as getting along nicely since recently undergoing an operation at the local sanitarium.

QUEEN ESTHER SOCIETY

The Queen Esther Society met at the home of Miss Hulda Plueneke Friday afternoon, October 17, 1919. A very interesting program was rendered: "The Mexican Situation in Los Angeles, Cal."

The leader, Mrs. P. A. Baze, read Lev. 19, 33-34.

"Let The Lower Lights be Burning" was sung, after which the Lord's Prayer was said. Meta Loeffler discussed a very interesting piece entitled "The Situation."

Mrs. Hugh Shearer read a paper on "Training the Young in Gardena." Then a beautiful solo was rendered by Miss Sophie Lemburg. Miss Willie Mae Grosse read a beautiful story entitled, "When The Girls Took Charge."

Closing Song was "Take the Name of Jesus With You" After the business meeting the Society was dismissed.

A delicious salad course was served to the following: Mesdames Lee Eckert, Hugh Shearer, Alex Grosse, P. A. Baze, Eli Jordan Wm Splittgerber, Miss Elsie and Willie Mae Grosse, E. ether and Susie Donop, Meta Loeffler, Sophie Lemburg, Bertha Jordan, Edna and Mary Kettner, Lillie Mae Kidd and Louise Grosse.

Reporter.

Boog wants four lines to fill up this space and I told him if he was not particular what they were that these would do.—E.

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Texas News

The bond election in Austin County was defeated by a small margin.

The pecan crop around Smithville is the largest in a number of years and the nuts are now beginning to be brought in and are bringing a good price.

A permit to do business in Texas has been granted the Guffey-Gillespie Oil Company of Wilmington, Del., capital stock \$52,000,000, with headquarters at Austin.

The Texas railroad commission has formally fixed the valuation of the Sugarland Railroad at \$638,746. This is a short line operating from Sugarland, on the Southern Pacific, into the sugar plantations.

The department of marketing has succeeded in filling an order from France for 5,000,000 bushels of oats, most of this having been shipped from Texas; but Kansas and Oklahoma took a part of the order.

F. C. Weinert, chairman of the drouth relief committee, is returning to those who are paying the notes due the fund all interest. The notes were originally made out bearing interest, but it was afterward determined that this was not fair and no interest is being collected.

Cost of building Dallas County's road system will be almost prohibitive on the basis of bids submitted, County Judge Simpson says. The commissioners rejected the first of a series of bids for the proposed \$6,500,000 road system. The bid was 25 per cent higher than the engineer's estimate.

Texas state bank resources had shown an increase of \$29,310,975 on September 12 over those of June 20, according to a statement by the commissioner of insurance and banking Friday. Every item of resources except real estate, furniture and fixtures, and guaranty fund assessments showed an increase. Total resources of the 923 banks were \$318,301,248. Deposits, with a total of \$238,921,706, showed an increase of \$30,312,592.

The purpose for which the delegates to the state convention of the Texas Equal Suffrage Association met at San Antonio was accomplished Saturday with the dissolution of the suffrage organization, as such, and the formal adoption of the constitution of the Texas League of Women Voters. This movement has been in the minds of the women for some time, but it remains for the convention to provide an opportunity for the signal change.

DO YOU READ?

The News is prepared to take subscriptions for any magazine or newspaper published. Magazines and newspapers are often sent as gifts. If you should want to subscribe for any periodical for yourself, a relative or friend, we will be pleased to take your order at publisher's prices. Martin D. Loring, Publisher.

MR. MERCHANT—It is not what YOU know about a certain brand of goods that brings you business, but it depends on what the BUYING PUBLIC knows about those certain brands of merchandise. Use printer's ink in telling the public the good merits of the goods you are handling.

Sam Hoerster is wearing an old carpet slipper, the result of stumping his toe on a chair a few nights ago when he had gotten up with his baby. The injury has proven quite disagreeable and it is quite painful as well as being an inconvenience.

POULTRY WANTED

We are always in the market for poultry and will pay top prices for fryers, broilers, pullets, hens, roosters, ducks, geese and turkeys. Bring us anything you have in the line of poultry. **Mayhew Produce Co.**

To whatever occupation a young man or a young woman expects to devote life, whatever business or trade or profession be chosen, let him first be a man—let her first be a woman. Broadminded and great hearted. But this requires education and education requires effort—great and prolonged effort—for there is "no royal road to intellectual eminence," and effort requires decision. To all the opportunity comes, but each must decide for himself whether he will seize the opportunity or let it slip by.

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A MISTAKE

You often hear the remark made that a nickle won't buy anything now days. The News' want ad rates are a nickle a line. Invest a few rickles in a want ad in the News and you will find out just how much a nickle will do.

Bruce Tarver left Sunday morning for Junction to spend the day there visiting friends. Here it is Thursday and Bruce has not returned. We fear that he has fallen for some beautiful queen of the Llano.

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If all the tired, overworked, run-down women in this community could realize how our delicious Vinol, which contains Beef and Cod Liver Peptones, Iron and Manganese Peptonates and Glycophosphates supplies the vital elements necessary to enrich the blood and create working strength, we wouldn't be able to supply the demand.

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Burdett, N. Y. "I keep house for my family of three, and raise chickens. I had a nervous breakdown, so I was unable to work. The doctor did not seem to help me, and a cousin asked me to try Vinol. It built me up—I now have a good appetite and am well and strong."—Mrs. Loyal Palmer.

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NOTICE

I will be at the following places either in person or by deputy on the dates following for the purpose of collecting taxes.

Loyal Valley—Nov. 11 and 12, 1919
Streeter—Nov. 13 and 14, 1919
Katemcy—Nov. 18 and 19, 1919
Bauer—Nov. 20 and 21, 1919
Eaton—Nov. 25 and 26, 1919
Wagram—Dec. 4 and 5, 1919
Fredonia—Dec. 8 and 9, 1919
Pontotoc—Dec. 10 and 11, 1919
G. H. Willis,
Sheriff and Tax Collector.

There is always some discussion amongst wise heads about the comparative aid from inventions which men and women have in turning out their work. It was the writer's fortune recently to hear a discussion of the very point, and it developed that contrary to what is commonly believed, women really have as great a number of labor saving devices to aid them with their work as men have to aid them with their farm work. But the commonly accepted idea arises, much to the discredit of husbands in general, from the fact that as a rule women are not supplied with labor saving devices by the men of their family in anything like the same proportion that the men buy labor saving devices for themselves. Undoubtedly the men feel that they earn the living and should be permitted to have as much aid as mechanical skill can give them. Of course there is much truth in this, but let me say that a man can earn just twice as good a living if he leaves and returns daily to a home which is well kept and to a wife who is fresh and happy and not worn out with drudgery. And how can he expect her to keep up with all modern demands of her time unless she has a few modern labor saving inventions to help her out.

Think this over husbands, and surprise your wife some Saturday night with some new wrinkle that will save her many a backache and perhaps a heartache. You'll find you'll get your money back with interest when you see her happy smile.

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Fine Bond Papers—News Office.
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Tell the News the news.

It was decided to take steps to urge the legislation to appoint a state board for the equalization of taxes at the next session, at the annual meeting of the Tax Equalization Association held in San Antonio. A board of directors, consisting of 13 leading citizens of San Antonio, was appointed, and \$5000 appropriated for immediate expenses. Organizers will be sent out through the state to further the cause and interest other counties in the movement.

Buy Anahuac Rice Canal.

Beaumont, Tex.—Captain W. C. Tyrrell, capitalist, has closed a contract to purchase the Anahuac rice canal, in Chambers County. The canal, which was formerly known as the Lone Star, obtains its water supply at the mouth of the Trinity River. The present capacity of the plant will care for 15,000 acres, but plans are now being made to provide fresh water for additional acreage. The canal is owned by the Emersons of Pittsburg, and the canal and land owned by the company represent an investment of \$200,000.

Scientists Will Search for Oil Fields.

Austin, Tex.—W. S. Adkins, B. C., University of Illinois, has joined the bureau of economy geology and technology of the University of Texas to carry on further investigations of the cretaceous period in this state. The researches of Mr. Adkins refer particularly to the fossil remains of this period. By a study of these it is possible to locate with more or less certainty oil fields, their probable depth and their possible extent, it is claimed.

Mrs. T. R. Caylor has been quite sick at the local sanitarium the past week.

Out of thousands of books and records containing data of all business transactions conducted on the Texas coast by the United States customs office for the past fifty years, only one small document has been recovered since the tropical storm swept the customs office at Port Aransas away. It is a tag bearing the name of Max Luther, customs agent at that point, and the date September, 1908. With other wreckage, the tag was picked up several days ago on the beach near Galveston.

The remaining stock of spring wool held in storage at Merton by the West Texas Wool and Mohair Association has been sold to H. F. Roddle of Brady. Four hundred thousand pounds changed hands at a price that approximated \$250,000. The Merton warehouse has so far during 1919 disposed of more than 1,000,000 pounds of wool, and the prospects for the spring clip are regarded as so good that it is expected that 2,000,000 pounds will be handled in 1920.

The logical consequences of the "fee system," in its relation to the new game laws, effective Oct. 22, in the state of Texas, were outlined this week by T. R. Legett, deputy oyster, fish and game warden, at Galveston, as follows: "A fact that may not be generally known," said Mr. Legett, "is that any peace officer, from a sheriff down to a town marshal, is authorized to demand that he be shown the license of a hunter encountered in the field, and that such peace officer, under the 'fee system,' is allowed the sum of \$10 for every arrest he makes under the new laws."

It was announced this week by the industrial welfare commission that the initial session will be held in Houston, Oct. 22 to 25, inclusive, for the purpose of taking testimony of all persons interested in the working conditions and wages paid women and minors by mercantile establishments, factories, laundries and telephone companies. The initial session was to have been held in Dallas, but it was postponed to a date in November yet to be fixed. Hearings will be held generally over the state. Only the minimum wage is considered.

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Menard county recently lost a road bond issue and then the wide awake citizens got up an election to vote road bonds in Precinct No. 1, of that county. Last week's Menard Messenger told of the defeat of the bond issue in this election by only a few votes. Editor Billings put up a good fight for the cause and consoles himself by stating that "a two-by-four newspaper has but little influence over the public as compared with the influence of three wise men of Menard."

GREETING CARDS

The holidays are fast approaching and personal greeting cards are always in demand. Avoid the rush by calling at the News office and placing your order NOW. We have samples on display and are prepared to take care of any orders. If you have not been getting your greeting cards from the News you have been missing something.

On Wednesday of this week the San Antonio Express arrived on regular time. This is the first time for about a week that any papers have reached Mason on schedule time and we would not be much surprised if it is not a week before it reoccurs.

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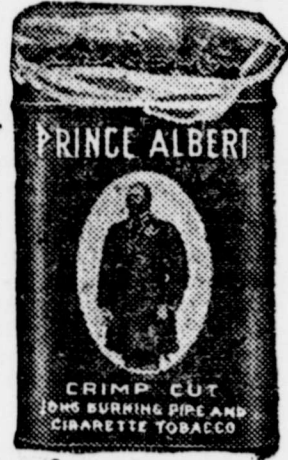
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S. J. Thorne has been keeping books for the Planter Gin Co. since a couple weeks ago. D. H. Bickenbach was in from his ranch near Grit the last of week marketing pecans. He stated from that he would likely get 15,000 pounds of pecans off has place this year.

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The MAN of MIGHT

By ALBERT E. SMITH and
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EPISODE NO. 13.

WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE.

Dick and Polly hold one of six pieces of the buried treasure. Scarface holds a second, and he kills Polly's father, gets the flag and starts after the treasure. Other holders join Dick and they pursue Scarface to the gulf, where they capture a schooner from the outlaws. Landing, they are set upon by a tribe of Aztecs, invited by Scarface, and placed bound on a hurdle and plunged into a boiling volcano.

It seemed as though no mortal power could save them. Below them yawned the frightful crater of boiling lava and deadly breath, and into this inferno they were slipping as the raft goes down a rapids. Neither coolness of judgment nor physical strength could avail them here, for the elements into which they were so soon to be plunged would strangle and wither them as a furnace does coals, leaving no vestige of their scarred bones as an evidence of the fact that they had ever existed. There would be a sudden leap into the throat of the crater, a moment of writhing in the boiling mass and choking sulphuric gases, then would come eternal oblivion and their ashes would be mingled with the molten flow. Even Dick, who never said die, nearly lost hope as his mind flashed over the situation. With a sad smile he turned to Polly.

"Looks as though we were up against this time, doesn't it, old girl?" he said as he looked into her clear eyes and thought how well life would be worth living with her at his side. Un-chauntedly the brave girl answered him:

"Never mind, Dick, dear. We have loved each other, and it is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all. And we have the consolation of knowing that if we are going to our deaths, at least we are going there side by side through no fault of our own and without fear. Scarface and his crowd may gain the treasure, but I have a feeling that if they do it will be a curse rather than a blessing to them."

"I am only sorry we did not do for them when we had a chance," said Stebbins. "This comes of our being white men and having a repugnance to killing anyone who was in our

power. If I had it to do over again it would be Scarface and Screwwee, who were taking this ride instead of us. But we have the satisfaction of knowing that we did not show the white feather and are dying game."

Dick, glancing back over the way which they had sild, saw the priest and Scarface peering down at them over the ledge from which they had been shoved. Already the fumes of the pit below were winding around them in wreaths, filling their eyes and stings and causing their breaths to cease in wheezing gasps. Then all of a sudden Dick's heart gave a great bound of relief. Sliding over the lava ledge, the hurdle slowed perceptibly as it tipped toward the crater, and Dick, who never despaired of life, was able to burst the ropes at his wrists, frayed by contact with the sharp lava. Grasping the rock he held back the hurdle and, at the same time, released Stebbins, who quickly freed the others.

At the left was a continuation of the slope, to where the steam from the volcano ran off into a small stream, and in this they launched the hurdle and were swept from the scene. Their sense of relief, however, was quickly changed to alarm, for dead ahead was a cave, into which the stream of hot water disappeared in darkness beneath the mountains. They discussed their predicament briefly, then Dick made the decision:

"The old sailor of whom I spoke who was shipwrecked upon this coast, told me other things that he had learned of these Aztecs and this particular part of the country. He got this story from the Indians, who firmly believed that it was true. Of course it may be a myth, but I will repeat it to you and you can decide for yourselves."

"These Indians told him that there had long been a legend in their tribe that in ancient days one of their members had been captured and condemned to death even as was done to us. The members of the Aztec tribe who sentenced him bound him to a mat and sent him over this slide and in some way he was precipitated into a river

that burrowed into the mountains as a mole does into a mound. In utter darkness he was swept along by this subterranean river, finally losing consciousness from fright, and only regaining it when he had emerged from the other side into a vast body of cool water. The water had soaked his bonds so that they stretched and at last he managed to free himself and make his escape. A long while afterward he wandered back to his tribe, a seemingly broken old man with hair which had been made snow white by his terrible experience. As he was the only white-haired member of the tribe, he was known afterwards as the White Blackbird. His reason had been partially dethroned by his experiences and he could give no clear account of what had befallen him, but he remembered enough to convince them that what he said was true and his story was handed down from father to son through the generations. Whether it was true or not, that is the way the old sailor got it, and that is the way he repeated it to me. The way the matter stands is this:

"It's a long chance—but our only one. This river may go under the mountains and take us to the Pacific, after all."

All agreed with Dick, who released the raft, which drifted to the opening and disappeared.

Standing on the brink of the slide down which Dick, Polly, Stebbins and Teel had been precipitated, Scarface and the old Aztec priest watched them swiftly plunge downward. The satisfaction of the pair at seeing their victims go to their death was great, for now Scarface had no fear of their ever returning to interfere with his search for the treasure again, while the old priest gloried in the thought that he had upheld the traditions of his ancient race and once more beheld the awful ceremony. Not for an instant did their eyes leave the pit until the victims had disappeared.

Their human sacrifice having been offered, the Aztecs and Scarface and his outlaws returned to the village, where Lopez was dispatched back to the schooner with Tomas to await the others. Enraged at his brutal treatment, the Indian that night fell on

the Mexican and left him bound to a tree. Turning upon his captive Tomas addressed him, the cold glow of a cobra in his eyes:

"You," said Tomas, "are one of the creeping, poison things of the earth. You are like the snake that has the rattle at the end of his tail, and are like the scorpion that stings and the centipede that bites. I should treat you as my ancestors treated all their enemies." Tomas drew his knife and laid its side against the other's throat.

"In the days of my fathers when we made prisoner of a man like you we staked him out on the red ants' nest or bound him in the red strips of rawhide. Then he suffered until his soul went squealing like a rat into the darkness of the hereafter. But because of the white men who are my friends and who do not believe in such things I will not put you to the torture. I will leave you here and see what happens to you." Then Tomas returned to the village to see what had become of his friends and the Celestial.

Chu's lot was not much happier, for he was forced at once into a life of slavery, and when Tomas found him he was working in a field under guard of a brutal Aztec and the old priest. Waiting his time, Tomas was able to whisper to Chu, who told him:

"Him and little missy and others fall over cliff." He then described the fate of the party. Chu was certain they were dead, but the Indian still had hope and told the Chinese:

"Get me lariat. Me see for myself." Under pretense of working, Chu went to the house and secured the lariat and the two started for the volcano brink. Making a mask of his handkerchief against the smoke and steam, Tomas lowered himself where the hurdle had plunged, and on the slope found pieces of frayed rope and bits of the hurdle. Then he followed the stream to where it disappeared underground, and decided Dick and his friends must have escaped that way and that the river had an out-

let. Greatly relieved, he started to climb

up the cliff and had reached a ledge near the brink when he heard a cry from Chu, and looking up saw him in the grasp of the old priest, who was threatening to hurl him into the volcano.

Intent on carrying out this threat, the cruel fanatic leaned far out over the edge and as he did so Tomas threw one of his spare lariats and catching him about the neck dragged him to the fate he had planned for the Chinese. Quickly gaining the top, Tomas and the terrified Chu made all speed away from the Aztec village.

Meanwhile Dick, Polly, Stebbins and Teel were having the wildest ride of their lives. Borne upon the crest of the rushing torrent their raft dived into the bowels of the mountain as a chip is swept into a culvert. For a few moments after they had entered the tunnel they could still see each other's face in the gray light that penetrated for some distance into the entrance, but soon that faded and they found themselves swallowed by the impenetrable darkness. About them they could hear the rush and roar and hiss of the water as it swept past the rock wall, but the blackness had become so dense that they could not see their hands before their faces. Absolutely powerless to guide their craft, they could but sit helplessly as they were whirled on to whatever fate might lie in store for them. More than once their raft striking some unseen object, careened violently, making it necessary that they cling to each other for their very lives lest they be swept to death in the torrent, but each time the fragile craft steadied itself and whirling and spinning went rushing on its way. Dick, drawing the girl close to him, spoke words of encouragement in her ear.

"I think we are going to win through, but if by any accident I should be swept away from you just cling to the raft and don't give up as long as there is an ounce of strength left in you. Unless my calculations are wrong, this will take us into the ocean, and once we get out in the light again we will be all right." Above the roar the voice of the girl came back to him.

"You must not worry about me, Dick. As long as we are together I have no fear, so save your strength for any emergency that may arise." Greatly relieved that Polly was not frightened, Dick raised his hand above his head to the full length of his arm. A jagged piece of rock struck it, beating it down, and instantly he called loudly to his companions.

"Lie down flat or we will have our heads knocked off by the roof of this place. We are going about forty miles an hour and the top of this tunnel is close over us." Warned by his cry they immediately prostrated themselves upon the raft as it ground and bumped its way ever deeper into the heart of the great mountain. Thus in the blackness beneath the mountains, the hurdle bearing Dick and the others swept steadily along, and when they awoke the morning of the third day they found themselves in the Pacific a mile off shore, but too weak to attempt to help themselves. So they waited, praying that a kind wind would blow the raft to the beach.

Meanwhile, Scarface and his gang had left the Aztecs and headed for the ocean, camping the night of the second day within sight of its shores. And while they slept, Tomas and Chu came upon their camp and rode off with their horses, saddle bags and rifles.

At dawn they had reached the wreck of the Lion and nearby a roofless stockade, which they proceeded to put in a defensive condition in case of an attack by the outlaws.

The latter, cursing the loss of their horses, finally gashed the beach and a few rods offshore saw the raft with its now unconscious passengers. Swimming through the surf they towed it ashore and revived its hapless crew, whose fate became a subject of discussion, ended by Scarface, who remarked:

"You all look tired and I am going to give you a good, long rest." Realizing what was coming, the captives could not refrain from shuddering as they contemplated what was to be their fate. It would have been bad enough had they been drowned like rats in the depths of the mountain, but to be buried alive in these sands and left a prey for the oncreeping tide was enough to turn the bravest heart cold. Yet they were incapable of resisting, and knowing that it would be useless to ask for mercy, they faced the ordeal that lay before them calmly.

"Go ahead and bury us and be hanged to you," said Dick to Scarface. "If you think you are going to have the pleasure of seeing us show the white feather you are badly mistaken. We will show you how decent women and men can die. You are a pack of miserable hyenas and we have nothing but contempt for you."

Deep holes were dug in the sand and into them Dick and his companions, securely bound, were placed and sand packed tight to their necks. And thus they were left in the path of the ris-

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ing tide. Meanwhile, miles back from the ocean, great excitement prevailed among the Aztecs when the fate of the priest was learned from a child who had seen him dragged into the volcano. War was declared and a large body of warriors left at once on the trail of the whites. Scarface's gang found the wreck of the Lion and were making for the nearby stockade when Chu opened fire. The outlaws retreated, little knowing one lone Chinese was holding them at bay. (END OF THIRTEENTH EPISODE) See this episode at the Star Opera House Saturday night. Show starts at 8:30 o'clock.

THROUGH THE WANT ADS

WANT COLUMNS

WANT TO BUY—A pair of good gentle work horses from 5 to 8 years old that will weigh about 1200 pounds. Will pay good price for suitable horses.
T. E. Matheny.

FOR SALE—My Koockville property 5 1/2 acres land with good rock house on same.
Louis Schmidt.

MODEL #3 B OVERLAND—5 passenger car for sale or trade for cattle. Car is in good shape.
E. W. Kothmann.

FOUND—Rain coat. Owner may get same by describing and paying for this advertisement.
Herman Schuessler.

Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

BULLS FOR SALE—Have a bunch of full-blooded Hereford Bulls for sale. One, two and three year-olds
Ed Bickenbach.

WOOD WANTED—At News Office.

POSTED—No hunting or peccan gathering in my pastures.
E. M. Bratton

FOUND—On the Llano road a sack of clothes. Owner may get same by describing and paying for this notice.
Vedder Drug Co.

Have a barn, which contains 5,000 feet of lumber. For sale at \$200.
Lamar Thaxton.

FOR SALE—The Mrs. Jap Embrey home in west end. Place contains nearly 2 acres of land and is all under good fence. A good rock house with five living rooms, bath, hall and porch. Fine well of water with windmill and tank. This is a bargain; one third cash and balance on easy terms to suit purchaser. For further information or particulars call at the News Office.

WANT TO SELL OUT—I am planning on leaving Mason and would like to sell my interest in the Mason Ice & Power Co., also my home. If interested see or write me. Albert Metzger 9-ft4

Tell the News the news
SECOND HAND CARS

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THE UNIVERSAL CAR
We have several used cars for sale now.
L. F. Eckert.

FOR SALE—1000 bu. of oats at my place 2 1/2 miles west of Mason.
A. W. Koock.

FOR SALE—My place situated 2 1/2 miles west of Mason. For terms and further particulars Apply to
A. W. Koock.

Guy Green arrived home last Saturday from Calallen, where he went a few weeks ago to teach school. Guy took sick with malaria fever while there and was compelled to go to a hospital at Corpus Christi, where he spent a couple weeks before coming home. Guy states that he may have to give up his school at Calallen, not being able to stand the climate.

BIDS FOR WOOD
Notice is hereby given that I will receive sealed bids for furnishing the county with ten cords of wood cut in 15 inch lengths, and to be delivered at the court house. Bids may be filed with me up to Monday morning, November 10th at 9 o'clock at which time the bids will be opened by the Commissioners Court and the contract awarded.
S. C. Brockman, County Clerk
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STOMACH TROUBLE

Mr. Marion Holcomb, of Nancy, Ky., says: "For quite a long while I suffered with stomach trouble. I would have pains and a heavy feeling after my meals, a most disagreeable taste in my mouth. If I ate anything with butter, oil or grease, I would spit it up. I began to have regular sick headache. I had used pills and tablets, but after a course of these, I would be constipated. It just seemed to tear my stomach all up. I found they were no go at all for my trouble. I heard

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recommended very highly, so began to use it. It cured me. I keep it in the house all the time. It is the best liver medicine made. I do not have sick headache or stomach trouble any more." Black-Draught acts on the jaded liver and helps it to do its important work of throwing out waste materials and poisons from the system. This medicine should be in every household for use in time of need. Get a package today. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c a package. All druggists.

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The following have made subscription payments to this great weekly since our last report. Watch the label on your paper and if the date is not changed within two weeks after the list is published we will appreciate your calling our attention to the fact.

Walter Lindsay	1.50
Mrs. W. H. Alexander	1.50
Miss Beulah Alexander	.40
G. F. Harley	2.00
Henry C. Keyser	1.50
A. T. Murray	5.00
Elijah Garner	3.00
Will Starks	1.50
E. J. Haines	1.50
Otis Shearer	.75
Kurt L. Zesch	.90
Eugene Zesch	3.00
A. D. Rode	1.50
B. Gipson	1.50
W. H. Cavaness	1.50

We thank you Who's next?

FARMS CHANGE OWNERS

Last week Anton Willmann traded his 199 acre farm to J. H. Wilhelm for his 262 acre farm, both of which are located in the Wagram section. Hiram Baker has since purchased the Wilhelm place from Mr. Willmann paying him \$10,000 for it. The deals were closed the first of this week.

Chas. Grote spent a couple of days in Brady this week unloading a car load of freight for his firm.

GARREY'S STOCK TONIC will prevent stomach worms in sheep. Sold by F. Lange.

E. W. Jordan was in from Katemey Monday and says that the people of his section are ready for clear weather.

J. C. Surber was in from Katemey the first of the week. Mr. Surber informs us that he is in very bad health and that he is making very little headway towards marked improvement.

Kansas Blackleg Serum—guaranteed for lifetime immunity at Vedder Drug Co.

Hon. Calvin Thaxton has ordered the News sent to his son, Wm., who is attending school at Columbus, Ohio.

SAVE YOUR GRAIN
Don't fail to take care of the grain you raise this year. We are prepared to make you any sized galvanized grain bins.
F. Lange

Mrs. C. R. Lange and son, August, were business visitors in Mason last Monday from their ranch near Katemey.

Messrs John Schuessler and Frank Bauer and family were in Mason Monday from the Castell section. Mr. Schuessler has recently traded a portion of his place to his brother Dan for a part of the latter's place which is located nearer Castell and to which he will move in order to give his children the benefit of being close to the school. Mr. Schuessler also sold Mr. Bauer a 100 acre tract of land and the gentlemen were in fixing up the papers.

WANTED TO BUY—1500 bushels of shelled corn. Will pay \$1 per bushel.
J. W. White.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness and help to us during the illness and death of our beloved daughter and sister. May God reward them in our prayer.
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ambrose and Children.

Mrs. Albert Martin went to San Antonio last week, where she will be for several weeks under the treatment of Dr. Wulff.

James Stengel has recently closed a deal with C. S. Vedder in which he purchased a half interest in the lot and business house, which the Vedder Drug Co. occupies.

Attorney Carl Runge and bride returned home last Tuesday, after having been away the past ten days on a wedding tour.

Anticipating cold weather. We have a nice line of heaters ready for your inspection. Price from \$2.75 to 20.00.
Larimore & Grote.

Louis Arch and George Cavaness came down Wednesday from the Schreiner ranch near Roosevelt. Louis will go from here to Arizona and George will go to San Antonio at which places they both have positions.

Tell the News the news.

POSTED NOTICES

We, the undersigned land owners have formed an organization which is known as the Loyal Valley Game Protective Association.

The object of the Association is to protect all wild game and also to render a co-operative protection to all members of the organization.

The association offers the following rewards for evidence leading to conviction of parties violating the following rules:

Twenty-five dollars reward for any party or parties caught trespassing on any of the land or lands owned, leased or controlled by us without a written permit, with dog trap or gun.

Fifty dollars reward for party or parties killing a buck out of season or a doe or spotted fawn at any time.

One hundred dollars reward for party or parties caught hunting on any premises of the undersigned with what is called "head lights."

A posted sign painted in red has been adopted by the association and all parties will take notice of the posted sign.

Signed:
H. C. Keyser, Pres.
Henry Kothe, Sec. & Treas.
Henry W. Keller, Ass't Sec. & Treas.

Ben Kidd
Ruben Kidd
Jim Kidd
Wm. Lehmann
L. E. Keller
M. W. Nichols
A. H. Marschall
Albert Keyser
Aired Kings & Jeffers
Mrs. M. J. Kidd
Mrs. Chas. Keller
Geistweidt Bros.

POSTED
My James River ranch in Mason and Kimble Counties are posted against hunting, fishing, trapping or trespassing of any kind, and parties are hereby warned to stay out. Will pay \$25 reward for information leading to conviction of trespassing on my lands.
J1pd S. L. Jeffers.

POSTED
My pastures are posted against all kinds of trespassing such as hunting, trapping or pecan gathering. Any party or parties violating this notice will be prosecuted.
10tf23 Max Martin.

W. H. Neill left Wednesday for San Antonio to be away a few days on business. He went through in his car and was accompanied by Ed Smith, Mrs. Adolph Kothmann and Miss Pearl Schweers.

A News want ad brings about some wonderful results sometimes. Try one and see for yourself.

Don't allow yourself to be bored. It makes you uninteresting and old in spirit—if not in years. If it is not natural for you to be interested in things about you, force yourself to be for awhile and soon it will become natural and enjoyable to listen to others. Their varied interests are every bit as worthwhile as yours, and if you have a friendly feeling toward your fellow men and show yourself interested in their comings and goings, you will find your own life many times as interesting.

What do we live for? Is it to find fault with everyone about us, or cheerfully lend a hand when needed and do our best toward making this a happy world?

Give us a trial with your prescriptions. Vedder Drug Co.

BIRTHS

Since our last report the following births have been recorded by County Clerk, S. C. Brockman:

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Surber, a girl, Oct. 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberto Rodrigues, a boy, Oct. 16.

NOW—The soap for cleaning and washing cars. Not only cleans but polishes.
City Grocery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Parker arrived in Mason last Monday from Wichita Falls and are visiting at the home of Mrs. Parker's parents Mr. and Mrs. H. Ischar. They came through in their car.

The past few weeks were rainy and the weather did not permit cotton farmers to get in much work but in spite of it all considerable over a thousand bales of cotton have been ginned in the county.

GARREY'S STOCK TONIC.
Prevents cattle from getting worms, ticks, etc. Sold under a guarantee. Garrey's Tonic will build up your cattle and make them bring better calves. Give it a trial. Sold by F. Lange. 8-21tf

Mrs. O. H. Mebus left Tuesday for Abilene for an absence of a few days visiting the family of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark.

TO THE HUNTERS
Biggest line in town, of Ever-Ready Flash Lights and Batteries.
Vedder Drug Co.

Henderson Doell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Doell, was recently discharged from the Navy, but has re-enlisted for another year's service.

DIP
We have a complete line of dip Hog dip, cattle dip, etc. at fair prices.
Mason Drug Co.

Tom Martin and a young man by the name of Shipp were in Mason the first of the week enroute for their homes near Stonewall after having been to Kimble county where they purchased a couple of fine Angora Billies.

Don't forget the show at the Star Opera House each Saturday night. The show starts promptly at 8:30 o'clock.

C. W. Kothmann was in Mason Tuesday enroute for his ranch in Menard county. He has recently been in Ft. Worth on cattle business.

We are ready at any and all times to fill your prescriptions.
Vedder Drug Co.

Eugene Zesch, one of our prominent ranchmen, was a welcome caller at the News office the first of the week. He ordered the News sent to his son Kurt, who is a student at the A. & M. College this year.

Next Friday night is Halloween night and if you don't look out the Goblins will get you.

Parties who appreciate fine stationery and good Bond Papers should call around at the News Office and see our line.

S. L. Jeffers, of Brownwood was a business visitor at the News office Wednesday while here in the interest of his ranch holdings in this county.

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Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

Mrs. Henry Doell was a pleasant caller at the News office Tuesday and left with us a lot of kodak pictures which were sent her by her son, Rudolph, showing some of the wreckage at Aransas Pass after the recent hurricane and storm which swept the coast. Mrs. Doell will leave the pictures at this office for several days and parties desiring to see them may do so by calling around.

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