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Resolutions of Respect

Whereas, our all wise Creator and Heavenly Father has seen proper to call from our midst our fellow citizen, friend and fellow director, and

Whereas in the death of Mr. Aug. Pluennke, the Commercial Bank has lost a member of high integrity and sterling worth, a man of high attainments and of a most painstaking and self-sacrificing nature and disposition.

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the Board of Directors of this bank hereby expresses its sorrow in the untimely death of its fellow-member, Mr. Pluennke, and the loss of his council and services as a director; and that they extend to the bereaved wife and children their sympathy and condolence in this hour of grief and sadness.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the bank a copy be furnished to the wife of the deceased and that they be published in the Mason County News.

December 17th, 1919.
Signed: Mrs. Anna Martin, Pres.
C. L. Martin, V. P.
Walter M. Martin, Cashier
Dr. P. A. Baze
Howard C. Smith
Max Martin
L. F. Clark, Directors.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of District Attorney, which office I now hold. I shall endeavor to present my claims to the voters of Mason County in the near future.

Respectfully,
George E. Christian.

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

Star Garage.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Neill was the scene of much merriment for a jolly crowd of young people on New Year's eve.

Take in the picture show at the Star Opera House each Saturday night. You'll enjoy it. The show starts promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TERMS—Strictly Cash. Announcements will be inserted in the order in which fees are paid. 20 lines will be allowed each candidate, but he must compose his own announcement message. Any additional lines charged for at our regular advertising rates.

RATES	
Congressional District	\$15.00
County	10.00
County	8.00
Precinct	5.00

The News is authorized to make the following announcements subject to a majority vote of the Democratic Primary:

For District Attorney 33rd Judicial District—

GEORGE E. CHRISTIAN

Floyd McCollum, who is teaching school in the northern part of the State, was at home for the holidays.

Ewin Winkel returned to his school at Lincoln last Saturday, after spending the holidays here.

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

The Commercial Bank declared a dividend amounting to a little over 11 percent on the 31st of December, representing the earnings of the bank for the past five months.

Manuel Lopez was over from his home in Brady a few days last week to attend to business matters here. Poncho says that he is enjoying a much better business there than he had anticipated.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Thompson and children, and Mrs. A. L. L. Strickland spent several days very delightfully in Austin during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Smith left last Friday for Austin accompanied by their sons, C. C. and Cecil. They contemplate placing the boys in school there.

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PHONES

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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.

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

CONDITION OF STATE BANKS IS REPORTED

Individuals Have Over Quarter Billion Dollars More Than Year Ago.

Austin, Tex.—The commissioner of insurance and banking Wednesday made public summary of the condition of state banks and trust companies at the close of business Nov. 17. It shows state financial institutions are in remarkable healthy condition with material interests over the last call and as against a year ago.

Individual deposits were \$268,568,490, increase over Nov. 1, 1918, \$108,066,849 and over September 12 last of \$71,942,015.

Bills payable were \$9,437,324, decrease of \$5,491,589 in a year and \$6,343,164 under the September call.

There are 942 state banks and trust companies, increase of 56 in the year. Their combined resources are \$388,677,410 and the increase over last call is \$79,376,161, the largest in the history of Texas state banks.

Condition Nov. 17 compared with a year ago and with the September call follows:

Resources.

Loans and discounts, personal or collateral, \$174,072,840; increase over last year, \$43,638,289; decrease under September \$4,357,664.

Loans on real estate, \$18,012,123; increase over last year, \$159,433; decrease under September call, \$212,738.

Overdrafts, \$2,486,256; increase over last year, \$960,385; increase over September call, \$704,343.

Bonds and stocks, \$29,233,719; increase over last year, \$5,864,121; increase over September call, \$1,090,839.

Real estate, banking house, \$5,606,404; increase over last year, \$1,127,382.

Other real estate, \$2,429,741; decrease under last year, \$830,003.

Furniture and fixtures, \$2,772,872; increase over last year, \$401,150.

Due from banks and bankers, \$101,105,133; increase over last year, \$61,290,723.

Cash items, \$5,285,126; increase over last year, \$2,643,711.

Currency, \$12,900,456; increase over last year, \$3,991,077. Specie, \$2,500,529; decrease under last year, \$604,173.

Guaranty fund and assessment, \$2,292,607; increase over last year, \$471,056; over September call, \$90,159.

Acceptances and bills of exchange, \$27,277,401; increase over September call, \$910,995.

Other resources, \$2,702,197; decrease under last year, \$20,181,214; increase over September call, \$216,001.

Aggregate net increase over last year is \$126,209,341.

Liabilities.

Capital stock, \$39,108,100; increase over last year, \$3,505,100; increase over September call, \$15,500.

Surplus, \$11,085,569; increase over last year, \$1,219,176.

Undivided profits, \$7,497,448; increase over last year, \$2,008,791.

Due to banks and bankers, \$19,340,396; increase over last year, \$8,170,684.

Individual deposits, \$268,568,490; increase over last year, \$108,066,849; increase over September call, \$71,942,015.

Savings deposits, \$5,236,060; decrease under last year, \$219,260.

Time deposits, \$18,505,311; increase over last year, \$6,271,300. Demand deposits, \$466,941; decrease under last year, \$19,855. Cashiers' checks, \$4,240,679; increase over last year, \$2,216,555.

Bills payable and rediscounts, \$9,347,824; decrease under last year, \$5,491,585.

Certificates of deposit for money borrowed, \$461,232; decrease under last year, \$387,211.

Bonds deposited, \$3,768,167; increase over last year, same amount.

Other liabilities, \$961,189; decrease under last year, \$2,900,368.

Hundred Million Christmas Gift.
New York.—John D. Rockefeller Thursday gave to mankind a Christmas present of \$100,000,000—half to the general board to raise the salaries of college professors and half to the Rockefeller Foundation to aid in its work of combating disease through improvement of medical education, public health administration and scientific research. It is estimated that Mr. Rockefeller's public gifts now approximate \$450,000,000.

If you want feed phone 4.

58 TEXAS SOLDIERS RETURN FROM FRONT

Arrive in New York City From France and Are Quarantined at Camp Dix.

Austin, Tex.—Fifty-eight Texas soldiers arrived in New York City on December 21 from Brest on the transports Powhatan and America and are at Camp Dix, according to a telegram received Thursday by Governor Hobby from Herbert Wall, secretary of the Rocky Mountain Club. "The Rocky Mountain Club is at the bidding of relatives who want anything done for Texas soldiers while they are in the East," wired Mr. Wall.

The Texas soldiers referred to are: Walter K. Smith of Austin, Lieutenant Lloyd Mitchell of Cameron, Henry Schaefer of Cuero, Carl P. Schultz, Claude Allen, Robert L. James of Dallas, Everett F. Lomax, William E. Sharp, Clifford C. King of El Paso, John A. Bridgeman, William T. Higginbotham of Fort Worth, Willie M. Davidson of Harmony, Lloyd H. Ellis of Valentine, V. Vestal, Ernest L. Taylor of Houston, Ford M. Moore of Kress, William O. Hammett of De Leon, John S. Roberts of Mart, Charles F. Pattillo of Nash, James T. Youngblood of New Boston, Major Godfrey R. Fowler of Palestine, Berch Hubbs of Pecos, William M. Scheffer of Riegel, Robert E. Fowler, Jose Bolencia of San Antonio, Oliver Spoor of Scurry, William B. Swansey of Sugarland, William A. Price, John E. Blevins of Weatherford, Claude Lewis of Wichita Falls, Hugh G. Kwallier, Fred L. Gilles of Amarillo, James C. McBride of Alvin, Joseph S. Childress of Albany, Raymond C. Murrell of Aubrey, Nathan Culbertson of Buda, Adolphus Westernman of Cross Plains, Walter Johnson of Elgin, Antonio Bernal of Eagle Pass, Walter L. Daniels of Franklin, Hal L. Johnson of Greenville, James B. Brook of Glenflora, Albert H. Tillman of Gainesville, Percy McDonald of Galveston, Rutherford Crockett of Denison, John H. Taylor of Hereford, Harold C. Breeding of Longview, Frank W. Moffett, Jesse Cagle of Lampasas, Emory R. Wilkins of Krum, William A. Thomas of Mineola, Leslie F. Brown of Weston.

Mexican Federals Refuse to Attack
San Antonio, Tex.—An unexplained refusal of Mexican government troops to attack those of Francisco Villa when the latter raided Muzquiz two weeks ago, although not more than 400 yards separated the two bodies, is pointed out in a supplemental report forwarded by border agents to the state department. The information was secured from Fred Hugo, the American who was kidnaped, and other residents of the town. According to them, Villa had approximately 1000 men and remained in possession of the town three days. A force of Carranza troops of unknown strength appeared southwest of the town, observed the rebels for some time, and then retreated in the direction from which they had come, without challenging the raiders.

When Villa withdrew he took with him the greater part of the little garrison he had defeated, sending them back the next day clothed in new uniforms and shoes. When he ordered them to remove their own uniforms, which were old and worn, and put on the new ones, he told them to report to their commander that it was in that way Villa cared for his own men.

The amount of the ransom paid by Hugo for his own release has not been announced, but it is known to be more than \$1500, the amount originally stated.

Wm. Kothe, one of the News' old stand-bys of the Castell section, was an abusiness visitor in Mason last Saturday.

The News \$1.50 per year, and is worth it.

Mrs. Jennie and Lula Mildred White left last Friday for Austin, where the former is a student in the University. Mrs. Mildred went on to Dallas after spending a few days with relatives and was met by Mrs. White and Miss Elizabeth on Sunday, and from there the two young ladies will go to Nashville, Tennessee, and enter Ward-Belmont College.

ECKERT--LEMBURG

One of the season's prettiest weddings took place on Thursday evening January 1st in the M. E. Church, South when Mr. Elgin E. Eckert and Miss Rachel Louise Lemburg were united in the sacred bonds of matrimony.

Prior to the entrance of the bridal party Miss Hilda Lemburg sang "Because." At the signal of the wedding march from Lohengrin played by Mrs. Chas. Bierschwale, the bridal party entered. Miss Julia Bierschwale and Mr. George Rothmann leading the way and taking their place at the altar. Miss Ruth Reeder, sister of the bride, took her place on the opposite side, immediately preceding the bride and her father, who gave her in marriage. Proceeding to the chancel they were met by the bride-groom and his brother, Mr. Kenneth Eckert, as best man.

The ring ceremony was read by Rev. Robert Moser in a most impressive manner.

During the ceremony a melody was softly played on the violin by Mrs. Mildred White accompanied by Mrs. Chas. Bierschwale at the piano. Mendelssohn's wedding march was played as a recessional.

The church was artistically decorated in pink roses and ferns.

The bride was beautifully gowned in heavy white dutchess satin. The veil was caught to her collar in cap effect with a bandeau of pearls and orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of brides roses and ferns.

The bride's maid, Miss Bierschwale, was becomingly attired in pale blue taffeta. She carried an arm bouquet of pink killarney roses tied with orchid tulle. The Maid of Honor, Miss Reeder, was lovely in a costume of pale green dutchess satin. She also carried pink killarney roses.

The groom and groomsmen wore the usual conventional black.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Mrs. J. C. Lemburg and is one of Mason's choicest young ladies. She has ever been a bright star in the home circle and now she has gone to reign as queen in her own home. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Eckert and is a young man whose sterling qualities are admired by all.

The young couple left immediately after the ceremony for San Antonio, where they will spend a few days before returning here to their home on the ranch of the groom's father.

The News is pleased to add its congratulations and best wishes to those being so freely extended to this popular young couple.

BEERWINKEL--DONOP

The marriage of Mr. Edwin Beerwinkel and Miss Minnie Donop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Donop, was solemnized on Friday morning last at the home of the bride's parents at eight o'clock, with Rev. Schreiber reading the impressive marriage lines.

Miss Hattie Donop, sister of the bride, who was at the piano, gave the bridal chorus from Lohengrin for the processional.

The attractive home was adorned in spots of cut flowers and ferns. In the living room the Christmas colorings and effects were used to a brilliant advantage.

The bride wore a tailored suit of taupe grey chiffon broadcloth with corresponding accessories.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Beerwinkel left for Waco, where Mr. Beerwinkel is engaged in business and where he and his charming young bride will make their future home.

Contributed

CLEAN TOWN CLUB NOTICE

On account of bad weather the Clean Town Club did not hold a meeting last Monday. The meeting will be held next Monday afternoon, January 12 at the court house at three o'clock. All old members and any new members are urged to be present. Officers for the ensuing year are to be elected.

Fresh keg pickles just arrived at the City Grocery Co.

PRESCRIPTIONS

Accurately compounded day and night at Mason Drug Co.

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ADVERTISING RATES

Local readers and classified ads 5 cents per line per issue
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The News is in receipt of the following telegram from Congressman Hudspeth-

Washington, D. C., 1-17-20
Mason County News,
Mason, Texas.

Please accept my best wishes for a prosperous year to which I hope in a small way to be able to contribute at this end of the line
C. B. Hudspeth, M. C.

Mr. J. W. White informs us that Mason county went over her quota in the recent campaign for donations towards the Texas soldier tuberculosis sanatorium, by a good majority. Mason county's quota was \$228.00 and she subscribed \$317.84

MARRIAGE LICENSE

John Zarax and Miss Alma Lehmann December 23.
Jake Eastman and Miss Allie Watkins December 23.
Wm. R. Shafer and Miss Elna Ritter December 26.
A. Z. Woodard and Miss Mollie Knox December 26.
Elgin Eckert and Miss Rachel Lemburg December 31.
Charlie Leifeste and Miss Cardie Kothmann January 1.

Clerk Brockman has furnished us with the following totals for the year 1919:
Marriage license issued 49
Births recorded 87
Deaths recorded 27

The News is pleased to learn that Bud Kiser was some improved Wednesday. He is at the local sanitarium with typhoid fever.

Miss Cleo Wood has returned to her school at Sidney, after being at home for the holidays. She went through with a siege of the mumps while at home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Lange enjoyed a visit from their children and their families at Christmas time.

Wanted
A Reliable
And Energetic
Representative

In this city, well acquainted with the best interests here to sell stock in the Rogers Refining Company of San Antonio. Refinery is now under construction in San Antonio. We own valuable leases in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. We are drilling one well on twenty acres at burkburnett. Every shareholder owns an undivided interest in our entire acreage and refinery. The representative we want must furnish splendid references and be able to meet the big business men here. For the right man, who has lived here a good while and who is permanently interested in this town, we have a genuine business proposition. All applications will be treated in strict confidence. For complete information, address all communications to H. M. Rogers, third floor, Bedell building, San Antonio, Texas.

found that the viscera have been removed.

These outrages growing in number greatly excited public opinion, and in June of this year the first case of lynching occurred, the place being the Guanabacoa suburb of Havana. In this case a young white girl had been sent on an errand, but failed to return. She was eventually found in the company of a negro. By this time the indignation of the crowd had been aroused, one end of a rope was tied round the neck of the negro and the other end to the tail of a bareback mule, and the mule flogged to a gallop.

Soon after this occurrence another case again excited public indignation. Matanzas a white girl disappeared, after some time information was gained that the body had been led in the cemetery under cover of night, and upon this body being examined it was found to lack the brains, art tongue and blood. Five negroes were to be Brujos were detained on suspicion of having been implicated in this sacrifice. The crowd attacked prison, but were beaten off by soldiers. However, the negroes lost their lives. It appears that they tried to escape and were shot down and killed by the soldiers. Since these scenes other negroes have been taken in charges of a similar character, and raids have been made where the practice of voodoo rites has been discovered.

"Colds" Cost Heavily.

has been estimated that the expense of colds in England is 600,000. Dr. David Thompson asserts that six or eight different species of microbes cause colds. Vaccination against all of these bacteria are administered. A single treatment confers immunity for about two years.

All Amendments Defeated at November Election

Austin, Tex.—Complete official returns on the referendum held in November were announced Monday by the state canvassing board, a few counties still being missing. However, none of the results could possibly be changed by these counties. The count showed that all of the amendments were defeated.

Road Bonds—For, 29,844; against, 84,518; majority, 54,674.

Confederate Pensions—For, 56,886; against, 59,701; majority, 28,815.

Partition of Convict Earnings—For, 42,358; against, 70,911; majority, 28,553.

Galveston Bonds—For, 55,600; against, 56,911; majority, 1311.

Local Option Taxation—For, 30,214; against, 83,246; majority, 53,971.

University Divorce—For, 37,560; against, 76,422; majority, 38,862.

Constitutional Convention—For, 23,549; against, 71,376; majority, 47,827.

Ammunition Found Cashed.

Galveston.—Fifteen machine guns of American manufacture, 100 new American rifles and over 200,000 rounds of ammunition were discovered cached in the state of Chihuahua Monday by a patrol of Carranza cavalry, according to telegraphic advices received here from Mexico City by Consul G. M. Fierro. The discovery was made near the spot where the late General Felipe Angeles was found some time ago. The munitions were smuggled across the border by Villistas, it is believed.

FIND AN ANCIENT OATH

Pledge of Loyalty to George II Preserved in Pennsylvania.

The Bucks County (Pa.) Historical society has come into the possession of a well-preserved manuscript copy of an oath of allegiance and renunciation taken by aliens in this country about 1730. The allegiance is sworn to George II, acclaimed as ruler of Great Britain.

The oath was administered about the time that many Germans and Swiss were emigrating to this country and an act was adopted in 1727 setting forth that all aliens must take oath of allegiance to King George. The oath was administered to all males over sixteen years as soon after their arrival in this country as possible.

The manuscript which the Historical society has is that of the oath taken by George Kinkner of Southampton township in 1730.

Finds Philosopher's Stone.

Sir Ernest Rutherford, since 1907 Langworthy professor and director of physical laboratories at the University of Manchester, England, has solved the riddle of transmutation of matter, the secret sought by the ancient alchemists, according to the Paris Matin. Sir Ernest Rutherford is one of the best-known physicists in the world. He has devoted much attention to radio activity.

JAPANESE COUNT DIES; COMES BACK TO LIFE

Reads Messages of Condolence and Apologizes to Wife for "Trouble."

All the experiences of a man who has come back from the dead fell to the lot of Japan's striking military figure, Field Marshal Count Seiki Terauchi, formerly premier of Japan. Declared dead by the attending physicians after a long illness of heart disease, he returned to full consciousness, partook of food and talked gaily with his son.

Meantime, in the belief that the end had come, the court had bestowed posthumous honors upon him, and a hearse had been ordered to Oslo, a seaside resort near Tokyo, where Count Terauchi was staying. Hundreds of telegrams of condolence had been received by the family, and these were followed by messages of felicitations when the joyful news was spread that the count was actually living.

"I am sorry to have given you so much trouble," Terauchi is quoted as saying to Countess Terauchi. He referred to the fact that, owing to the premature announcement of his death, she had counted herself a widow for about a day. "Let us plow the farm together upon my full recovery," the field marshal continued.

"My mental diary lacks two days," is another remark attributed to the resuscitated soldier; "for the life of me, I cannot recollect anything that happened in the two days of the 20th and 21st of October."

The count lived about ten days after the first attack of heart disease. He died November 3.

GERMANY HELPS SHIPPING

Government Indemnifies Owners for Surrendered Vessels.

Indemnification for surrendered ships amounting to 1,500,000,000 marks (\$375,000,000 nominally) has been received by the German shipping association, according to the New Berlin Gazette.

Shippers are said to have already paid out the most of this sum, partially in connection with shipping, and now are alleged to be demanding between 10,000,000,000 and 11,000,000,000 marks more, besides adding funds for building vessels.

Mathias Erzberger, minister of finance, it is asserted, has promised the money.

Agents have been sent throughout Germany by the national economic minister to make arrangements for the delivery of milk cows, sheep and goats to the entente, under the provisions of the peace treaty. The plan of operation which has been agreed to by the state council requires that individual states shall deliver a given ratio of their herds to the national agricultural authorities.

Owners of cattle may submit protests and may deliver sheep or goats in place of cows, if they prove that cows are necessary for their nourishment. Farmers are required to give up the animals without compensation and can be punished with a fine of 5,000 marks in each case for refusal to turn over the required stock.

ANCIENT DEED IS FILED

Land Covered by It Is Farmed by Chinamen.

A deed sixty-four years old was filed for record at Oregon City, Ore., recently, in which Frederick W. Geer and wife, Mary Ann Geer, transferred to John L. Hughes 200 acres of land in that county. The land described in the deed is in the Wilsonville district, and is known as a splendid farm.

It is part of the holdings of the Clackamas Hop Farm company and is now being farmed by Chinese. It is said that the place has been sold to the Orientals. That portion of this county was then in Yamhill county, and on January 12, 1856, the deed was filed for record in the Yamhill county recorder's office.

The striking thing about the deed, which is yellow with age, is the ink. So legible is the writing that it looks as though it were written only recently. The wording of the form of conveyance is quaint.

GET MORE EGGS

By Feeding Martin's Egg Producer. Double your money back in eggs or your money back in cash. Martin's Roup Cure cures roup and all bowel complaints. Guaranteed by Mason Drug Co. 2-5

Runge & Runge

Just Received a factory shipment of ... Auto Co.

ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY

One of the most beautiful pre-nuptial affairs ever given in Mason was the party given by Mrs. Ben Pluenecke and Miss Ruth Redder, announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Rachel Louise Lemburg and Mr. Elgin Eckert.

The J. C. Lemburg, Jr. home was beautifully decorated in the season's colors carried out by mistletoe and holly. The guests were received in the hall by Mrs. J. C. Lemburg.

When the guests had arrived each was given tiny brides' slippers, on which were written mysterious letters. They were then invited into the dining room. Here the decorations carried out the bridal motif in every detail. The beauty of the spacious mahogany table was further enhanced by exquisite doilies, made by Mrs. Ricks, grand mother of the bride-to-be, who is so fondly remembered in Mason. Several pieces of family silver added another sweet touch of sentiment. From the ceiling miniature white wedding bells were suspended by pink and white satin ribbons above a three tier wedding cake. From the trees, other white and pink streamers were attached to silver candle sticks.

Each guest's place was marked by a place card in brides' design and a lighted taper mounted in pink rose bud holders. As soon as the guests were seated, little Miss Lucy Vedder came in dressed as cupid's messenger with a proclamation from the god of Love to be read. This was handed to Miss Marie Brockman, who read the engagement announcement and the date for the wedding January 1st.

A delightful salad course was served followed by the cutting of the wedding cake, which held the customary symbols. After the refreshments were served each guest was given a brides' contest to fill out. Mrs. Walter Lindsay got as prize a box of candy for having all of the answers correct. Just before leaving each guest was asked to write a wish for the bride-to-be on the brides' slippers. Each wish was to begin with the letter found on the slipper.

The bride-to-be wore a most becoming dress of navy blue taffeta corresponding accessories. The guest list included Mesdames Walter Lindsay, Wm. Splitterger, Frank Jordan Chas. Vedder, Misses Julia Bierschwale, Mildred White, Elsie Grosse, Mary Lemburg, Geo Wood, Marie Brockman, Lucille Smith and Jennie White.

Contributed

Mrs. O. H. Mobus had a Christmas card from Mr. and Mrs. James E. Taylor of Amarilla. Mr. Taylor and Miss Jennie Collins were recently married.

Miss Ruth Bogisch spent the holidays with home folks at Bartlett. She is again back with Mrs. Anna Martin.

Ludwig Schmidt was at home for Christmas with home folks.

Miss Laura Schmidt was here from San Antonio to spend her Christmas vacation with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. King recently received announcement of Mr. Paul Zehe's marriage to Miss Helen Hofmann, whose marriage took place at Maxwell Dec. 29th.

Among the students attending school away from Mason, who were at home to spend the holidays included—Edo Schlaudt, Miss Jennie White, Miss Marie Brockman, Miss Hamie Carter of Austin; Ben Grote, Willard Larimore and Seth Eaze of Tyler; Kurt Zesch of College Station; George Kothmann of Milwaukee, Wis.; Miss Mildred White, of Nashville, Tennessee; Miss Lucille Smith of San Antonio; Miss Sadie Lindsay of Denton; C. C. and Coe Smith of San Antonio; Miss Mildred Smith of Commerce and probably others whose names we fail to recall.

Martin Loring received a card from Huntsville Sunday, telling of Miss Anna C. Loring being quite sick, but later word tells of her condition improving.

Miss Mollie Bierschwale was at home from Lockhart to spend her Christmas vacation.

Eugene Ischar was here from Wichita Falls for a visit with relatives and friends during Christmas.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. McCollum enjoyed a family reunion on Christmas Day. All of the children being here; namely—Mrs. C. M. Pressley, of Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Sam McCollum, of Brady, El McCollum of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. Young McCollum, of Eden, Miss Minnie McCollum and Mr. and Mrs. Carl McCollum.



No one shall take them from me—

I love my pipe and good old Velvet—

My comforters in adversity, my wise counselors when problems vex.

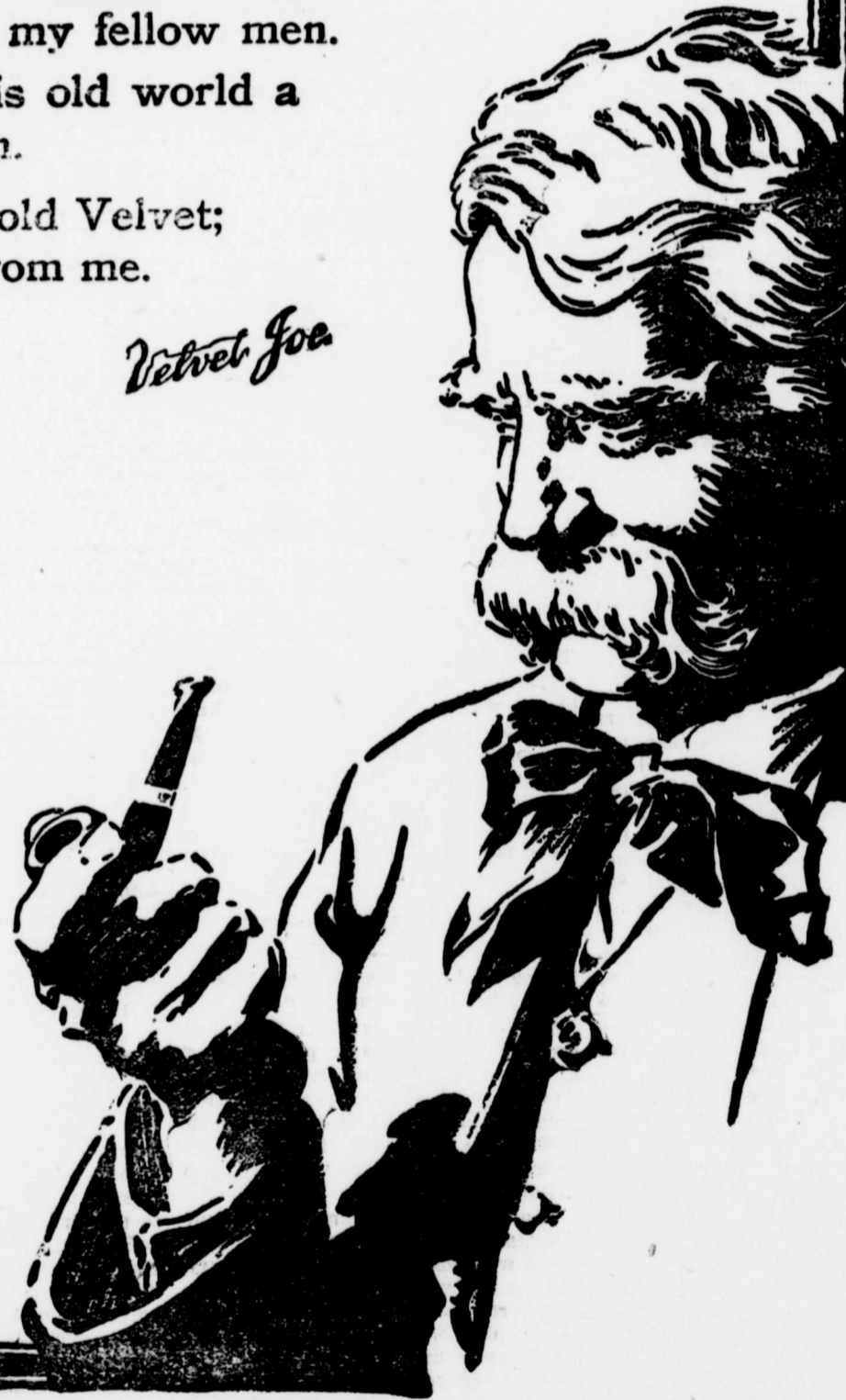
Companions of my loneliness and sharers of my happy hours.

Their friendliness has made me feel more kindly toward my fellow men.

They have made this old world a better place to live in.

I love my pipe and good old Velvet; no one shall take them from me.

Velvet Joe



Write to Velvet Joe, 4241 Folsom Avenue, St. Louis, Mo., for his 1920 Almanac. He will send it FREE.

No one could complain at the delightful weather which we had during the holiday season. It was almost like spring weather.

The News feels that it is time for the Mason Commercial Club to another stimulant to revive it. If it is already dead something should be done before it begins to smell.

Miss Julia Bierschwaile left Saturday for San Antonio for a visit with relatives.

The rain of Sunday night registered one and one tenth of an inch according to Mr. H. Bierschwaile.

Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

BETTER METHODS IMPROVE FARMING

American Agriculture Steadily Advancing, Says Houston.

YIELD PER ACRE INCREASING

Intelligence in Planting, More Efficient Farm Machinery, More General Ap-

plication of Disease and Insect Control Measures Are Important Factors in Producing Upward Tendency in Acreage Yields—Is General Throughout the Country.

"American agriculture, instead of deteriorating, as some people have asserted, is steadily advancing," says David F. Houston, secretary of agriculture, in his annual report. He shows, by comparing figures covering a long period of years, that the average yield of all crops for the decade ending in 1918 is about 16 per cent greater than the average for the decade ending in 1890. He also points out that while the results of agricultural

operations during the war furnish guaranty of the ability of the present farm population of the country, with the area now in farms and in the existing state of agricultural science and practice, to meet the nation's necessities for the near future if the requisite incentives are furnished, the steady increase in acre yields gives ground for further optimism.

"For many years to come the average yield per acre in the United States may be expected to increase, although the total output per man may diminish.

"This country has a long distance to go before it comes in sight of its limit in farm production. It can fur-

ther increase its output of commodities by continuing to secure increased yields per acre. It has been estimated by experts that only about 15 per cent of the land in cultivation is yielding reasonably full returns. The opportunity is presented, as conditions warrant, to bring the remaining 85 per cent up to the point of fair yield. One of the objectives of all good farmers and of agricultural agencies assisting them is to promote increased yields along economic lines by the further application of scientific knowledge and the adoption of improved practices. The path of progress is pretty well charted and the agricultural forces are moving along it with gratifying speed.

Investigational Work.

"However, the maintenance of satisfactory increases necessitates the continuance and enlargement of investigational work, particularly such as is required to insure fuller control of destructive plant diseases and insect pests.

"The nation can further expand its output of commodities by cultivating the tillable land which at present is unused, estimated to be over 60 per cent of the total.

"It appears not to be well known," he states, "that as the result of improved processes and better practices in all sections there has been an upward tendency in the acreage yields. The increased production per acre is due in considerable measure to the practice of better agricultural methods, including more efficient farm machinery, better knowledge and fuller adoption of crop rotations, planting of crops better adapted to prevailing climatic conditions, development and adoption of varieties more resistant to plant diseases and insect pests, more general application of disease and insect-control measures, increased and more intelligent use of fertilizers, and improved efficiency in crop production generally."

The increase in acre yields, the report shows, is not confined to any particular section of the United States, but is general throughout the country. It shows, further, that the same tendency exists in the agriculture of most of the civilized countries of the world.

How American Farmers Lead.

Secretary Houston also points out that in comparing American yields per acre with those of European countries. "It should be borne in mind that in the United States the energy of each farmer is spread over a larger area and that although the American farmer produces less per acre he produces much more per man. The total production by the average farmer is probably greater in the United States than in any country in the world. Thus in Belgium, with its intensive system of farming, only about 5.3 acres are cultivated for each person engaged in agriculture, whereas in the United States the corresponding figure is 27 acres. Taking both acreage and yield per acre into consideration, the average American farmer produces 2 1/2 times as much as the average Belgian farmer, 2.3 times as much as the English, 3.2 times as much as the French, 2 1/2 times as much as the German, and over 6 times as much as the Italian."

Secretary Houston goes into considerable detail in discussing the progress of agriculture as reflected by increased acre yields. "Crop yields per acre in the United States," he says, "show an upward tendency during the period for which we have reliable comparable statistics. The average rate of increase for the past 25 years has been about one-half of 1 per cent a year. This gain is not readily observed from one year to another, owing to the wide yearly fluctuations in yield. But when averages for a series of years are obtained, the effect of the seasonal vari-

ations is largely neutralized and the general trend is clear.

Upward Tendency Since Nineties.

"During the decades of the seventies and eighties, when there was a vast expansion of farm area in the West and crops were grown on a more and more extensive scale, the tendency of crop yields per acre was downward. Since the early nineties, however, the movement has been upward.

"In the decade of the eighties—that is, for the ten years ending with 1890—the average yield per acre of wheat in the United States was 11.84 bushels; for the past ten years—that is, for the ten years ending in 1918—it was 14.87 bushels—an increase of 25 per cent.

"For the ten years ending in 1890 the average yield of corn in the United States was 23.43 bushels; in the ten years ending in 1918 it was 25.81 bushels—an increase of 10 per cent.

"The oats yield in the ten years ending in 1890 averaged 25.92 bushels, but in the ten years ending in 1918 it was 32.17 bushels—a gain of 24 per cent.

"The potato crop averaged 72.97 bushels per acre for the ten years ending in 1890, and 96.84 for the past ten years—an increase of nearly one-third.

"By a like comparison, it may be observed that the hay yield rose from 1.193 tons per acre to 1.432 tons, an increase of 20 per cent.

"Cotton, notwithstanding the ravages of the boll weevil, increased from

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an average of 169.78 pounds in the decade ending in 1890, to 175.73 pounds for the past decade, a gain of 3½ per cent.

"Other field crops have likewise shown greater yield. The average increase per acre of all crops in the ten years ending in 1918, as compared with the ten years ending in 1890, was about 16 per cent.

General in United States.

"The tendency toward enlarged production per acre is general throughout the United States; it is not due to a shifting of production from one section to another. For example, in the old agricultural state of New York the increases for the two decades mentioned above were as follows: Corn, 25 per cent; wheat, 44 per cent; oats, 21 per cent; barley, 24 per cent; buckwheat, 43 per cent; potatoes, 30 per cent; hay, 10 per cent; average of all (weighted), 18 per cent. The facts for the New England states may appeal to many as even more striking and significant. For the six New England states, the following gains are shown in the ten-year period 1909-1918 over the ten-year average for 1866-1875: Corn, 33 per cent; wheat, 63 per cent; oats, 25 per cent; barley, 27 per cent; rye, 27 per cent; buckwheat, 17 per cent; potatoes, 27 per cent; hay, 42 per cent; and all field crops, 25 per cent. And for the ten years 1909-1918 over the ten-year average for the period 1881-1890: Corn, 38 per cent; wheat, 50 per cent; oats, 24 per cent; barley, 29 per cent; rye, 44 per cent; buckwheat, 45 per cent; potatoes, 69 per cent; hay, 23 per cent; and all field crops, 26 per cent.

"Not only in the United States, but in most civilized countries of the world, the yield per acre has been tending upward in recent years. This is noted in respect to wheat in practically all wheat-growing countries.

DOG KILLING PAYS

Constable in One Small Town Collecting \$60 a Month.

The high cost of living casts no shadow over the life of Constable Josiah Pearson of Portvue, Pa., so long as Portvue residents keep or try to keep dogs.

A canvass of the borough by a man who wanted to borrow a hunting dog disclosed the fact that dogs still living there are being closely guarded by their owners. The reason is that Constable Pearson has established a record as a dog killer. Proceeding under the law which provides for the execution of all dogs found running loose, whether licensed or not, Portvue's energetic peace officer has sent 599 of the animals into the great beyond thus far this year.

The state authorizes the payment of \$1 a head, and Pearson, aside from his other sources of income, has made an average of \$60 a month from his activity in this field of endeavor alone. Portvue has a population of 2,000 and practically every family used to keep a dog.

RICH A LITTLE WHILE

Little Girl's Dream Ends With a Suitable Reward.

Mary, eleven years of age, was the wealthiest little girl in Sharon, Pa., for just one week. Her dreams ended late one day when, questioned by police, she admitted that on November 14 she had found a package containing \$4,270, the life savings of Mr. and Mrs. George Dzurulak, which the woman lost in the street near her home, the money falling from an apron pocket.

The girl found the package a few minutes later, ran to her home, hid the bills in the cellar and placed 32 gold pieces in an electric flashlight.

She told Chief of Police Lansdowne that she then began to plan what she would do with her wealth.

But a Sharon business man, who saw the girl pick up the package, told the police.

Mary, however, will receive a reward of \$200.

Corporations Defrauded U. S. of Taxes.

Charged with defrauding the government of more than \$1,000,000 in freight rates, two oil refiners and five railroads have been indicted by a grand jury in Muskogee, Okla.

HAS 60,000 REDS TO BE WATCHED

Department of Justice Keeps Tab on Agitators.

WORK HAS GROWN ENORMOUS

Increasingly Dangerous Radical Activities Severe Test on the Machinery of the Department—Hundreds of Claims Growing Out of War Must Be Fought Out in the Courts—Echoes of the Draft Act Found in Department's Work.

The department of justice is confronted with "increasingly dangerous radical activities," Attorney General Palmer said in his annual report.

Mr. Palmer did not go into details as to "red" activities in general, but said that of the total of 365,295 index record cards, 71,000 Bertillon records and 262,712 finger print records now in the department, some 60,000 represented data concerning "reds" and their work. He mentioned that the department had increased steadily its contributory sources of investigation, adding that this meant better facilities for running down persons whose lives bore marks of crime.

Investigation Only Begun.

Mr. Palmer said that while other government agencies during the last year were rounding out their labors incident to the war, his department found itself only half way through its scores of investigations and litigated questions. Countless hundreds of claims growing out of the war have been made against the government, he said, and must be fought through the courts.

Cases in which the government seeks to recover funds paid out through error or fraud provide another source of supply for litigation. Alleged infringement of patent rights by the govern-

LIVER DIDN'T ACT DIGESTION WAS BAD

Says 65 year Old Kentucky Lady, Who Tells How She Was Relieved After a Few Doses of Black-Draught.

Meadorsville, Ky.—Mrs. Cynthia Jigginbotham, of this town, says: "At my age, which is 65, the liver does not act so well as when young. A few years ago, my stomach was all out of fix. I was constipated, my liver didn't act. My digestion was bad, and it took so little to upset me. My appetite was gone. I was very weak..."

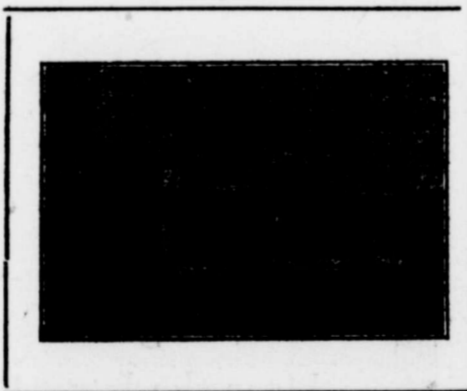
I decided I would give Black-Draught a thorough trial as I knew it was highly recommended for this trouble. I began taking it. I felt better after a few doses. My appetite improved and I became stronger. My bowels acted naturally and the least trouble was soon righted with a few

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gathering all necessary data through records of local draft boards which have been assembled in Washington and prosecution of the cases will proceed immediately upon completion of that work.

Investigations and trial arguments during the year have shown loopholes in many statutes, Mr. Palmer said. He called attention to the fact that, under existing law, it is not a crime to send threatening letters through the mails unless in furtherance of a scheme to defraud or as a means of extortion. Pointing out that letters threatening personal injury or destruction of property may be sent with impunity, he urged revision of the law to cover such cases.

New Statute Needed.

Mr. Palmer said also there was great need for a statute providing punishment for an individual attempting to defraud the United States. Present statutes, he said, provided punishment only in the event that two or more persons conspire to defraud the government.

Recommendation also was made that criminal procedure be changed to make more simple the removal of indicted persons to the districts where the indictments were returned. He described the present system as "grievously defective," and as making removal proceedings "infinitely more cumbersome" than extradition.

The attorney general recommended creation of a pardon and parole board of three fully empowered to handle all pardon and parole cases, thus relieving the attorney general's office of duties "which are becoming increasingly heavy and onerous." Jurisdiction of penal institutions also should be vested in this board, he said.

THINKS CORN ANCIENT

Missionary Woman Declares Grain Was Grown Long Ago in China.

Theories that corn is only a product of the Indians of North America received a severe blow when a communication was received from Miss M. Moninger, a Marshalltown (Ia.) woman engaged in missionary work in Hsian, China.

She graduated from Grinnell in 1913. Miss Moninger states that corn is now being grown and used by the highland tribes, and tradition shows that its use dates back to primeval times.

The Grinnell college botany department has received the most complete collection of Oriental plant specimens in the United States, the gift of Miss Moninger.

City Uses New Jail for Storehouse.

Converted into a cold storage plant for government foodstuffs is the fate of the new \$12,000 jail in Meridian, Miss. The city no longer needs the jail as a result of the "bone dry" law, it is claimed.

NOTICE

Wet weather has thrown us late in getting our trees out of the nursery field, so I think best to ship all trees in Feb. Mail orders solicited. Ross R. Wolfe.

C. O. Jenkins and daughter were in Mason for a short time just before Christmas from their ranch home near Big Springs. They were accompanied by Mrs. Daniels of Eden.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Johnson and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leslie during the holidays.

WAR MATERIAL NETS \$700,000,000

Sales Made in France, England, Belgium, Italy and Germany.

New York.—A total of \$700,000,000 was realized by the sale of America's war material in England, France, Belgium, Italy and Germany, Edwin Parker of Houston, Tex., chairman of the United States liquidation commission, stated this week on his arrival from Europe with five other members of the commission on the transport Powhatan. He said the commission also cleaned up claims due and against the United States for as much more. Its report will be ready in a few days.

Mr. Parker stated that, while it had taken the commission only ten months to dispose of this country's war stocks abroad, the other allied countries had not yet been able to make an inventory. He denied that motor trucks had been "left to go by the board," declaring that all motor transport material sold by the commission had been used and that some of it was worn out.

Trucks in Germany were sold to a syndicate for \$15,000,000, he said, and a British syndicate bought automobiles for \$1,000,000. All American war material in France was sold for \$400,000,000. He asserted that the articles were sold for more than 86 per cent of what they cost.

Much of the material was junk and was more of a liability than an asset, according to Mr. Parker, and as ships were not available it could not be brought home. He said the material would have brought less in America than in Europe.

PACKERS AGREE TO THE CHANGE

Will Confine Themselves to Meat and Provision Trade Hereafter.

Washington.—The government's anti-trust action against the great meat packers, begun at President Wilson's direction last summer as part of the fight on the high cost of living, has been compromised under an agreement by which the packers will confine themselves hereafter to the meat and provision business.

An injunction decree, to which the packers have acceded, will be entered in the federal courts to make the agreement binding. Under its terms the big five—Swift, Armour, Morris, Wilson and Cudahy—have agreed:

To sell under supervision of the United States District Court, preferably to the live stock producers and the public, all their holdings in public stockyards and newspapers.

To dispose of all their interests in public cold storage warehouses except as necessary for their own meat products.

To forever dissociate themselves from the retail meat business.

To forever dissociate themselves with all "unrelated lines," including wholesale groceries, fresh, canned, dried or salt fish; fresh, dried or canned vegetables; fresh, crushed, dried, evaporated or canned fruits; confectioneries, syrups, soda water fountain supplies, etc.; molasses, honey, jams, jellies and preserves; ices, sauces, relishes, etc.; coffee, tea, chocolate, cocoa, nuts, flour, rice, sugar and cereals (with an exception to be noted); bread, wafers, crackers, biscuits, spaghetti, vermicelli, macaroni, cigars, china, furniture, etc.

To forever abandon the use of the branch houses, route cars and auto trucks, comprising their distribution system, for any other than their own meat and dairy products.

To perpetually submit to the jurisdiction of the United States district courts, under an injunction forbidding all the defendants from directly or indirectly maintaining any combination or conspiracy with each other or any other person or persons, or monopolizing or attempting to monopolize any food products in the United States, or indulging in any unfair and unlawful practice.

Two years are given to comply with the decree, which affects 87 companies and 49 individuals.

Wheat Production in 1919.

Washington.—Wheat production for 1919 was 2,974,761,000 bushels, or 92.7 per cent of the 1918 production and 98.5 per cent of the five-year average, according to figures on 15 countries furnished by the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, made public Wednesday by the crop estimates bureau.

HORSES PRODUCE SERUM TO HELP FIGHT DISEASE

Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research Reports Big Advance Since Armistice.

One of the most important contributions to the United States government hospitals was made this year by 46 immunized horses at Princeton, N. J., in the form of serums for the treatment of meningitis, pneumonia and dysentery, according to the report on war activities of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, made public here by Dr. Flexner, director of laboratories.

At the time of the signing of the armistice, the report says, serum production for the treatment of the diseases named was at its height. The number of doses supplied increased from 3,000 in 1917 to 25,000 in 1918, and it was estimated that the output for the first three months of this year far exceeded the entire output for 1918.

The total of 2,035 bottles of serum was sent during the year to the army and navy medical schools, Washington, to United States army camps, naval stations and camps, American expeditionary force, hygienic laboratory, United States public health service and the Royal Naval college in London.

The report emphasizes the success attending the method on treating infected surgical wounds which Doctors Carel and Dakin perfected, and during the year, it says, instructions were given to 908 medical officers and enlisted men of the United States army and navy, to civilian surgeons and to nurses of the Red Cross and civilian hospitals. A special appropriation of \$55,000 has been made, it is said, to enable the war demonstration hospital to continue its active operation until April 1, 1920.

"A permanent addition has been made to the measures now available for preventing gaseous gangrene or for curing it when it arises in connection with the industrial or other accidents of civil life," says the report, anti-serums having been produced, not only for the gas bacillus (Bacillus Welchii), but also for other amoebic bacteria occurring in cultivating soils. In the hospital of the Rockefeller institute, the report says, researches on the streptococci, the epidemics of pneumonia following measles and influenza in the army camps, "will be carried to a conclusion because of their intrinsic importance and the menace which streptococci infections present in civil life."

JINX CHASES SNYDER

Jersey Hotel Man Is Victim of Run of Hard Luck.

What kind of a jinx is chasing Lewis Snyder, proprietor of the only hotel at Colt's Neck, near New Brunswick, N. J.? Snyder wants to know.

Mrs. Snyder recently was forced to undergo an operation.

Some one stole Snyder's hunting dog. The dog was fastened to a clothes line with a chain, and the thief cut the rope, letting the clothes fall in the mud.

The same day Mr. Snyder's automobile caught fire and was badly damaged.

Snyder was beginning to think the worst was over when hawks took a liking to his chickens and raided daily until 12 chickens had been killed.

Snyder lay in wait for the hawk and surprised it as it was about to grab a chicken. The hawk flew into Snyder's garage. With gun in hand he entered and was about to fire when the bird flew through a pane of glass and Snyder was showered with fragments. The hawk flew away uninjured.

Returning home, Snyder discovered his cow had wandered off, and he wasted a whole day searching for her.

Besides the misfortunes mentioned prohibition has cut the sales of drinks at Snyder's hotel from \$841 a month to \$11.41.

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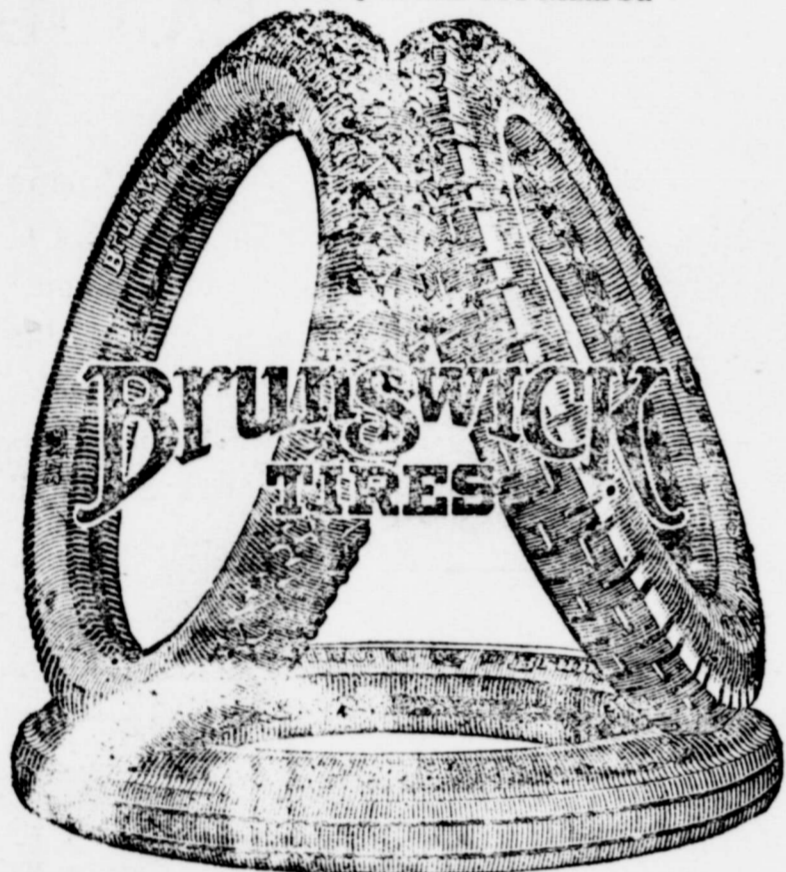
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GIRL HYPNOTIZES BEAR

Young Squirrel Hunter Stares at Bruin and He Runs Away.

Hunting squirrels with only a 20-gauge shotgun loaded with birdshot, Miss Iva M. Kinney of Dubring, Pa., found she was facing a huge black bear. She had been watching for smaller game when the bear rose on his haunches ten feet in front of her.

The bear and the woman faced each other for fully ten minutes—at least Miss Kinney says it seemed that long. All that time Miss Kinney kept her gaze fixed steadily on the eyes of the bear. Then the bear retired.

Watch Stops Shot.

While at work on a lawn at Fort Augusta, Pa., C. F. Boyer of Sunbury transferred his big silver watch from his vest to his hip pocket, and to this he attributes a possible escape from death. A few minutes later he wanted to see what time it was, and found the timepiece stopped, the hands broken off and a big dent in the back. A high power rifle bullet was also in his pocket, and a hole in the cloth told how it went in.

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In that indefinite land of Over There, it had always seemed an indefinite



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place to Betty, for she lacked a vivid imagination and the power of visualizing things.

Just now, though, something very definitely is bothering the little wife; and that something consists of sundry little trails and sprinklings of a granulated brown substance which besmirches the surface of that same blue rug.

"Oh, dear," she soliloquized, "that's the one fly in the ointment of having Steve home again, safe and sound. Why did he have to pick up that detestable habit of smoking cigarettes? And if he just has to smoke them, why doesn't he smoke the ready-made kind—they aren't so messy!"

The neatness of that house was a family tradition handed down to Betty along with the bedrooms, and that tobacco, eternally scattered over the floors, was a bugbear. She sighed and started to clean the room for the afternoon meeting.

When at 12:30 Steve's whistle sounded a rather disheveled Betty was placing a hurried lunch on the kitchen table. The house was spotless. Now, if she could only keep Steve in the kitchen till he went upstairs to dress—here Betty's thoughts were interrupted. Not one man, but two, followed the whistle into the house.

"Hello, Betty!" Steve cried joyfully, "here's my old bunkie, Fred Canfield, on his way to Manchester and stopped over to surprise us."

A little chagrined for housewifely reasons, Betty nevertheless greeted her husband's chum brightly. Had she known of his coming she would have had lunch in the dining room, of course, with the family china and plate. Steve read her thoughts, so continued: "Oh, never mind any lack of style this noon, dear; I've told Fred about the doings this afternoon and he'll say a word, too. Why, this is Delmonico's after what we were up against most of the time—hey, Fred? Come on, Buddie, I'll show you the house while the wife lays an extra plate."

Betty's housekeeping was on inspection, she felt, and so the resolve to keep Steve and his messy tobacco from those immaculate rooms was crowded out of her mind. With some help from the preserve closet the meal passed off very creditably. Then Steve announced that he must return to the shop for an hour or so and if he should be a little late, why, Fred would fill in the gap.

While the young husband was explaining to his rather annoyed wife just why his return to business was

necessary Canfield strolled into the next room; but he heard plainly the small lecture that followed. Betty's voice grew a trifle sharp as the ex-soldier was given to understand just how plainly that tobacco showed up on the blue rug, and if he just had to smoke any of the nasty things that afternoon she wished to goodness he'd at least come out in the kitchen to make them.

The husband's low-voiced reply did not reach the next room, but Canfield gave a low whistle, "M-m!" he thought to himself, "so that's the way the land lies! Doesn't that child realize what rolling and smoking those cigarettes means to Steve—how it helps to calm nerves still raw from that awful din? Of course not—but I'll make her."

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A fire started by some children setting fire to some shucks set fire to the barns of Mr. Jim Milligan and Mr. Allan Murray last Sunday morning. The farmers' barn and contents were all lost, but fortunately Mr. Murray did not lose much as the fire company and others managed to get the fire under control. Mr. Milligan's loss amounts to something like \$600.

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HOUSTON, TEXAS.—"When I was a young girl I suffered from irregularity and pain. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription relieved me of all pain and regulated me so that I was completely restored to health. Since I married, whenever I have needed a special tonic I have taken 'Favorite Prescription' and have been amply repaid for the comfort and strength it has given me."—Mrs. M. FREEMAN, 414 Marie Street.

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Howard Smith left last Friday with his daughter, Miss Mildred, whose the latter will remain for school.

Ed Durst and bride of Mineral Wells spent several days in Mason recently visiting his relatives. Mr. Durst married a Miss McFee, of Wichita Falls on Christmas Day.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS

There is to be a meeting of all school teachers of Mason county on Saturday afternoon, January 17th at 3 o'clock at the school building in Mason. It is especially requested that all teachers be present. Arrangements and details for the Interscholastic League will be disposed of at this meeting. A. G. Lee, Co. Director.

The News \$1.50 per year, and is worth it.

Mrs. Grandstaff is at home from Menard, where she spent Christmas and New Year very pleasantly with the families of her children.

Clayton Schmidt has been quite sick the past week, but is reported as improving.

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CITY MEAT MARKET

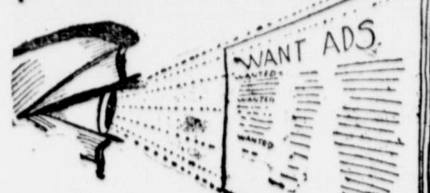
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Mason had a couple of big dances during the holidays, one on the night of December 23rd and the other New Year's night.

John Hubbard has moved to the Kately section having recently purchased the Rode farm from C. D. McMillan.

Jim Buttler is reported as having spent a short time in Mason between Christmas and New Year on business, but the Newsman did not have the pleasure of meeting him while in our city.

THROUGH THE



WANT COLUMNS

LOST—A black Shepherd dog about 2 years old; has yellow around his eyes and has extra large feet; goes by name of Rover. Will pay \$10 reward for return to Moss & Dees Ranch. jstf.

LOST—Dec. 28th between my residence and the Post Office, a gold brooch; circle of leaves containing seven small pearls and ruby center. Reward. Mrs. Belle W. Bridges.

LOST—A boot for the right foot on Llano and Mason road, between 6 mile creek and 13 mile board. Will pay \$2 reward if finder will leave with W. F. Dalchau. Castell Texas.

FOR SALE—Our farm 4 miles east of Mason on the Llano road. 320 acres, 160 in cultivation and 100 acres more tillable. If interested communicate with Dr. M. B. Brandenberger, Seguin, Texas or D. J. Brandenberger, San Antonio, Texas.

LOST—Auto casing, size 32x4 on rim, somewhere between Mason and Cherry Springs Goodyear casing. Will pay \$5 reward if left at this office.

FOR SALE—Our home in Mason. If interested apply to Mr. or Mrs. Will Ellebracht.

A BARGAIN—2 good work horses; 1 good buggy; wood sawing and splitting machinery. Apply to Mrs. Alice Todd (Ben King res.)

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FOR SALE—My farm two miles west of Pontotoc on Brady road. 509 acres, 260 in cultivation, two well finished houses, good out houses, good wells, windmills and tanks. 3 rent houses, good fences and pastures. For information apply to Runge & Runge, Mason, or Chas. J. Fischer, Pontotoc, Tx.

SCHOLARSHIP—good in Draughon's Business College at San Antonio, for sale at News Office.

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

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.

SECOND HAND CARS



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More Deaths From Poison.
Chicopee, Mass.—United States Marshal Edward J. Lyden Sunday arrested four men on federal warrants, two charging violation of the wartime prohibition act and two illegal transportation of liquor from state to state. The arrests resulted from his investigation into the deaths of more than fifty persons in the Connecticut Valley since Christmas from drinking wood alcohol contained in a mixture sold as whiskey.

Rebel Leader Killed.
El Paso, Tex.—Jose Suarez, known as "the corporal," the rebel leader who operated between Jimenez and Parral, Chihuahua, was killed recently by a personal enemy.

Mexico to Make Cannon.
Galveston.—Mexico is about to engage in the manufacture of steel cannon and other forms of artillery on a large scale, with a view to becoming independent of foreign countries.

Otis Shearer was here for a short time from Rochelle during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Schaeg, Mrs. McCord Harrison and baby and Mr. F. W. Henderson were over from Brady a couple days during the holidays and were guests in the J. W. White home.

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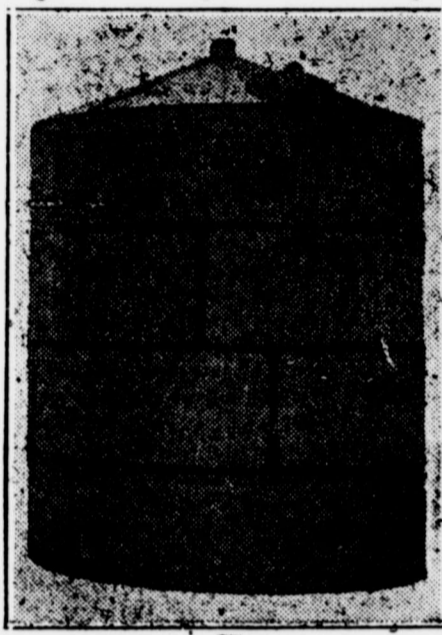
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Clis Brown, wife and little son, were up from Austin to spend a short time with relatives during the Christmas holidays.

Oscar Camp and a Mr. Parker from the Roosevelt country spent a few days in Mason during the holidays on business. Mr. Camp says that the oil boom has hit his section and that quite a bit of money has been invested in leases and in several instances wells are being drilled.

Rev. Schreiber informs us that his Pichweville congregation gave him a very liberal pounding for a Christmas gift. He says that he has received many gifts in money from friends in and around Mason for all of which he is very thankful.

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